

Region 12, Inner Banks, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday January 9, 2019-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Joseph Beach, Volunteers of America

Wayne Bray, NC Works

James Cox, United Way of Pitt County

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Margaret Dixon, Community Crossroads Center

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Gabriela Gonzalez, NC Works

Ashley Gray, Greenville Housing Authority

Khrecia Holley, Port Health Services

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Darnisha Jones, Community Crossroads Center Intern

Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Introductions and Approval of November 2018 Minutes

The January 2019 BOS/Pitt Regional Committee (Inner Banks) meeting began with approval of the minutes for November 2018. Jim Cox asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Deloris Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes for November 2018 with Lynne James seconding the motion. The committee approved the minutes for November 2018.

Updates/Reports:

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 1/8/2019

The Steering Committee call was January 8, 2019. The summary is not available yet. Jim will email everyone the Steering Committee call summary when he receives it. He encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month. Jim reviewed the information discussed on the call.

A. Point in Time Count 2019-Linda Mandell, Local PIT lead

The Point in Time count will take place the last Wednesday in January (1/30/2019). The service count will be done for 7 days after. There are no paper forms this year. This year the Balance of State will be utilizing an app for the count. The test site is up and will be available so that everyone can practice through next week. The committee expressed concerns about not being able to use paper forms. The NCCEH Data Center has offered to set up a time to do a training with us. Jim stated that he would coordinate the training with them. It will be held next Wednesday or Thursday. Log in to the app. The data center has to approve/authorize you once you log in. The shelter numbers will be captured as they usually are. DV shelters and shelters that are not on HMIS will do forms. Linda stated that the app is easy to use. She encouraged the committee to contact the NCCEH data center if you have questions or problems with the app. She stated that there are questions at the end that ask if individuals are interested in housing and it asks for contact information. Linda reported that she needs more volunteers. She stated that she has some but would like more. Volunteers are scheduled to go to the breakfast at the Salvation Army at 6:30am Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Linda stated that she needs volunteers for the dinner at Oakmont church on 2/5 at 4:30 pm. Linda has contacted Vidant and Wellness City. Gloria, Tonette, and Deloris are planning to go to the Joy Soup Kitchen. Linda is working on getting back packs together and obtaining items for the backpacks. Bob stated that he might have some jackets at the shelter that can be distributed during the count. Sally reported that she will be meeting with the committee in Beaufort County tomorrow and she will discuss the Point in Time Count. Wayne stated that he met with the Tri-County committee to work on Point in Time planning last week. He expressed concerns about agencies that normally assist with the count being unwilling to assist since they have to download an app (ex. DSS).

B. 2018 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Jim reviewed the ESG process for 2018. He stated that there is a feedback form. Jim stated that the funds decreased in some communities by a small amount (there is a formula used by the state to do the calculations). We have ESG leads now for our region (Tujuanda Sanders and Lynn Alligood).

C. Project Safe Shelter (PSS); Vidant Foundation Grant

Lynne stated that they are close to launching the process. She stated that they will have information cards and they are working on getting printed materials crafted for law enforcement. DSS is on board with the on call team. They will get the calls from dispatch with the Sheriff's department and complete intakes. Lynne is excited to partner with DSS on this and she feels that they are the best choice to help implement this program. Someone from adult services/prevention is planning to come to the meetings on Wednesdays. She hopes to send out an email next week saying everything is up and running. If successful, we may attempt to obtain funding in other places in the region.

D. Supportive Services Only, Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE); Balance of State Grant

Lynne stated the SSO-CE grant is underway. We are moving to a coordinated housing referral system. The call in number is live. The VA medical center set up eight lines for the meeting. She encouraged representatives from Pitt County agencies to attend our weekly meetings in person so that we can keep the lines open for agencies in other counties. She encouraged referral agencies to participate if you can. She stated that the more we interact and communicate the better we can help individuals in our region. Sharing is already set up in HMIS for participating agencies. Please make referrals through HMIS if possible. Lynne stated that she would be happy to assist and walk agencies through the process. She is trying to catch up because she has to ensure everyone has been entered dating back to 9/1/2018. Some organizations will not be entering their own information. Lynne will review and enter the information for those agencies. Lynne stated that they are close to filling the part time SSO-CE position. The person will do outreach throughout the region. Lynne stated that we should not allow the lack of ESG funding in certain areas to deter you. Confidentially Agreements need to be signed by participating agencies. Lynne reminded everyone about the Coordinated Entry surveys. Please capture as many surveys as possible. Lynne will collect them next week. There is an agency survey also (one person per agency should complete this).

E. 2019 Inner Banks Elections:

Jim reviewed outcomes from the regional meeting. Election outcomes were as follows: Jim Cox-Regional Lead, Lynn Alligood-Alternate lead, Jim Cox-PIT lead, Lynne James-Coordinated Entry Lead, Lynn Alligood and Tujuanda Sanders-ESG Funding Committee leads, Valerie Kines and Gabriela Gonzalez- CoC Project Review Committee Representative, Melissa Eastwood-Secretary/Webmaster, and Joseph Beach-Veterans Lead. Tujuanda Sanders will be the County lead for Pitt County, Sally Love will be the County lead for Beaufort County and Lynn Alligood will the tri-county lead. Jim asked the group whether additional positions are needed. Lynne suggested that we have Co-leads this year. They will be Tujuanda and Jim. The group was in agreement. Lynne James made a motion to accept positions as stated, with Joseph Beach seconding that motion. He stated that there is a strong push to broaden leadership. Look within agencies to see if leadership if available.

Beaufort County-Gabi stated the Beaufort County Stand Down will be Friday February 15, 2019. It will be from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Wayne Bray is the contact regarding the event.

Tri-County Meeting- No updates at this time.

Miscellaneous The Bringing it Home annual conference will be May 21, 2019 and May 22, 2019.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported they assisted 12 families in November (15 adults, 24 children). The total amount of assistance was \$10,408.48. She reported they assisted 13 families in November (14 adults, 30 children). The total amount of assistance was \$11,201.78.

GHA-Tujuanda stated that they are accepting applications.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Deloris reported that they have not been spending money yet but they will be soon. James stated that they are ready for referrals.

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that she is working with one person. There is a second person that she has not been able to reach.

Trillium Health Resources-No updates at this time.

Mid-East Regional Housing Authority-No updates at this time.

C4FVP-Catonnia reported that she has a couple of beds that are open. Please call if you have potential referrals.

Community Crossroads Center-No updates at this time.

**Next Meeting: February 13, 2018 @ 9:00am
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