**Wilson Greene Housing Committee**

**October 16, 2018**

Present: Marty Stebbins, St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church; Britney Holmes, Carolina Family Health Center; Elisabeth Farnsworth, Habitat for Humanity; Mary Mallory, Wilson County DSS; James Crowell, Eastpointe; Mary Marlin, UCPCOG AAA; Linda Walling, Hope Station; Lynne White, Wesley Shelter; Cameron Cochran, Wilson Forward; Alecia Amoo, Legal Aid; Yolanda Taylor, Legal Aid; Valinda Belton, Wilson Housing Authority; Lori Walston, Wilson County DSS; Mary Lovick, Greene Lamp Community Action; LaTasha McNair, Eastpointe; Shana Baum, Hope Station

**Welcome**

**Minutes approved with no revisions.**

LaTasha shared **Balance of State information**:

**Point in Time** count was discussed. Several counties didn’t report numbers during last count. A street count and facility count is needed.

We need a Regional PIT lead and a county lead.

Hurricane Florence – Duplin County is a priority county and there is a Back Home program. Wilson/Greene will be addressed at a later date

**CoC application**

 Eastpointe applied for rapid rehousing shelter+ care

**Emergency Solutions Grant**

Funding committee meets today to review four project applications. Total amount awarded to the region is $212,000

Linda Walling shared Hope Station’s data. Wilson Crisis Center is not participating in coordinated assessment

**Coordinated Entry**

 Information is in HMIS, in the future 211 may become a point of entry for homeless clients. There are sharing agreements in place for all 6 counties. DV shelters are not in the HMIS system, there is an alternate data collection system.

**Veterans** – no update today

**Community Partner update**

Linda shared a flyer for Hope Station’s golf tournament on October 31st. Lynne shared a flyer advertising domestic violence events.

Habitat – Elisabeth shared that 2 homes are scheduled for building

DSS – Low Income Energy Assistance Program will begin December 1st. Low income customers 60 years of age or older are eligible for a one time energy payment. It will open to the general public in January. DSS is hiring temps through Action Staffing to help with LIEAP.

Wilson Housing Authority – when referrals are made for a homeless individual or family there must be a case manager assigned by the referring agency. They completed a housing lottery recently and selected 250 people

Area Agency on Aging – There is a targeting program for those ages 50 – 62. Call 252-234-5956 for more information. They are still working on a tiny house project.

DSS – We were very involved with Red Cross and operation of the shelter due to Hurricane Florence, we also operated a disaster food assistance program. November 10 – 18 is Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. On November 16th at 11:00, we will meet on the lawn of the library to attach donated winter items to trees for those in need to take. November 17th will we have an adoption awareness event at Wilson Community Church. If anyone is interested in learning more about being a foster parent, please join us.

Hope Station – Has a permit to renovate the house that will be used for the Women’s Shelter and are anticipating doing a capital campaign

Wesley Shelter – October is domestic violence awareness month and Lynne provided a flyer with information about 3 specific events. Their shelter expansion is complete.

Wilson 20/20 is now Wilson Forward.

Eastpointe – This Thursday there is a fair housing training at their Rocky Mount office

November 14th is our Neuese Regional meeting at the Lenoir Count Community Center in Kinston.

Legal Aid – they are helping with post disaster aid , staff are rotating through counties affected by the hurricane, information was shared about the battered immigrant project, the number to call is 1-866-204-7612

Arts Council – the Sally Sutton Gallery was rescheduled for November 8th 5:30 – 7:30.