

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday September 11, 2019-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Joseph Beach, Volunteers of America

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Margaret Dixon, Community Crossroads and Pitt County Planning

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Gabriela Gonzalez, NC Works

Willie Mae Hawkins, Life of NC Inc.

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 August 2019 Minutes

The September 2019 Pitt Regional Committee (Inner Banks) meeting began with introductions. Tujuanda chaired the meeting today. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Mandell made a motion to approve the minutes with James Rhodes seconding that motion. The minutes were accepted and approved.

Updates/Reports:

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 9/10/2019

The Steering Committee call was September 10, 2019. Tujuanda stated that Jim will email everyone the call summary when he receives it. She encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month.

A. 2019-2020 ESG Grant

Tujuanda Sanders is leading the ESG process for Region 12. Tujuanda updated the group regarding the grant process so far. The region was allotted approximately \$149,000 this year (\$2514 more than last year). All of the applications were reviewed and returned to the agencies for revisions/corrections. Tujuanda reviewed all agencies that are applying for funds (Community Crossroads, Pitt County Planning, and C4FVP). Jim submitted the Regional application and project applications to the Balance of State on 9/5/2019. Tujuanda went through the budgets for each program and obtained approval. Community Crossroads \$69, 991.00 (Motion made by Lynne James with Melissa Eastwood seconding the motion), Pitt County Planning \$69,140.00 (Motion made by Catonnia Pitt with Sally Love seconding the motion), and Center for Family Violence Prevention \$18,780.00 (Motion made by James Rhodes with Deloris Farmer seconding the motion). The group unanimously approved the budget recommendations. Tujuanda reminded everyone that the final regional/project applications is due to the ESG office on 10/11/2019 by 5:00pm.

B. 2019 CoC Grant Update

The Balance of State held a special steering committee meeting on 9/4/19 to review CoC applications and go over project rankings. The projects have all been scored. Scorecards with recommendations were returned to all project applicants. All of our renewal projects were in Tier 1. The group reviewed the current CoC grants/programs in Region 12. Greenville Housing Authority and Trillium Health Resources will be renewing their PSH grants (GHA-4 grants, Trillium-3 grants). Pitt County Planning submitted a renewal application for their RRH project that will have regional coverage. Lynne reported that half of the funding will be used to fund a position. They are requesting \$112,526.00. Lynne is hoping that they will be able to start the current CoC RRH grant on 10/1/19. They are waiting for the contract (confirmed it has been mailed). She is hopeful that it will complement the ESG Rapid Rehousing program. Gabi reported that no one reached out to her to participate on the CoC project review committee. Jim will follow up with NCCEH about this.

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

Lynne reported Project Safe Shelter has housed a number of families. She stated that they have steadily been moving people in and out. They have been utilizing the funds and things are going well. She stated that they did lose a week when the hotel was full due to the hurricane. Lynne reminded everyone that this can be utilized when someone is in an unsafe situation and cannot access emergency shelter. In order to be eligible, households must be homeless according to HUDS definition of homelessness (must be willing to go to the shelter when a bed opens up).

D. 2020 PIT Count

Tujuanda reminded everyone that this needs to be considered a year long process. The count will take place on January 29, 2020 and can be done for 7 days after. The group discussed the need to start identifying volunteers and the need to advertise the count more. Linda stated that she is going to schedule a meeting with Jim to start planning. We will be using an app again this year. James suggested reaching out to Pastor Coles to see if Churches Outreach Network can assist with the count. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda Mandell.

E. Supportive Services Only, Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE); Balance of State Grant

Lynne stated that the new grant year started on 9/1/2019. She stated that they had their first monitoring visit for this grant with NCCEH staff and that it went well. Lynne encouraged the group to be as thorough as possible when verifying homelessness. Households must be presented on days that they are at the shelter. James gave recognition to Lynne and Margaret for assisting a family that came to town around the time of the hurricane and that had no place to go. They assisted with family with getting into the disaster shelter, the disaster shelters closed quickly and they showed up to assist with a warm transfer to a DV shelter in another area. Margaret and Lynne stated that the DV advocate did a great job and was very helpful. Margaret made the group aware that Jacqueline Dawson with ODCC recently obtained her HMIS license.

Beaufort County-Sally provided information regarding the Power of the Purse fundraiser. It will be at the Civic Center in Washington. She brought information regarding the event.

Tri-County Meeting- No updates at this time.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported they assisted 12 families in August (14 adults, 23 children). The total amount of assistance was \$8,590.25. Margaret suggested that we capture these numbers in some way to document diversion

GHA-Tujuanda and KJ stated that they are accepting applications. Some PSH clients are getting vouchers from Section 8. This will create openings in their PSH program.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Deloris reported that funds are winding down. They have a small amount of money left. There may be a gap between when ESG funds run out when we are able to

access CoC funds. She is hesitant to accept new referrals at this point. New households will be added to the waitlist.

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that she is working with 2 clients right now. Both have been approved for disability. She plans to present them today at the HSC meeting. Linda stated that St. Timothy will be having Lobster Fair on Saturday 10/5/19. The cost will be \$18 for live or steamed. Meals will be approximately 22/23 and include fries, corn, and coleslaw. They will have shrimp, hamburgers, and hot dogs also.

Trillium Health Resources-Trillium is submitting 3 renewal grants (PSH), a new COC RRH grant for Region 13, a SSO CE grant for regions 11 and 13, and we are offering support to housing authorities applying for mainstream vouchers (apps were due 9/5).

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

C4FVP-Catonna stated that the shelter is currently full. Catonna stated that the second annual Domestic Violence impact Luncheon will be held on 9/26/19 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Greenville Convention Center.

Community Crossroads Center-. Tonette stated that the new director for CCC, Ken Becker, will be starting next Monday (9/16/19). Devinder stated that there will be a luncheon to meet him on 9/24/19.

Life of NC-Ms. Hawkins stated that they will be hosting a gala on 9/19/2019 at the Greenville Hilton and she would like to see everyone there.

Veterans Activities-Gabi stated that the Pitt County Stand-down will be on 10/25/2019 at St. James Church. The DAV will be hosting the event. She will send out fliers and vendor sign up information. Joseph stated that they (VOA) have funds, please continue to send referrals.

Next Meeting: October 9, 2019 @ 9:00am
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