

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday March 11, 2020-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

**Present**

Kim Anderson, Pitt County Schools

Eboni Campbell, AmeriHealth Caritas

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Phoenix Hinson, City of Greenville

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center

Gloria Leak, Vocational Rehabilitation

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning (SOAR)

Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Kenneth Staton, Greenville Housing Authority

Cierra Swain, Trillium Health Resources

## **Introductions and Approval of February 2020 Minutes**

The March 2020 Pitt Regional Committee (Inner Banks) meeting began with introductions. Tujuanda asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Phoenix Hinson made a motion to approve the minutes with Deloris Farmer seconding that motion. The minutes were accepted and approved.

### **Updates/Reports:**

#### **NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups**

##### **Steering Committee/Conference Call 3/3/2020**

The Steering Committee call was March 3, 2020. Tujuanda stated that Jim will email everyone the call summary when he receives it. She encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month.

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

Tujuanda stated that there are no updates at this time regarding the Emergency Solutions Grant.

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

Tujuanda stated that volunteers are needed for the scorecard committee. Linda Mandell and Phoenix Hinson volunteered.

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

Tujuanda provided an overview regarding Project Safe Shelter for the group. She explained that the pilot program was started by Pitt County Planning. She stated that Greenville Housing Authority has submitted a letter of intent to Vidant for Martin and Bertie County. Sally reported that an agency in Beaufort County submitted a letter of intent as well. If everything is approved, Washington County will be the only county that does not have Project Safe Shelter.

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

The PIT count occurred on Wednesday January 29, 2020 and was done for 7 days after. Tujuanda reported that we had a successful count this year. She stated that she saw preliminary numbers last week and the count was discussed on the Steering Committee call. There were approximately 2,021 unsheltered individuals in North Carolina identified during the count.

##### **E. Coordinated Entry Evaluation/SSO-CE grant**

Tujuanda stated that we have to do an annual evaluation of our coordinated entry system. There is a client and service provider component. There is a survey for the shelter, RRH, PSH, etc. The Rapid Rehousing surveys will be done on a rolling basis (RRH is short term and if you were to complete it once a year you could miss households). Everything will wrap up in May. One person from each agency needs to complete the service provider survey. Surveys are already available online for PSH. For the shelter, surveys will be completed March through April as households complete the VI-SPDAT. They are due 4/4/2020. Surveys are confidential and anonymous. Paper surveys should be placed in a sealed envelope. The survey findings will be reviewed with the Steering Committee in June. Webinars are posted on the NCCEH website.

## **Housing Updates**

**CCC/Tonette Latham**-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported they assisted 11 families in February (13 adults, 30 children). The total amount of assistance was \$7,490.51. TANF can assist with past due rent, stopping evictions, deposits, etc.

**GHA**-They are accepting applications for public housing and PSH. However, KJ stated that they are pretty full currently.

**Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning**- Deloris reported that they have funds and that they are accepting referrals.

**SOAR Updates**-Linda provided an overview regarding the SOAR program. They help individuals that are homeless and that have a disability with applying for benefits. She provided info regarding the outcomes for SOAR nationwide. She stated that there was a 63% approval rate for initial applications and 42% on appeal. There were 4,273 approvals (667 approved on appeal). The average number of days to get a decision is 108. North Carolina was in the top 10 in regards to results.

**Trillium Health Resources**-Trillium will be hosting a Fair Housing Training on May 20, 2020. Registration info has been emailed out. Please refer any service providers or landlords that would benefit. It will be held at 201 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street Greenville NC 27858.

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

**C4FVP**-Catonnia reported that they have a couple of beds available. She stated that they can assist a couple of single females or a family depending on the size.

**Community Crossroads Center**-No updates at this time.

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

**Pitt County Schools**- No updates at this time.

**City of Greenville**-Phoenix stated that CDBG week in April will take place the week after Easter, showcases events and activities that the city is doing, funding is difficult right now as the HOME program may be cut. Phoenix will send out a flyer regarding the event. She stated that they are working on 4 houses on Fleming Street.

**Vocational Rehabilitation**-Gloria provided an overview of their services. She reported that they assist with employment. Gloria stated that they touch on all areas that affect individuals and their employment. If you have individuals that you feel would benefit, please refer them to VR. There will be an assessment to determine eligibility.

**AmeriHealth Caritas**-Eboni stated that there are no major updates today. She reported that the main thing is that Medicaid Transformation is still happening, when the governor signs the budget things will move forward. The state goes back into session April 28<sup>th</sup> and she will have additional updates.

**Miscellaneous**-Bringing it Home conference will be 5/20/2020 and 5/21/2020 in Raleigh.

Tujuanda reported that the Moving on training will be changed and will not be face to face anymore.

Tujuanda stated that she is working on getting a doctor to speak at our meeting next month.

**Next Meeting: April 8, 2020 @ 9:00am  
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