

**Balance of State Region 7 Committee Meeting  
Lee County Enrichment Center  
January 9, 2020**

Ms. Quiotti Ratliff, Region 7 Alternate Lead, welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Members present introduced themselves.**

**Members Present: Debbie Cole, CUOC- Randolph; Rachel Picard, City of Sanford; Tamara Brogan, Family Promise; Laura Spivey, Outreach Mission, Inc; Hamer Carter, Outreach Mission, Inc; Casey Saunders, Moore County Schools; Linda Ware, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action; Jefferey Rawlings (via phone), Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action; Britney Keene, Johnston County Public Schools; Susana Rodriguez, Safe of Harnett; Kimberly Ledford, Friend to Friend; Kimberly Childers, Richmond County Schools; Shelley A. Hudson, The Salvation Army; Manuel Hyman, Alliance Health; Susan Belleu, Family Promise-Moore; Quiotti Ratliff, Sandhills Center; Rosa Portillo, HAVEN in Lee County**

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Linda Ware to approve the November 7, 2019 and December 5, 2019 minutes. The motion carried.

**BoS Report:**

At this time there is no report. Marie Watson will send out updates.

**ESG Funded Grantee Reports:**

Friend to Friend – Kimberly Ledford reported that there are currently three families and nine children, with room for four single women. January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and Friend to Friend will be hosting a free screening of the movie “Be the One” on January 16 at 4 PM. Kimberly said she is very thankful for ESG funds, as that money allowed for an important tree removal at Friend to Friend.

OMI- Hamer Carter reported that there are currently 13 women and five children in the Women’s Shelter, and 13 men in the Men’s Shelter, leaving three or four beds available for men. They have seen a serious uptick in the numbers of women and children- in December alone, 41 women and children stayed in their shelter.

Johnston-Lee- Harnett- Community Action Inc- Linda Ware reported that the Rapid Rehousing year ended in December.

SAFE of Harnett County – Susanna Rodriguez reported that SAFE currently has two rooms out of service because of repairs.

**Committee Reports:**

**PIT Count – Debbie Cole reported that the sheltered and unsheltered counts will be done on the ‘Counting Us’ app. Shelters will need to be counted unless they report data to HMIS. If a shelter is full and clients can’t be entered into HMIS then they will need to be counted via the app during the PIT Count. Debbie asked everyone to go ahead and download the app to begin practicing. If you haven’t heard from your county’s PIT lead or if you have questions about the count contact Debbie.**

**Coordinated Entry- Jeff Rawlings reported that there is a change to the HMIS system, and clients will have to be entered in a different part of HMIS. Jeff also reported that NCCEH has new client release of information forms that all funded agencies have to use. Call Jeff with any questions.**

**Agency Reports:**

**Salvation Army- Shelley Hudson had no report.**

**Family Promise of Lee County- Tamara Brogan reported that Family Promise is at capacity, with a waiting list of three families.**

**HAVEN of Lee County- Rosa Portillo said HAVEN is at full capacity with 24 clients. They are looking into moveable, roll-away beds to increase capacity.**

**Family Promise of Moore County- At capacity with nine families on the waiting list.**

**Johnston County Schools- Britney Keene said there are 275 homeless youth in Johnston’s school system. There have been five house fires in the area.**

**Alliance Health of Johnston County- Manuel Hyman reported that Alliance will be providing Independent Living Initiative finance training on February 3, 2020 for Johnston County. They also offer ready to rent training.**

**SCAP mainstream voucher program opens on January 13, 2020 at 9 a.m. Call or apply online. There is a waiting list.**

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Quiotti Ratliff, Region 7 Alternate Lead.**

**\*\*\*\*\* NEXT MEETING February 6, 2019 (Conference Call) \*\*\*\*\***

**Submitted by Rachel Picard**

Debbie Cole  
Rachel Picard

Tamara Brogan

Laura Spivey

HATMER CARTER

Casey Saunders

Linda Ware

Jeffery Rawling

Britney Keene

Susana Rodriguez

Kimberly Ledford

Kimberly Childers

Shelley A. Hudson

Manuel Hyman

Susan Bellamy

Quarti Ruff

Rosa Fortisco

CEOC - Randolph  
City of Sanford

Family Promise of Lee County

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Moore County Schools

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- Phone Conference Call

Johnston Co. Public Schools

- Safe of Harnett

Friend to Friend

Richmond Co. Schools

The Salvation Army

Alliance Health

Family Promise Moore

Sandhills Center

HAVEN in Lee County