



# UNI5 REGIONAL COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: 02-20-2019

Location: Burke United Christian Ministries and Conference Call

Meeting Facilitated By: Casey McCall

Name	Agency	Present/ Absent	Name	Agency	Present/ Absent
Alison Azbell	Meeting Place Mission	P	Angela Battle	Kwanzaa Family Inn	P
Valerie Brooks	Options, Inc.	A	David Burleson	BUCM	A
Jeff Burns	A Caring Alternative	P	Jennifer Clark	Family Care Center	P
Lisa Cook	ACCESS Care	A	Curry Cromer	ABCCM	P
Kim Duncan	WPCOG	A	Jane Earnest	Family Care Center	P
Tammy Gray	VAYA	P	Stella Guido	Safe Harbor Rescue Mission	P
Bonnie Harper	GHCCM	P	Thom Hartman	House of Refuge	A
Cindy Hathcock	My Safe Haven	A	Gail Henson	CVBH	P
Aaron Kohrs	Greenway Transportation	P	Gwin Laws	Caldwell Co. Public Schools	P
Casey McCall	Salvation Army	P	Leila McMichael	Kwanzaa Family Inn	A
Lily Moody	Shelter Home of Caldwell Co.	P	Tonya Rathbone	Family Guidance Center	P
Sabra Rock	McDowell Mission	P	Van Taylor	McDowell Mission	A
Dave Thomas	Easter Seals	A	Jacqueline Watson	Caldwell Co. EMS	A
Teena Willis	Partners BHM	P	Carrie Workman	Salvation Army	A
Samantha Yancey	Meeting Place Mission	A			

- I. Call to Order - Introductions/ Welcome/ Sign In
- II. Review of Minutes from January
  - Accepted by common consent
- III. Balance of State
  - Steering Committee call updates
    - i. HMIS transition update – nothing new
      - Casey has not heard anything new since last conference call.
    - ii. ESG funding update – 39% Pro Rata received 2018
      - Long conversation regarding the funding – Casey believes that the problem lies with Written standards and how programs do not meet written standards. Ultimately, when they do not meet, we are not given funding.
        - Teena did express our dislikes on how the process went for ESG funding. Casey and Teena both agree that written standards need to be reviewed and see how the “appeal” process goes since they do not appeal/fit with our programs.
        - Many of our agencies are not willing to overhaul our programs.
        - Are our written standards saying we are that “low barrier”?
        - Kim and ESG are going to be doing onsite visits. We need to take advantage of them being “in the room” and ask the questions we have of them.
        - Something that we believe is a BoS issue more than an ESG issue. Maybe a funding priority issue? Need to focus on what the issue is that is creating barriers for funding.
    - iii. COC grant
      - Registration released Jan. 31
        - Opportunities opening up
        - Intent to Apply for new agencies, Shelter plus care, CoC rental assistance, etc.
          - i. Shelter Plus Care (COC Rental Assistance) is rental assistance for homeless. Chronis homeless grant, where chronic homeless are first priority.

- ii. VAYA has PSH program and also Chronic homeless are first priority
- iii. Grant pays rent and utilities on income
  - RFP put in, Angela Battle agreed to be on committee for grant
- Due March 14
- New COC applicant webinar for **Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**
- Application renewal webinar is **March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.**

#### IV. Coordinated Entry

- Case Conferencing scheduled for **second Friday of each month promptly at 9am**
- Everyone needs to make sure to review the individuals they have put on the list and make sure everything is current before the next case conferencing.
- Conference Call number will be used for case conferencing.
- Need to plan training for Coordinated Entry during next month's meeting. At BUCM at 11-11:30 (after Uni5 meeting)
  - i. Bonnie suggests to go ahead and do VISPIDAT and Prevention and Diversion videos to speed up process and bring questions with you during training.
  - ii. REMINDER!! If dates are 6 months are older, **RED for MIA** or **YELLOW for housed** Put in comments section if you know where they are at or what they are doing, etc.

#### V. Point in Time Count Follow up

- i. Alexander – Cindy Hathcock – No shelter in Alexander
- ii. Burke – Alison Azbell – Done at BUCM. Flyers distributed through email, newspaper article and radio. Had lots of volunteers from WPCC, blood sugar and blood pressure testing, around 37 individuals showed up for the survey. (estimate)
  - NON HMIS (Options and HOR) got their info submitted
- iii. Caldwell – Angela Battle
  - LEOs and Shelter Home of Caldwell needed to submit their survey info
  - Angela believed numbers were low in Caldwell
- iv. Catawba – Jennifer Clark –
  - successful PIT count. Casey said he was blown away by the amount of services they were able to provide to all the clients with the incentives provided to be able to get surveys done.
- v. McDowell – Van Taylor

#### VI. Agency Updates & other Discussions

- ACA, Jeff Burns (SOAR benefit specialist)
- Ken McArrer (CCM Trauma Chaplain/Spiritual Advocate and SOAR representative)
- GHCCM – Bonnie Harper, recently moved a client in less than a week, WOOHOO! Has opening up in Burke currently and has 3 clients looking for openings.
- Joy with ACA CTI services, filling in for Patricia Spangler. CTI works with Medicaid, SSI recipients. Issue is with those who literally have nothing and it's hard to find funding for those individuals. Looking for collaboration.
- Tonya Rathbone with Family Guidance Center, Consumer Credit Counseling Service (HUD counseling). Helps to overcome barriers in tenancy through individual counseling
  - o Credit scores – helps with understanding credit scores, how to increase scores, and improve scores through their employment.
  - o Once participant is engaged in counseling, a referral can be made to a landlord that may have rejected them before but this referral would help get them accepted.
- Christina Frasca – New manager of Friendship Home
- Sarah Joyner - new case manager at McDowell Mission
- Partners – Rutherford County is joining Partners starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - o Feedback survey sent out regarding housing and homelessness/Medicaid
  - o Teena will send out survey for us to bill Medicaid in housing programs we are doing
- Aaron Khors – Greenway Transportation – Free transportation until March 31, 2019
  - o Recent updated bus stops, check that out on FB and the website.

**\*\*Morganton recognized the Housing Crisis in the area and have begun discussion on what they can/will do to address it.**

Meeting adjourned and next meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am at BUCM with Call in Option