

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday February 12, 2019-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Wayne Bray, NC Works

James Cox, United Way of Pitt County

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Lorina Garrison, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority

Ashley Gray, Greenville Housing Authority

Khrecia Holley, Port Health Services

Margaret Johnson, Volunteers of America

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Bob Williams, Community Crossroads Center

Anna Willis, Pitt County Planning (Intern)

Introductions and Approval of January 2019 Minutes

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

Updates/Reports:

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 2/5/2019

The Steering Committee call was February 5, 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

Jim provided an update regarding the Point in Time Count because Linda was out sick. The Point in Time count took place the last Wednesday in January (1/30/2019). The service count was done for 7 days after. The Point in Time count was very different this year. The Balance of State utilized an app for the unsheltered count. The Data Center provided consultation regarding the app. Jim expressed that he is eager to see the outcomes. The down side of utilizing the app is that we have no idea regarding the number of unsheltered individuals identified yet. PSH, RRH, and ES providers that utilize HMIS submitted their numbers as they usually do. Non HMIS agencies completed PIT forms. Jim stated that he inquired about when the numbers will be provided and the Balance of State is unsure regarding the date. However, they are working on it. The group was curious as to whether the surveys could be broken down by interviewers. Jim stated that they identified several people at the Salvation Army. He stated that he and Linda went to the Salvation Army three days. Deloris, Jim, and a few others went to the Joy Soup Kitchen. Lorina stated that they identified and completed a survey on 1 person in Bertie County. This is the first time an individual has been counted in Bertie. Jim discussed reaching out to smaller communities prior to the count next year. Jim indicated that this could be a year around project for the region.

B. 2018 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Tujuanda thanked everyone for completing the ESG surveys. The BoS sent 4 questions out. The following items were reflected in the surveys: 1.) Some were concerned that no one applied for Rapid Rehousing for the entire region 2.) Some people felt additional education is needed regarding HMIS 3.) Some did not feel it was fair that some counties have more resources than others 4.) Some ESG grantees were excited to get contracts in January. There was some discussion about being creative to develop regional rapid rehousing. It was noted that Region 12 was one of three regions that was awarded the entire amount applied for/allotted for the region. Bob inquired as to whether there were denials and reductions due to reporting issues (ex. QPRs). Jim stated that there were three reviewers for each application. They had a formula for reviewing the applications. The application was released in July and due in October last year. The schedule should be similar this year. Kim and other staff at the

ESG office would like to visit all of the regional committees in 2019. Jim is going to suggest that they come in June to our large meeting. The meeting will be held in Martin County at Mid-East Regional Housing Authority.

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

James stated that they approved the first household for Project Safe Shelter (two brothers). Khrecia inquired about the criteria for Project Safe Shelter. James stated that the household has to be homeless (according to HUD's definition), no room in the shelter, and/or household presents at an off time and cannot enter the shelter. Sally inquired as to whether the program can be utilized for individuals from Beaufort County. James stated that the program can serve individuals from Beaufort County if they come to Pitt County and they aren't able to enter shelter. They can serve men, women and children. They are utilizing the Microtel near the hospital. They have quite a bit of funding because they are a little behind in spending. James reminded everyone that this is short term until space becomes available at a shelter. Devinder informed James that she needs more information cards. James will provide her with more for distribution. Devinder expressed that this is an awesome program/resource for the county. The police department utilizes various resources now and some officers even pay for hotel stays out of pocket at times. Ashley inquired as to whether individuals in PSS at the hotel would get priority for shelter beds. Bob said yes, more than likely. He stated that they would have to present at the shelter at the required time and go through the admission process. Khrecia inquired as to whether sex offenders would be able to receive assistance through Project Safe Shelter. This is still something the committee has to work through. PSS is set up for short term hotel stay until a household can enter shelter. Sex offenders cannot enter shelter. The group discussed the Strive program. The Goal of the STRIVE program is to assist with obtaining employment. The program lasts 3 months. STRIVE can assist with housing during that time. However, individuals can be asked to leave if they are not compliant with program/employment polices/guidelines. The group may market Project Safe Shelter to other Vidant foundations if it is successful.

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

James announced that they have a new part time employee (Margaret Dixon). He stated that she has hit the ground running. She will assist with coordinating out of county referrals. She will be helping with HMIS. She will assist with a variety of things pertaining to coordinated entry on a regional level. Margaret will be developing a caseload out of individuals identified during the Point in Time Count. Margaret is now on the Zion Shelter Board. James stated that the SSO-CE grant runs through August. James informed the group that Pitt County Planning was awarded a COC Rapid Rehousing grant. They were awarded \$112,523.00. The grant will be used for a combination of Rapid Rehousing and Case Management. They hope that the SSO-CE grant and the COC Rapid Rehousing grant will help fill gaps.

Beaufort County-Wayne stated the Beaufort County Stand Down will be Friday February 15, 2019. It will be from 9:00am to 2:00pm. There are 17 vendors signed up currently. Sally stated that the Open Door Community Shelter is open. It is for women and children. There is an open house on 2/22/2019 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Sally also announced that Washington has been nominated as 1 of 6 cities for the Small Business Revolution on Hulu. Between now and next Tuesday whoever gets the most votes will receive \$500,000.00. Sally will send out information on how to vote. Please vote for Washington. You can vote from your computer one time per day. The funds will assist Washington with revitalization.

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 6 families in January (7 adults, 10 children). The total amount of assistance was \$5,951.00.

GHA-Ashley stated that they are accepting applications. They still have some permanent supportive housing vouchers.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Deloris reported that they are up and running. They are accepting referrals and eager to spend funds and get people housed.

SOAR Updates-Jim stated that Linda is out sick today. However, he stated that she picked up referrals from the Point in Time Count. She will start working with some of the individuals identified during the count.

Trillium Health Resources-Trillium is still assisting with Back@Home. Melissa informed the group that there has been an increase in calls from individuals that are precariously housed. We are working with NCCEH, GHA, and Mid-East on a Move on Project for PSH. The next meeting will be a conference call on 3/14/19.

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

C4FVP-Catonna 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: March 13, 2018 @ 9:00am
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