

Northeastern Homeless Coalition - Region 11 Committee Meeting

Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital – Chowan Room
500 S. Academy Street
Ahoskie, NC 27910

May 28, 2019

10:00 am

Attendance

Agency	Representative(s)
Trillium Health Resources	Lakitra Claude Melissa Eastwood
Albemarle Regional Health Services	Cherri Brunson
River City CDC	Carolyn Anderson*
Hertford County DSS	Tiffany Walton Jacqueline White
Pasquotank County DSS	Carolyn Perry*
Chowan County DSS	Christine M. Dowdell*
Economic Improvement Council	Lillian Dance Wendy Hedgebeth
Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital	Sonya Askew-Williams

*Individuals marked with an * called into the meeting*

Minutes

Introductions

- Melissa called the meeting to order. Afterwards, everyone in attendance (face-to-face and via phone) introduced themselves by stating their name, title and the agency they were representing.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- The committee reviewed the minutes from April's meeting. There were no changes to the minutes. Lillian made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Sonya.

Purpose of the Meeting

- Melissa reminded everyone of the purpose of the meeting and reviewed the items on the agenda.

Bringing it Home Conference - recap

- The conference was held on May 21 – 22 in Raleigh, NC
- This is the North Carolina's annual conference for homeless service providers.
- The conference focused on increasing affordable housing in the community, landlord engagement, coordinated assessment, rapid rehousing, connecting unaccompanied youth to housing and serving survivors of domestic violence.

- Presentations from the conference can be found at <https://www.ncceh.org/bringingithome/>

Results of the PIT Count

- The official numbers have not been released; waiting on the final results

Presentation – Economic Improvement Council

- Lillian Dance and Wendy Hedgebeth, both Case Managers for the Economic Improvement Council (EIC), shared with the committee the types of programs that the agency offers
- Overall, EIC covers 10 counties, but only 9 within Region 11 (Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Tyrrell).
- Programs that are offered include: Family Self-Sufficiency (Community Services Block Grant Program), Section 8 Housing, Head Start (includes Early Head Start) and Weatherization
 - Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program – designed to empower people to take control of their lives by utilizing comprehensive case management. Assistance that is offered includes: securing and retaining sustainable employment, attaining education/vocational training, obtaining and maintain standard housing, budget counseling, etc. Limited financial services are offered to participants of the FSS Program
 - Section 8 Housing – funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This program offers subsidies via a Housing Choice Voucher, to assist low income families with their rent each month.
 - Also has a Family Self-Sufficiency Program. This program is different from the CSBG FSS program. This program offers an escrow savings account which means any rent amounts a family pays will be matched and set aside in an escrow account. This money can later be used as a deposit for a home.
 - Head Start/Early Head Start – Head Start is a preschool program that helps children and families prepare for kindergarten. Head Start also offers services that include dental, disabilities, nutrition, social, emotional and family services. Serves ages 3 – 4.
 - Early Head Start – serves infants and toddlers under the age of 3. Programs provide intensive comprehensive child development and family support services to low-income families. Programs include: education, parent engagement and family services, health, nutrition, and disabilities and mental health.
 - Weatherization – reduces heating and cooling costs for low-income families, particularly for the elderly, people with disabilities, and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety.

Case Conferencing

- No cases were staffed
- Update – B. Ellis (Pasquotank) – housed on 6/1/19 through Trillium’s PSH program

Announcements

- Civic Engagement Conference – Roanoke-Chowan Community College this weekend from 10am – 12pm – geared toward high school students

- For anyone interested in applying for ESG funding – Kim Crawford will be hosting a training on August 15th in Greenville. Location: 201 W. 1st Street. The time will be announced at a later date.
- The next meeting will be held on June 18th at Hertford County DSS (704 N. King Street, Winton, NC) from 10am – 11:30am

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Submitted by:



Webmaster/Secretary for Northeastern Homeless Coalition - Region 11