**Wilson Greene Regional Homelessness Committee**

**February 16, 2016**

Present: Candice Rountree, WCDSS; Mary Mallory, WCDSS; Melodie Horne, Wilson Housing Authority; Twala Coleman, Family Endeavors; Tony Conner, NC Works; Linda Walling, Hope Station; Shana Baum, Hope Station; Marty Stebbins, St. Timothy's; LaTasha McNair, Eastpointe; Lori Walston, WCDSS; Sharon Toney, WCDSS; Tammy Knight, Volunteers of America; Kirsten Poythress, WCDSS; Montrose Young, WCDSS; Lisa Council, WCHD; Lynne White, Wesley Shelter; Gloria Freeman, Preservation of Wilson; Katrina Hudson, Wesley Shelter; Amy High, Wilson County Schools

Welcome/introductions

Update on Point in Time- thanks to all involved, Linda will be reporting our numbers. We had a discussion about media coverage and protecting client confidentiality. Candice has communicated with St John’s about their numbers and provided the interview tool to Cynthia. Reporting our numbers impacts the funding we receive at a later date. It is important to report all of our numbers. Cynthia shared there were 3 or 4 in shelter on the night of January 27th.

Linda - gave an update on ESG clients served. Our grant amount has reduced dramatically, down to $52,895. The contract was sent to DSS the first week of February. DSS is acting as the fiscal agent and Hope Station will be implementing. Priority populations: chronically homeless, families, domestic violence survivors, veterans. Shana discussed our ESG priorities for 2016. The cap on spending is $2,000 per family. Shana is asking that partner agencies verify homelessness and that a referral is made on agency letterhead. We discussed referral criteria and they would like to see a collaborative approach to providing services to the client/family. Unemployment benefits have an impact on clients having sustainable income. We talked about having all families served by a financial social worker.

Linda will meet with DSS fiscal staff about ESG. The Committee is appreciative of Hope Station for taking on implementation.

Twala asked if we could have Dale Sauls come and speak about financial social work. The program is very behavior specific. The group agreed this would be a valuable resource for all of our families.

Amy High shared that a family was recently housed by Wilson Housing Authority. She said this was a great success story, as the family was a large family and WHA had a unit that worked well.

Waiting list is open for Wilson Housing Authority on March 1, for Section 8 as well as other units.

Preservation of Wilson is trying to develop low income housing. Gloria Freeman attended the meeting today.

There is a targeted housing training available that LaTasha mentioned. Candice will send the flyer.

Hope Station is about to receive some seed money to open a women's shelter. This is great news! The Board voted to receive the gift. The shelter can’t be opened within ¼ mile of an existing shelter facility.

Montrose shared that DSS is holding family planning workshops on a regular basis. There will be individual and group educational opportunities. Contact Montrose if you have questions. 206-4163