Balance of State Region 7 Committee Meeting

Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst, NC

November 1, 2018

E. Marie Watson welcomed members and called the meeting to order @ 9:37 am, at the Sandhills Community College. Members present introduced themselves.

Members Present: Donna McCormick- Sand hills Center: Karen Bostick –Women Folk Unlimited: Kelly Hutchinson - REFORM : Kim Ledford-Friend to Friend: Deborah Cole- Christian United Outreach Center: : E. Marie Watson, Angela Jones- Johnston- Lee -Harnett Community Action( Johnston), Jeff Rawlings -(Harnett & Lee County : Tami Carter-Lee County: Tonya Gray –Safe of Harnett County: Karen Kennedy – S3 Housing Connect: Caty Martin - Safe of Harnett County: Kendra Martin – United Way of Lee County: Nicole Bennett – Friend to Friend: Tina Ray-CSBG Director- Johnston- Lee -Harnett Community Action: Ruby Bryant – Human Resources Director- Johnston- Lee -Harnett Community Action:Kam Mc Donald- Anson County Schools: Hamer Carter-Outreach Ministries of Lee County.

Minutes were presented for approval. Jeff Rawlings made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kim Ledford. The motion carried.

ESG Application:

Kelly Hutchinson opened the floor for questions in reference to the ESG Grant. Karen Kennedy had issues with who the voting members were and the process of voting. She stated the meeting was rush while the committee members still had questions. Kamer Carter stated no questions were asked and he was disappointed about the outcome. Donna McCormick one of the committee members spoke about the process. She stated no one would join the committee and our region is weak. She also stated that the committee needed more information about the process. Kendra Martin asked who sends out deadline. Tonya Gray from SAFE of Harnett County explained all information regarding the application is online. Outreach Ministries has submitted an application separate from Region 7. Debbie Cole stated there was a misunderstanding about the split. Mrs. Marie Watson thanked the committee for their work on the grant process. Kelly Hutchinson asked for new committee members next year after explaining the process.

Coordinated Assessment Update:

Jeff Rawlings scheduled a meeting today after the regional meeting to go over the process of the selection of Rapid Re-housing Participants. All regions will have access to a slot. Client must be willing to move to Johnston, Lee or Harnett County due to these is the only counties that have a program. All counties are on the team.

.Grantee Updates:

Nicole Bennett- Friend to Friend- housed 2 families/ 2 single ladies. She stated one family is moving out in 3 months to public housing. She has space available for 1 non- county and 2 non- county outside of Moore County. Mrs. Bennett also stated the door is still open for Human Trafficking.

JLHCA Rapid Re-housing program serving Johnston -40- (57 on wait list), Harnett- 12(2 waitlist-2 returning), Lee -27 (10 wait list).

No SCAP (11/1/2018)

SAFE of Harnett County- Caty Martin – reported they have 5 women, 4 children and 1 male. She stated housing is a struggle with them because of limited income. The agency will be hosting their annual fundraiser and preparing for holidays.

No Harbor representative today (11/1/2018)

Election of Regional Lead and Alternate – Donna McCormick made a motion and Kam Mc Donald second that Mrs. Marie Watson (JLHCA) will stay regional lead and Tonya Gray (SAFE of Harnett County) will be alternate..

Point in Time-Debbie Cole suggested to start contacting all agencies in reference to PIT Count so that all homeless individuals can be counted. The PIT Count will be the last Wednesday in January. She also stated she has 2 ladies w/ children, no job and no transportation. Ms. Cole also stated that all continuum of care grantees need to be present at all Region 7 meetings. (Ex. SCAP. Volunteers of America, etc). Training for PIT Count is 11/30/2018.

Other Business:

Kam McDonald- Anson County Schools- states she has 35 homeless children this year so far. Head start Resource Fair is 10-am – 2:00 pm at Ebenezer Church they are rolling out the program to help children with growth and academics. Kam also stated she was awarded the School Social Worker for the Region and for the year.

Mrs. Marie Watson requested that a committee to set bylaws, so going forward issues can be resolved. Tonya Gray, Kelly Hutchinson and Kim Ledford agreed to serve on the by-laws committee.

All attending next meeting on 12/6/2018 @ Lee County Senior Center was asked to bring covered dish.

Per Terafean Goodwin the MOU was signed for Family Unification Grant.

The first Thursday in September is the work section for Coordinated Assessment.

New Business:

Nancy Shoemaker and Cherry Lynn Salle from Scarf Rescue Mission were present and discussed the plans and steps of the goal of the mission. Beginning with setting up meetings with organizations that assist homeless individuals.

Tonya Gray, Safe of Harnett County made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Donna McCormick second. The motion carried.

Submitted by Angela Jones

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