**AHRMM Meeting Minutes**

January 17, 2017

Airport Building in Rockingham

**Attendees:** Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center LME/MCO; Kam A. McDonald, Anson County Schools; Stephanie Alford, Hoke County Schools; Kim Childers, Richmond County Schools; Thomasina Wall, Anson County DSS; John L. Young, Montgomery County DSS; Shanita Harris, Family Endeavors; Kelly Hutchinson, REFORM; Carol Brown, Brown’s Golden Care; Rasheeda Sturdivant, Trinity Services; Teraefean Goodwin, Rockingham Housing Authority; Chereka Belton-Odom, Rockingham Housing Authority

**Welcome and Introductions:**

-The Meeting was called to order at 9:39 by Donna McCormick. Welcome and introductions made by attendees.

**Minutes:**

No minutes presented. No one was aware of who took the minutes at the November meeting. The December meeting was cancelled.

**Balance of State Steering Committee Update**

-Meet quarterly at Sandhills Community College in Room 103 in the Van Dusen Building

-Met on January 6, 2017.

-25 were in attendance.

**Coordinated Assessment Update**

-Continue completing Emergency Response forms and sending to Nina or email to Donna to send to Nina.

-New AHRMM group members were encouraged to ask questions during the meeting.

**Region 7 Update**

**Elected Officers:**

-Donna McCormick is the Region 7 Lead.

-Shelia Cloud from Hoke County is the Alternate Lead

-Debbie Cole from Randolph County is the P.I.T. (Point-In-Time) Count Lead

-Sarah West is the Coordinated Assessment Lead

-Mary Pat Buie is the Regional Webmaster

**Point-In-Time Count**

-PIT Count will be January 25, 2017 from 6p-6a on January 26, 2017.

-Chereka will lead for Richmond County, with Kelly and Teraefean assisting.

-Rasheeda will be the lead for Anson with Thomasina assisting.

-Explained the PIT Count-Persons living in shelters, DSS, Hospitals, Jails, Cars, and streets, etc. with no home.

-Requesting each County present to do a Newspaper Press release. Donna will send for Anson to the Anson Record and The Express News by Wednesday, January 18th.

-Kim Childers will check on the Daily Journal in Richmond.

-John to send an email to Donna with Press Release so each County can change the information to the specific County and use.

**Grantee Reports**

**SCAP:**

No one present, no report provided.

**Friend-to-Friend:**

No one present, no report provided.

**Old Business**

**Emergency Response Forms:**

-Kelly turned in Emergency Response Forms to Donna. Kelly found a 23 year old and a 54 year old individual living in the woods. They were homeless.

-Membership applications provided to Kim Childers, Shanita Harris, and Teraefean Goodwin.

**New Business**

**Anson County Schools-**34 qualifies for McKinney-Vento services.

-Now has all 11 schools covered with a School Social Worker for McKinney-Vento families.

-The 4 School Social Workers in Anson County Schools are hosting their Southwest Regional Workshop in Wadesboro at the Central Office on March 10th from 8:30a-3:30p. All helping professionals are welcome to attend. Cost is $35.00 for Non-Members, $25.00 for Members of the NCSSWA, which includes lunch.

-At least 2 families sought refuge in Anson County and the children are in schools there.

-School Social Workers (led by Dr. Mary B. Ratliff, Student Services Director) combined with Headstart in November to sponsor an ‘Awareness Luncheon’ at the District Office for Child Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month.

-The Luncheon was held in conjunction with the quarterly SHAC Meeting (School Health Advisory Council). AHRMM Member Kam A. McDonald, LCSWA, MSW, BSW was the speaker and conducted a presentation on Homelessness, poverty, and the clinical effects on students and families.

-Clothing, toiletries, and food items were donated to the families who attended. Leftover items were split and donated to local homeless shelters.

-School Counselors had a backpack drive for victims of Hurricane Matthew.

**Hoke County Schools-**151 qualify for McKinney-Vento services.Has a district liaison, and you can call a number to inquire about how many students are homeless.

-Annual Walk for Homelessness and Childhood Hunger was completed in November. The district collected canned goods and nonperishable food items, and provided Turkeys to needy families.

-Collected and distributed school supplies, toiletries, and foods for Robeson County post flood.

-Received displaced families as a result of the flood.

-Local churches sponsored families, provided Thanksgiving Meals, Toys for Tot, and donations to the Help Store.

**Richmond County Schools**-144 qualifies for McKinney-Vento services. Kim Childers is new to her role as McKinney-Vento liaison. She is also a school nurse, and she is excited about the opportunity.

**Anson County DSS**-Thomasina works in APS but is currently doing the Transportation until the vacancy is filled.

-Ran out of crisis and LIEAP money for the general public on the first day by 11am.

-There is still LIEAP money for citizens age 60+

-2 positions open with 10 days to apply:

1) Transportation Coordinator-Need a High School Diploma

2) Front Desk Position (Intake Maintenance Worker)-Need Admin Experience

-No new updates on the new apartments (Abbington Grove)

Montgomery County DSS-John announced that Stephanie Smith is the new Director of DSS.

-They have CPS jobs open and a Social Worker II position.

-LIEAP funds are available.

**Trinity Services**-No Updates

**Rockingham Housing Authority**-Ms. Teraefean Goodwin is the RAW Service Coordinator.

-Applying for AmeriCorps grant to bring service volunteers.

-February 14th-New Horizons will present on Domestic Violence

-February 15th –Hosting Healthy Heart-Health Department to talk about nutrition

-February 17th-Woman to Woman group to teach pampering and skin care to residents.

-Ms. Goodwin is the Case Manager for the residents.

-Section 8 is closed.

-Only 62 vouchers. They are purging the waiting list.

-Wadesboro Housing Authority may open their waiting list soon.

-Waiting list for all units.

-Chereka mentioned a client who needs help with housekeeping to avoid losing his housing. The client has mental health issues. Someone stated that Mobile Crisis can be an intervention.

**Therapeutic Alternatives Mobile Crisis Number: 1.877.626.1772**

**Sandhills Center**-No updates

Sandhills does peer support training through Teresa McLean 910.973.7230

**REFORM-**Kelly stated that they are looking for meeting space for their Girls Program (age 11-17).

-Working on the purpose for the program.

-Program has expanded to include younger and older girls.

-Continue searching for resources for men and jobs.

**Brown’s Golden Care**-Carol reported that she has clients who had to have their offices and areas totally renovated due to the flood.

-Clients in hospitals are awaiting beds and equipment that was destroyed during the hurricane.

**Family Endeavors**-Shanita reported 2 grants (Renewal and P1)

-Working with Veterans families suffering from Hurricane in Cumberland County.

-Outreach at prisons (Veteran individuals being released to homelessness).

-Michelle Blanding is the new Program Manager.

-Michelle Bates is now in Case Management.

-Send homeless Veteran families to Shanita. She will also travel to them.

Next Meeting is February 21, 2017 in Moore County. Location will be announced later.

**Adjournment:** By Donna McCormick at 11:00am

Submitted by:

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