

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

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

Present

Kim Anderson, Pitt County Schools

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

Phoenix Hinson, City of Greenville

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

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Kenneth Staton, Greenville Housing Authority

Introductions and Approval of September 2019 Minutes

The October 2019 Pitt Regional Committee (Inner Banks) meeting began with introductions. Jim asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Mandell made a motion to approve the minutes with Margaret Dixon seconding that motion. The minutes were accepted and approved.

Updates/Reports:

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 10/01/2019

The Steering Committee call was October 1, 2019. Jim will email everyone the call summary when he receives it. He encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month.

A. 2019-2020 ESG Grant

Jim reminded everyone that the final regional/project applications are due to the ESG office on 10/11/2019 by 5:00pm. He stated that everything is on track for the application to be delivered Friday by 5:00pm. Jim will deliver everything to the ESG office. He stated that the notebooks are almost finished. Jim thanked everyone for their help and participation throughout the process. The applications will be reviewed from 10/14/19 to 11/14/2019. Decisions should be made by 11/25/2019. Appeals will be done in December and contracts should go out in January. He stated that we should probably go ahead and start planning for next year. We need to advertise more and reach out to more agencies.

B. 2019 CoC Grant Update

The process is completed. Lynne reported that all of our renewal projects were in Tier 1. The ranked projects are posted on the NCCEH website. Everything was submitted to HUD by the Balance of State. The CoC RRH funds should be available for use in late fall. This is a regional grant. The CoC RRH grant can assist with households that meet the schools definition of homelessness.

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

Lynne stated that they have spent over \$3000.00 already. They have one family in Safe Shelter currently. She hopes they will be moving out this week. The family has identified housing and will be assisted by TANF.

D. 2020 PIT Count

The PIT count will take place on January 29, 2020 and can be done for 7 days after. Jim stated that BoS staff talked at length about the PIT count on the Steering Committee call this month. He stated that last year 27 counties had 0 and 22 counties identified 1-5 people. The BoS is encouraging all regions to start planning: identify leads, plan a timeline, and communicate to stakeholders. Linda Mandell is the PIT lead for Pitt County, Sally Love is the lead for Beaufort County, and Jim will take the lead regionally. Linda stated that lots of people came in at the last minute and wanted to assist with the count last year. She would like to line up volunteers in advance this year so that there is time to train them. There will be some online training regarding the count and we need to line up places to hold the training in advance. Linda and Jim talked about reaching out to neighboring communities. Jim stated that the app

will be used again this year. The super-regional meeting will be held on 12/11/2019 at Beaufort County DSS. Jim wants a focus/theme on the point in time count. We can use this as a tool to do outreach. Jim may invite someone from the Balance of State to attend. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda Mandell. Jim got names of 6-8 MSW students who want to assist with the PIT count. Jim asked Joseph if he participates in the count. Joseph stated that this is difficult for them due to their small staff size (3). Jim asked Kim if the schools could participate. 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.

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

Lynne stated that Margaret has been very busy. The new grant cycle started on 9/1/2019. Lynne requested that releases are attached when referrals are made. There is a new By Name list (version 3). Lynne stated that she is running a report for today's meeting. The Veteran by Name list will be reviewed on the second Wednesday of each month. There are approximately 144 households on our By Name list currently (does not include DV referrals).

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 10 families in September (14 adults, 23 children). The total amount of assistance was \$8,993.00. They still have funds available.

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

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Deloris reported that they were awarded an additional \$10,000.00. They have a little over \$11,000.00 to carry through until the end of the year.

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that she is working with a couple of people currently.

Trillium Health Resources-No updates at this time.

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

C4FVP-Catonna stated that she has a few openings.

Community Crossroads Center-The new director for CCC, Ken Becker, started on 9/16/19.

Veterans Activities- Joseph stated that they (VOA) have funds, please continue to send referrals. He stated that they just finished their fiscal year. They served 744 Veterans. Joseph stated that we should use VA as the referral entry point. Shelters can utilize referral forms as well.

Pitt County Schools-Kim explained that the definition of homelessness is different for the school system. Doubled up families are considered homeless. They get services and are monitored for a year. She will announce the PIT information at their January meeting. Tonette is going to meet with staff with the school system to provide information regarding TANF (Friday).

Next Meeting: November 13, 2019 @ 9:00am
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