

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday July 10, 2019-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

**Present**

James Cox, United Way of Pitt County

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Lorina Garrison, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

Willie Mae Hawkins, Life of NC

Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

Shannon Lewis, Ariel Community Care, LLC

Patrick Robbins, Ariel Community Care, LLC

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

The July 2019 Pitt Regional Committee (Inner Banks) meeting began with those present to introduce themselves as there were new participants attending the meeting. After introductions, Jim Cox asked for a motion to approve the minutes for May 2019. Lynne James made a motion to approve the minutes for May 2019 with Deloris Farmer seconding the motion. The committee approved the minutes for May 2019.

Jim asked the representatives from Ariel Community Care, LLC to introduce themselves and share a little about their new organization. Shannon Lewis introduced herself and Patrick Robbins and stated their organization is a direct-care support services organization that works one-on-one with homeless individuals to link them to services they need. They provide mentors who work with individuals to ensure applications are completed correctly and provide encouraging and supporting guiding lights to teach independency. They are reaching out to different organizations and agencies for referrals and they cover the Jacksonville, New Bern, Wilmington and Greenville areas. The clients they serve must have Medicaid and have received a mental health diagnosis. Margaret Dixon provided her contact information to them as she can help them navigate through the resources.

### **Updates/Reports:**

#### **NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups/Community Resources**

##### **A. June Super Regional meeting wrap-up & next SR meeting December 11, 2019 in Beaufort County**

Jim asked for feedback on the Super Regional meeting that was held June 12<sup>th</sup> at the NCTeleCenter in Williamston. It was the consensus of all those present that it was a good meeting and everyone really enjoyed the presentations, especially Oak City Cares.

##### **B. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) 2019-2020 Competition**

Jim reported that the ESG projected release of the RFP is July 15<sup>th</sup>. He asked for applicants to go ahead and submit their applications. If there are new applicants this year, there is an 85 page NOFA that should be read so they are familiar with the process. Jim also stated that as a Region, we would have a deadline to get things submitted to the Selection Committee. There are webinars on the Balance of State's website to view regarding this grant. Jim noted there is a 90-day process after the NOFA opens and there will be two deadlines: the 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to BOS for review and the 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline will be to ESG office. Friday, October 11th at 5pm is the deadline to submit to the ESG office. Jim stated this may be a difficult process as we would be submitting this as a Region but it provides opportunities for Regional agencies to get additional funding and he encouraged those agencies to apply for funding. Lynne James added that agencies should apply even if they don't get funded. They can use it as a learning experience/opportunity and the BOS is very supportive and will explain how you could improve on your application for the future. Jim also mentioned the BOS staff will make a Regional visit on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Trillium offices in Greenville.

## **CoC Grant update: 2018 update & 2019 renewal application**

Lynne reported that the ESG is a state awarded grant and all applications are done as a Region and reported to the NCDHHS. She stated the CoC grant when awarded is a direct contract with HUD. Lynne continued that the 1<sup>st</sup> year ends August 31<sup>st</sup> for CoC but Pitt County received renewal funding. **SSO Grant**; Margaret stated that by going to the different counties covered under our Region, has helped get the word out and opened doors/communication. She has been to Beaufort County and is currently working on Martin, Washington and Bertie Counties. Lynne noted that the referrals are tied to HUD's definition of homelessness and we want to tighten up the quality of referrals to help with efficiency of helping those that qualify.

### **C. Project Safe Shelter (PSS): 2018 update & 2019 renewal**

Lynne stated Pitt County renewed their application and received \$8,500. Their current grant has less than \$1000 left for the year. She explained that this grant is a filler for people that are homeless that cannot get into a shelter because the shelter does not have any beds available. If the person is not interested in going to a shelter, they are not eligible for this grant. She also stated this grant is only for Pitt County. Margaret Dixon stated she is working with Beaufort County and the Zion Shelter and Washington County on how they can use the Project Safe Shelter monies more efficiently. Lynne noted we are trying to use these monies across our Region.

Sharon asked what the process was to use Project Safe Shelter monies and Lynne stated the first step is to see if the shelter has any beds and the goal is to get them to DSS so they can be referred to other agencies for the services they need. She also stated Margaret does an assessment to see what services they may need.

Lynne then discussed coordinated entry and stated Margaret is the outreach person and if there is an unsheltered individual they can be referred to Margaret so a prevention/diversion screen can be done.

## **Housing Updates**

**Trillium Health Resources-** No updates at this time.

**Supportive Services Only (SSO)/ Lynne James/Margaret Dixon** – waiting on new funding and taking referrals

**CCC/Tonette Latham-** Tonette reported in May, they assisted 9 adults and 18 children. The total amount of assistance was \$7,219.20. For June they assisted 11 adults and 20 children for a total of \$6,535.30. They have assisted 98 families for the year. Tonette reminded the group that the program can assist with security deposits, 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent, utility deposits, etc.

Devinder Culver stated the City is looking for referrals for an Executive Director for the Community Crossroads Shelter as Bob is retiring.

**Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning-** Deloris reported that she is still housing clients. She encouraged everyone to keep sending referrals and they have spent half of their monies for the year.

**SOAR Updates-** No updates at this time.

**C4FVP/CPitt** – Beds are available and we provide shelter for women and children. Men are not housed but are provided with resources through referrals.

Lynne James made a motion to adjourn and Gloria seconded the motion.

**Next Meeting:  
Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
@ Greenville Housing Authority**