

 **Kerr-Tar Coalition to End Homelessness**

**Regional Housing Committee Community Forum Meeting Minutes**

**Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions, Five County COC**

**H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library**

**205 Breckenridge St, Henderson, NC 27536**

**March 18th, 2016**

**Attendees:**

1. Angela Harris-Harbour House
2. Andrew Payne-Franklin County DSS
3. Casandra Hart-Vance County DSS
4. Claudia Amoah-Divine Support Edge
5. Jacquette Bullock-Infinite Possibilities
6. Jamie Neal-Franklin County Schools
7. Jeanne Variano-Cardinal Innovations
8. Joe Tartemella-Granville County DSS
9. Joel Rice-Cardinal Innovations
10. Larry Marciniak-Safe Space
11. Monica Kearney-Safe Space
12. Rudolph Baily-Divine Support Edge
13. Rhozq Lee-Safe Space
14. Sharon Long-CCNC
15. Traci Dunston-Safe Space
16. Willie Brooks-Community Care Services
17. Xavier Wortham-Oxford Housing Authority

Joel Rice opened the meeting by welcoming those present. Introductions were made. He explained the change in the referral process and asked Kanika Turrentine, Coordinated Assessment Team Lead, to give a more in depth description of what the Coordinated Assessment Plan is and the process.

**What is the Coordinated Assessment Plan?**

Kanika explained the plan as a HUD mandated process to streamline to the housing referral process for the homeless and at risk of homelessness individuals in communities throughout the country. Each regional housing committee was charged with developing a coordinated assessment plan for their community. The plan would consist of coordinated efforts by providers and local agencies to screen, using the Prevention and Diversion Screening Tool, at risk or homeless individuals to see first, if the household could be diverted from homelessness by using local resources. If the household could not be diverted they would be referred to a shelter. After 15 days of stay, the household would be screened using the VI-SPADT to determine the appropriate housing referral for the household, based on the score. The VI-SPADT will also be used to prioritize households in need of housing.(Please see attachments)

Kanika explained the 2 different types of housing resources available for the Kerr-Tar Region; Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing. She described the 2 options and their criteria. Kanika reminded attendees that Targeted Units were also a good housing referral resource. Joel explained what they were and the criteria.

Jeanne explained that the screening tool outcomes would also be used to collect data to report to the Balance of State to help identify gaps and needed resources.

In cases where a household can be diverted from homelessness a community Capacity Funding Referral can be made. They are Non-UCR funds used to pay for rental or utility deposits for Cardinal Innovations members only. These referrals are to be made by a Cardinal Innovations Healthcare contracted provider.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Variano