

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday January 8, 2020-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

**Present**

Kim Anderson, Pitt County Schools

Ken Becker, Community Crossroads Center

Eboni Campbell, AmeriHealth Caritas

Jim Cox, United Way, Regional Lead

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Margaret Dixon, Community Crossroads and Pitt County Planning

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, SOAR, Pitt County Planning

Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Kenneth Staton, Greenville Housing Authority

## **Introductions and Approval of November 2019 Minutes**

The January 2020 Pitt Regional Committee (Inner Banks) meeting began with introductions. No minutes were reviewed today. The committee watched a video called A Place to Call Home. Tujuanda stated the video may be added to the Greenville Housing Authority website.

### **Updates/Reports:**

#### **NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 1/7/2020**

The Steering Committee call was January 7, 2020. Jim will email everyone the call summary when he receives it. He encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month.

##### **A. 2020 ESG Grant**

Jim stated that all money was awarded (\$149,911). Conflict of interest statements were developed this year. There were several challenges with the ESG application review this year. The Balance of State has requested volunteers to participate in a workgroup to address issues this year. Contracts have been sent out. Pitt County Planning has already signed their contract and they were ready to begin services on 1/1/2020. The money is available and Deloris is accepting referrals. The group noted that the process has been streamlined in regards to awards/contracts. Jim stated that we should probably go ahead and start planning for next year. Margaret stated that she has been having conversations with partners in Beaufort County regarding applying for the funds.

##### **B. CoC Grant Update**

Lynne reported that they have hired the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 individuals needed to administer the CoC grant (enrollment and case management). They plan to hire 1 more part time person. She informed the group that they have hired Jacqueline Dawson. She is in new employee orientation today. There will be a transition period with Open Door. She will be transitioning out of her position there. Open Door has identified someone to assume her roles. However, in regards to the grant, she will still cover the Beaufort County area. Lynne stated that they hope to start housing people soon with this grant.

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

Lynne submitted a letter of intent for next year for grant. Tujuanda reported that Mr. Best submitted a letter for intent to the Vidant Foundation to cover Martin and Bertie County. Greenville Housing Authority will administer the grant. Margaret stated that the funding in Beaufort County is limited currently. Jim met with board members at Zion to discuss the model that is being used in Pitt County. Zion will submit a letter of intent to start a similar program in Beaufort County. The group discussed who will administer the funds in Beaufort. Sally suggested Open Door to administer the funds. James stated that he asked for additional funding through United Way as well to supplement funding. Lynne has been completing and submitting all the applications. Tujuanda noted that the ECU Adult Specialty Clinic is considering applying for Washington County.

#### **D. 2020 PIT Count**

The PIT count will take place on January 29, 2020 and can be done for 7 days after. There will not be a night count this year, there has been little success with going out at night in the past. Linda stated that she contacted the Salvation Army and they are fine with volunteers coming to do the count during breakfast (6:30am). Margaret would like to come and have a table set up during the breakfast. She stated she would like to do Vi-Spdat and review resource options as households are identified. She reminded everyone that a new app is being used this year. If you would like to volunteer please let Linda know as soon as possible (deadline for volunteers is mid next week). She encouraged volunteers to register and practice with the app. She stated that volunteers will be going to the Joy Soup Kitchen around 10:30/11:00am. Linda plans to put up posters at the sites to make everyone aware of the count. Jim stated that he would like to have volunteers available at the clothing closet at Community Crossroads between 2-4pm. He stated he has a call into Grifton Ministries and Farmville Soup Kitchen. He would like to determine whether volunteers are needed at these sites. Linda stated that book bags are already being put together in Pitt County. She stated that they are including toiletries, hats, gloves, resource numbers, etc. Linda reminded everyone that book bags should not be given out unless households participate and meet criteria. She stated that we should only do this for unsheltered count, do not duplicate those included from the shelter count. James inquired as to whether Devinder can ask if a couple of officers could be trained on the point in time app. Devinder stated that she would share the info regarding the count and the app. Kim stated the definition of homelessness is different with the school system. She will let us know if they identify families that should be counted in the PIT count. Jim and Linda reminded everyone that people do not have to give their names. We need the date of birth/age and first two initials to avoid duplication. Non HMIS agencies need to use the app. There is a conference call with the Balance of state today regarding the count. PIT trainings are posted on the NCCEH website. Sally stated that the scheduled monthly meeting in Beaufort County is tomorrow. She plans to finalize plans regarding the PIT count. The Tri-County meeting will be held on 1/14/2020 to prepare for the count.

#### **E. Pitt County Regional Committee Elections**

Jim discussed the regional elections for this year. Nominated positions are as follows: Jim Cox-Regional Lead, Tujuanda Sanders-Alternate lead, PIT lead-Jim Cox, Coordinated Entry lead-Lynne James, ESG lead-not identified, CoC lead-Rory Springs, and Webmaster-Melissa Eastwood. James made a motion to approve the roster as is with Ken Becker seconding that motion. Jim stated that this will be his last year as regional lead. The group discussed the need to start identifying new leadership for next year.

#### **F. SSO-CE grant**

Lynne reported that we are in the second year of the grant. We need to work on updating the coordinated entry plan for Region 12. They are entering all information in HMIS. Referrals through Coordinated entry should be done in HMIS. Margaret is still doing outreach for the region. She has a referral form. Please utilize the form for all referrals. Make sure referrals meet the definition of homelessness. Margaret reported that she gets a lot of referrals that are within 14 days of homelessness (evictions).

**Beaufort County**-Sally reported that they are still looking for a new location for the men's shelter.

**Tri-County Meeting**- No updates at this time.

## **Housing Updates**

**CCC/Tonette Latham**-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported they assisted 7 families in December (9 adults, 15 children). The total amount of assistance was \$4,055.75. They have funds available.

**GHA**-They are accepting applications for public housing and PSH.

**Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning**- Deloris reported that contracts are signed and they have funds currently. She is ready to accept referrals.

**SOAR Updates**-Linda reported that she does not have any updates today.

**Trillium Health Resources**-Preparing for transition to Tailored Plan. We have SSO-CE grants in Region 11 and 13, we have applied for a CoC RRH grant in region 13.

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

**C4FVP**-Catonna stated that she has a few openings (single beds, no family rooms). She made the group aware that she will not be attending the monthly meetings as much. She stated that the shelter is in the process of hiring a new case manager and that person will be at the meetings.

**Community Crossroads Center**-Ken reported that he has been at the shelter since September. He stated that there are some beds available (single men and women), however there are no family rooms available at this time.

**Veterans Activities**- No updates at this time.

**Pitt County Schools**-Kim talked to the group about a grant available through NAEHCY (National Association of Education for Homeless Children and Youth). Money is becoming available. Kim asked the group if there was \$30,000 to spend to support children who are experiencing homelessness, what kinds of things would be beneficial? Money cannot be used for transportation or daycare. The group discussed tutors for children at the shelter, study corners, lunches for children, money for case management to provide ongoing support during the summer. Kim provided info regarding Reconnect for Resilience. She stated that this is a great two day training. She reported that 337 children were identified as homeless last year, however she noted that the definition of homelessness in the school system is different than HUDS definition of homelessness.

**Miscellaneous**-Lynne provided info regarding the 2020 census. It is coming up on 4/1/2020. She stated that the homeless are a population target group. They are undercounted each year. Individuals in the shelter will be counted, however individuals that are unsheltered may not get counted. The process will start in March.

**Next Meeting: February 12, 2020 @ 9:00am**  
**Greenville Housing Authority**  
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