

Piedmont Regional Committee (PRC) Sign in Sheet

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MEETING MINUTES

Location: Rowan Public Library Stanback Auditorium 201 W Fisher Street
Salisbury NC 28144

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Welcome/ Introductions

Approval December Minutes

December meeting minutes approved by common consent.

Balance of State Update

Conference steering call every month 10:00a-12 (1st Tuesday monthly) Email BOS@NCCEH.ORG to get on distribution call.

Steering Committee conference call debrief – Melissa McKeown

- **VAWA Emergency transfer plan** - policies and forms are put in place for DV issue. Updated 2019 for 2020
Review the VAWA policy. Will be put on NCCEH. Mandatory for COC and ESG grantees
- **COC Competition**. Registration released in Jan. Due March 5th. Expect the grant inventory worksheet. COC are funds for RRH and PSH. Good Resource. NOFA to be released in May. Intent to apply on NCCEH Website.
-Will need a scorecard committee member. There are 3 conference calls scheduled for April.
-Need someone from our Region. Notify Melissa or Nicole if interested.
- **Racial Equity Sub Committee**- a partnership with NCCEH and BOS staff. Still welcoming members if you are interested, there's still time to get involved. Intro Webinar recorded- Look at May for in person meeting. Lots of language in funding for Racial Equity so make sure we are thinking about that.
- **PIT (Point in Time)and Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) update**: PIT count- make sure you are entering and exiting people. Numbers could be inflated if they aren't exiting out of HMIS. HIC count is the list of housing beds available for those experiencing homelessness
January PIT count- if you are in a shelter that uses HMIS, pulling data from HMIS. DV shelter uses a different system, will give guidance on that. If you were in a day shelter or street outreach program, a different app was used than last years. Problem was that the location was pinpointed on the app for street outreach. 33% were observations. HUD guidelines suggest less than 27% be observations.
- REMEMBER for next year, get training on how to turn OFF the location settings on the app.
- Priority list – Teresa 238 active on CE list. Additional 292 not enrolled in CE project. Those in shelter but haven't been enrolled in CE project YET. Please enroll them in the project.
- **CoVID 19 prep and planning**:
Right now the best we can do is to prepare. Hand hygiene. Plan more than you normally would for the flu.
CONTROL the HYSTERIA.
Post fliers in bathrooms on hand washing, - make ppl feel like you're on top of it.
If you haven't yet, reach out to local health dept. be apart of that planning process.
Realistically, none of us have a place to quarantine people.
Lots of folks we serve have a compromised immune system. Make sure there is a plan with health department. REACH OUT NOW to be proactive.
In ESG emails, Melissa to distribute today.
HEALTH DEPT for us, come in to evaluate planning protocol. Make sure we are using the right tools inventory stock of soap, cleaning products, sanitizer, etc...
- **. EMERGENCY SHELTER LEARNING Collaborative Debrief**- NCCEH, and our Region.
background on ESLC : We have been RRH and Housing first focused over past few years. Forgot how impnt ES is. Haven't had a lot of conversation on Emergency Shelter. The Collaborative is a year long program, 30/60/90 day goals. Site visits will be conducted in April.

1st one held last week- debrief on that. Thoughts? Great opportunity, we are the experts in our community.

Lots of ideas on how to step towards a LOW BARRIER organization. Action Plans are due today.

Measuring more those outcomes. Tighten up the Post Housing outreach. Funding the positions are hard, funding programs are what people want to fund.

- **Housing Connections Initiative** - funding opportunity announced.
- Made available by Health Blue, BC/BS NC MEDICAID
Lots of attn to health disparities causing homelessness. BC/BS want to fund communities to develop LL/potential tenants.
Estimated funding 70,000-130,000 per agency.
Interest form by due FRIDAY MARCH 1th
Need 1 lead organization to be the fiscal agent, would be reimbursed.

Jim HOOD – Opportunity House Cabarrus, very interested in this.

Davidson expressed interest.

Need dedicated team from this group – be present in person on MARCH 30th in RALEIGH.

Agreement to do the interest form and learn more about this. Nicole D. to send out more details.

MONEY USED for : coaching and skill building, implementing a plan and tracking progress, building critical partnerships, funding to support dedicated staff, flex funding to support moving households, risk mitigation(fund for damage to unit, so LL not paying out of pocket)

PRC Coordinated Entry Update: Teresa R via conference call

- total # in CE project 238 people including Vet, DV shelter, active in shelter, current housing search, enrolled in RRH and PSH. # 292 number in project, should be enrolled in CE Project, no VISPDAT in system. Can see everyone in shelter, ppl can be in shelter, within 14 days without made to CE project. If no SO project, can do paper VI SPDAT and send to Teresa.
Street Outreach to be set up with data center for SO project. Can build a SO program in HMIS, expect messy data. (APR, QPR, CAPER-expect messy data just for **street outreach.**)

If someone is over 14 days in shelter, needs VISPDAT – Cant verify homelessness, looks like that person isn't being assisted. * have VISPDAT in the system so we are verifying homelessness status.
VETERANS: VOA call, discuss housing referrals in Region. Several agencies in PRC that serve vets and house them and referred to VOA without going to shelter.- Need to be in touch with all agencies, track how many being served. Show what's happening in region., process with CE in order to check these people. Send Teresa VA information

Coordinated Entry Evaluations- Teresa R.

2nd year evaluating CE entry system. Surveys go to staff and client. Surveys can be done online as service providers. Paper surveys, make sure they are sealed. A webinar was held yesterday that's available on NCCEH site right now covering what shelters need to do.

Date to start distributing and collecting surveys: March22 - April 10.

Scan, email, fax, to Teresa, or directly to NCCEH * when you admin the survey, let the person know that the survey wont affect their housing -ideally outside of direct staff person to administer so they feel comfortable enough to be honest. Few questions were modified from last years survey.

www.ncceh.org/bos/coordinatedentry - under information tab, coordinated entry. Scripts are used and specific direction.

February Taskforce Reports- task force meetings are scheduled a month before the PRC meeting

ROWAN: PIT, Housing Partners to get LL to the table. Scheduled for the 19th. Kendra is starting new position at Carolinas Care partnership.

CABARRUS:

STANLY: 2 diff meetings scheduled but canceled due to weather. Esther house, mobile food pantry to talk about stand down. DSS

DAVIDSON: took over as lead agency canceled due to weather. Veteran housing through the housing authorities, 14 units available to Veterans. Housing Authorities, income based 14 veteran preference units with the Housing Authority Davidson County. Victoria to email Theres

UNION: THRIVE union, identifying gaps and duplications, lots of participation. Kick off meeting in Jan Identifying change agents in community, lot of interest and momentum.

Agency updates,-

Cromer Curry – assists those with veterans seeking employment. Helping Veterans with CDL school, open to any veteran experiencing homelessness Veteran at risk of homelessness. Stand down in Forsythe county. VA medical, dental, vision services.

Patrick Hayes, Veterans Bridge Home- VBH.

New position with Davidson- Family Services of Davidson County- DV shelter.

NEXT PRC IS JUNE 10th : STANLY COUNTY.