

Northeastern Homeless Coalition - Region 11 Committee Meeting

River City CDC
501 E Main St,
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

July 17, 2019

10:00 am

Attendance

Agency	Representative(s)
Trillium Health Resources	Lakitra Claude Melissa Eastwood Kisha Darden
Albemarle Regional Health Services	Cherri Brunson
River City CDC	Christina Molloy Carolyn Anderson
The Salvation Army	Lola Wright Michele Perkins

Minutes

Introductions

- The meeting was called to order by Melissa Eastwood and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Updates – NC Balance of State Steering Committee

- SSO-CE Grant
 - 2018 was the first year the NC BoS received SSO-CE funding and Region 11 did receive the funding. The person that was hired for the position is no longer with us and the position is currently available.
 - The position is full-time and will cover the entire region; no benefits; paid travel
 - Responsibilities: maintain by-name list in HMIS, facilitate case conferencing, conduct outreach, VI-SPDATs, prevention and diversion screens, and coordinated entry navigation support
- Mainstream Vouchers
 - This opportunity is for any agency that provides Section 8 or Housing Choice Vouchers. This will bring additional vouchers to your community
 - Vouchers must be used for persons with a disability
 - Prioritizes populations, including persons experiencing homelessness
 - Application provides points for providing services through a partnership with an agency such as an MCO

- Preference for persons experiencing homelessness will be made for their regular voucher programs as well

Purpose of Committee (for first time participants)

- The regional committee operates under the NC Balance of State. The purpose of the committee is to help alleviate homelessness within the region. This region consists of 10 counties (Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Tyrrell)
- **The representatives from The Salvation Army introduced themselves again and gave a brief overview of the services they offer.** The Salvation Army covers 8 of the 10 counties within the region. Their services include food donations, clothing, rent and utility payments (if funds permit), shelter and transportation.
 - **Operate the Pathway of Hope Program** - provides individualized services to families with children who desire to take action to break the cycle of crisis and vulnerability that repeats generation after generation. It seeks to address the root causes of poverty in addition to The Army's history of compassionate serving. By helping families overcome challenges like unemployment, unstable housing, and lack of education, we can lead families down a path toward increased stability and, ultimately, self-sufficiency.

Presentation – Cherri Brunson with Albemarle Regional Health Services

- Cherri briefly explained the different services offered by Albemarle Regional Health Services. The services include:
 - Healthy Communities and Albemarle LifeQuest
 - Health Education
 - Environmental Health
 - PCG Landfill Commission
 - Solid Waste Management Authority
 - Public Health Preparedness and Response
 - WIC/Nutrition
 - General Communicable Disease Control
 - Sexually Transmitted Diseases
 - Immunizations
 - Maternal Health
 - Women's Preventive Health
 - Child Health Services
 - Adult Health
 - Diabetes Care program
 - Behavioral Health Children's Developmental Services
 - Inter-County Public Transportation
- Focus was given on the HIV Disease Specialty Clinic (HOPWA Services)
 - Improves the access to HIV medications and lab testing for the underinsured and uninsured and ensures dental care for the clients in the 11 counties of the northeastern region
 - Care management is offered through fixed and mobile sites
 - Jail Testing initiative – screen and test for HIV and other STDs in jails and substance abuse treatment centers throughout the region

ESG Funding Application and Training

- River City CDC and Hertford County DSS plan to apply for ESG funding. River City – Street Outreach and Rapid Re-housing; Hertford County DSS – Homelessness Prevention
- There will be a training on August 15th at 201 W. 1st Street, Greenville, NC (Trillium Health Resources).
- The application has been released and distributed to those that are interested in applying for funding

Case Conferencing

- There were no cases to present

Questions/Concerns

- There were no questions or concerns

Announcements

- Ending the HIV Epidemic – September 11, 2019, 6pm – 9pm, Knobbs Creek Recreation Center (Free to the Public)

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.
- Next meeting date and location - TBA

Submitted by:


Webmaster/Secretary for Northeastern Homeless Coalition - Region 11