

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

The BC360 Housing & Homeless Taskforce/Housing Committee met at the Beaufort County Health Department on this date (3/14/2019). The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Sally Love (Beaufort County Chairperson/Beaufort County United Way). Those in attendance were: Evan Lewis (BC360), Jim Cox (United Way/Regional Lead), Greg Smith (NC Works), Amy Howard (Greene Lamp), Linda Thornton (Zion Shelter), Larry McAvoy (Zion Shelter), Sandra Simpson (Washington Housing Authority), Lynne James (Pitt County Planning), Margaret Dixon (Pitt County Planning), Valerie Kines (Ruth's House), and Melissa Eastwood (Trillium Health Resources).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sally asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Linda made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jim Cox seconded the motion. The group unanimously agreed. The committee approved the minutes for February 2019.

**Region 12 Report**

**Point in Time Count**

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. There was a question at the end of the interview that asks if households are interested in follow up. Jim stated that he received a spreadsheet from the Balance of State of households that would like follow up (broken down by county). He has been in touch with Wayne, Sally, and Lorina because the individuals listed are from the entire region. He is trying to ensure that we make contact with everyone listed on the spreadsheet that wanted follow up. There were two individuals on the spreadsheet from Beaufort County. He is unsure about the total numbers for the region (spreadsheet only reflects households that requested follow up). Sally noted that several people were identified last year at Zion for lunch, however this year no one was identified. Jim stated that we probably need to start planning for the Point in Time Count in September of this year to ensure that we have adequate time to prepare.

**ESG Grant**

Chris Battle from the ESG office will attend our super regional committee meeting in Martin County on June 12, 2019 from 10:00am-12:00pm. The meeting will be held in Martin County at Mid-East Regional Housing Authority. He would like for Chris to talk with us regarding how we can be creative and develop a regional rapid rehousing program. Salvation Army in Beaufort County has expressed an interest in applying for regional rapid rehousing for next year. Jim informed everyone about the upcoming ESG webinars. He discussed the timeline for ESG applications. Jim stated that the process started around July last year and the applications were due in October of 2018. He stated that they are hoping to keep the same time frames this year. Funds should be released in January.

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**CoC Grant**

New info has been coming out regarding the upcoming CoC competition. Jim reminded everyone that agencies that are interested in applying for CoC funds need to submit an Intent to Apply form. He informed the group that Linda Mandell volunteered to represent Region 12 on the scorecard committee. Pitt County Planning was awarded a CoC Rapid Rehousing Grant. This has regional implications. Lynne stated that they are already in the renewal process even though they haven't started the new grant yet (hopes to start on 9/1). Jim stated that HUD will release the NOFA earlier this year. He anticipates being through the process by the end of August. The webinars for new applicants and renewal applicants will be recorded and posted.

**SSO-CE**

Lynne provided an update regarding the SSO-CE project (region wide coordinated entry). Margaret has been hired part time to assist with implementation of the grant. Margaret will work with households that are not connected to a shelter or with those that are connected to a shelter that are not on HMIS. She will be able to assist unsheltered households with moving through the coordinated entry system. Margaret can complete Prevention/Diversion Screenings and VI-SPDATs as needed. She will be able to do some case management if needed. Lynne stated that Margaret will help put data into HMIS as well. Margaret stated that she met with Jacqueline at Open Door Community Center and they will call Margaret if they identify unsheltered individuals that they cannot serve. She stated that Zion Shelter could do this as well. Margaret noted that she would schedule a meeting with Jonathan at the shelter. Linda recommended a flow chart to show how individuals should move through the system. There will be an APR for the SSO-CE grant this year. The Balance of State has applied for and been awarded continuation for this grant. They have also been awarded a new grant that will hopefully fund SSO CE projects for the entire region.

Case conferencing will take place every Wednesday at 1:00pm. The VA provided a call in line that lasts from 1:00pm-2:30pm. There will be introductions (phone first). Callers on the line will be given the opportunity to present new cases or provide updates first. Everyone who normally attends in person should continue to do so because there are only 8 lines. Lynne would like to look at other options like Go to Meeting in the future. If you are able, please make referrals in HMIS by noon on Tuesdays. Referrals will be added to the By Name list.

**Updates/Reports**

Ruth's House-Valerie reported that they are still working on the new house. She reported that they are very excited and that the home is twice as big. They are hoping to open soon.

Washington Housing Authority-The interim director, Sandra Simpson, attended the meeting today. She provided updates regarding WHA. Sandra reported that their homeless slots are full currently. However, the homeless preference will open for referrals again on 10/1/2019. Washington Housing Authority has a DV preference (unlimited). There is a preference for natural disasters as well. Margaret

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inquired about what households can do if they are in danger of being evicted. Sandra stated that most evictions are due to nonpayment of rent. She stated that the board has been cracking down. They will let households go up to 6 months before they initiate the eviction process. They have zero tolerance for fighting/threatening behavior. Tenants will be arrested and immediately evicted.

Zion Shelter-Linda reported that the shelter is averaging nine to ten men per night (can accommodate 11). They are fully functioning. She reported that they are still working on the countertops in the kitchen. However, they are cooking meals daily (lunch around 11 daily).

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

Metropolitan Housing-No updates at this time.

NC Works-NC Works is planning a job fair on April 30, 2019 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. It will be at the Civic Center and there will be approximately 30 employers. NC Works is holding sessions with Washington Housing Authority to discuss training opportunities.

Open Door Shelter- No updates at this time.

Salvation Army- No updates at this time.

Trillium Health Resources- No updates at this time.

Department of Social Services- No updates at this time.

Greene Lamp-Amy Howard reported that they have a CSBG grant in Beaufort County she is still working with 13 families. She states that she cannot add any new people to her caseload until 7/1/19 as it stands right now. The program is a CDBG program to help low income families. The identified client has to be at least 18 and be able/willing to work full time.

Police Department- No updates at this time.

Greenville Housing Authority- No updates at this time.

**Miscellaneous:**

Sally stated that NC Care 360 should be coming out in the next 3 months. They hope to have it online by the summer. It will be statewide, but will start with seven counties. It will be free for the first five years. There will be a seminar regarding the platform. She stated it should be very helpful and that you should receive responses to the referrals that you make in the system.

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

**ADJOURN**

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There being no further business, Sally Love adjourned the meeting.

**Next Meeting: Thursday April 11, 2019 @ 2:00pm  
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