

**June 10, 2015**

Meeting Minutes

**Opening:** The meeting of the Piedmont Regional Committee of the Balance of State Continuum of Care was convened on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at Stanly County Partnership for Children Conference Room in Albemarle.

**Present:**

Floyd Davis/Wendy Adams- Community Link

Mike Wojciechowski – Cooperative Christian Ministry

Robin Shue – Family Crisis Council

Andrea Merriman – Esther House

Skeet Ayscue/Salem Taylor/Diane McClinton – Homes of Hope/Community Inn

Heather Kilde – Stanly County Christian Ministry

Jeanette Eatman – Stanly County Department of Social Services

Mary Walls – Vocational Rehab

Tiffany Weaver – Turning Point

Kathy Bragg/Jenn Alexander – Union County Community Shelter

Peter Euto/Jeff Euto- CFAC

**1. Balance of State Update.** Robin presented on the BoS update from May 5, 2015 and June 2, 2015.

- There have been 10 of the 26 Coordinated Assessments approved and implemented. Wendy stated that PRC's plan was submitted in December and has been sent back to her for revisions. It will be submitted again after Nicole's return.
- The COC NOFA is expected to be released in June. Agencies wanting to apply for new projects need to submit the online FY2015 COC Intent to Apply Form. The BoS Steering Committee passed a motion that NCCEH serve as the BoS COC Collaborative Applicant.
- Each Regional Committee is to appoint one person to the Project Review Committee and submit contact information by June 30, 2015.
- There are currently 26 approved Regional Committees. NCCEH has trained Regional Committee webmasters on keeping their specific information update on the website.
- HMIS transition to MCAH took place May 1, 2015. HMIS migration trainings will be held throughout the state. Every agency that uses HMIS must have an Agency Administrator that will attend one of these trainings. Kathy stated that Matt Alexander with UCCS serves on this committee and is available if anyone needs assistance.

**2. Point in Time Count Report.** Salem provided an informative update on the five counties totals for the Point-in-Time Count. Union County had a significant decrease and Kathy felt that was due to school children not being counted in their totals. Cabarrus County had an increase and Mike felt this might be due to definition changes. He also said there was question about how school children were counted. Davidson and Rowan had increases while Stanly had a decrease. Floyd advised these issues need to be addressed before next year's Point-in-Time.

**3. 2015 Annual PRC Housing Forum Evaluations.** Salem provided a presentation on the PRC Annual Housing Forum results. There was a wide variety of organizations attending with at least six counties represented. The Forum received excellent ratings on organization, location, food and length. Floyd suggested that we start planning earlier next year to get more agencies involved. He also suggested that the PRC coordinate with the Housing Coalition next year as the event they are hosting this year is within 45 days of our housing forum. Combining resources would be beneficial for all.

**4. Agency Presentations.** Floyd had asked two of the PRC agencies that receive ESG funds to share with others how they are utilizing those funds.

- Kathy and Janelle provided a presentation on the Union County Community Shelter. Their ESG funds are used for shelter operations and rapid rehousing. The rapid rehousing funds are used for staff support and they then raise funds for rent, deposits, etc. This was discussed with ESG staff and determined to be the best utilization of those funds. UCCS has expanded their services and their staff as well as increased their budget significantly. They host four signature fundraising events each year and have tremendous community support of their various programs. They are in the process of raising funds to build a new, larger shelter.
- Wendy stated that Community Link uses ESG rapid rehousing funds for rental resources. They are paying rent for 18 families as well as have some funding for security deposits, application fees and utility payments. They are assisting families in Cabarrus, Rowan, Union and Stanly. She would love for Davidson County agencies to contact her for assistance. CL uses funds for short, mid and long-term assistance. Wendy also stated they have two Social Worker positions open.
- There was some discussion about decreases in various funding streams as well as decreased service statistics in several counties. Kathy said she has developed flexible resources in her community and Floyd suggested that this should be a priority for all agencies.

**5. Election of Rowan County Representative.** Floyd reported that David Holston has accepted a position in Winston Salem and will be leaving Rowan Helping Ministries. He nominated Robin Shue to complete David's term on the Executive Committee and it was seconded by Kathy. This passed by majority vote.

**6. Local Task Force Reports:**

Cabarrus: Mike did not have information on their meeting.

Davidson: No representative present.

Rowan: Robin reported that a meeting was held but she did not have details.

Stanly: Skeet reported that a meeting was held but attendance was low due to other community events that day. Esther House will be doing a presentation at their next meeting.

Union: Kathy said Melissa was in Las Vegas so she did not have information on their meeting.

**7. Agency Announcements:** Mike reported that there are two openings at CCM due to Dean going to Alaska and Kim getting married. Tiffany reported that Turning Point may be taking on sexual assault services in Union and Cabarrus Counties as early as 7/1/15 as Safe Alliance has terminated those services. There was some discussion over transition in leadership at agencies and Floyd said everyone should prepare their successor. Kathy said some grantors are actually requiring a succession plan and it is good business practice to have this prepared. She has information on this if anyone would want it.

Next meeting is September 9, 2015 in Davidson County.