

Northeastern Homeless Coalition  
Region 11  
January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Minutes

Present:

Lakitra Claude  
Teresa Forward  
Chenelle Riddick  
Cierra Swain  
Michele Welsh  
Tammy Kittrell  
Kisha Darden  
Carolyn Anderson  
Brian Fike  
Monica Oakes  
Lillian Dance  
Jackie White  
Patricia Holley  
Anne Cooper  
Martha Chick-Ebey

Michelle opened the meeting with a review of the coordinated entry process. Nine cases were reviewed. Six were approved for the Rapid Rehousing program. Three were held because more information was needed. All members were encouraged to bring up any information on the cases we review to the table during our meetings. This will help make decisions on who has the greatest need. Cases will be prioritized using the categories of Elderly, Disabled, Handicapped; Serious Health Issues; Families with children

River City reported funding for hotel stays was limited at this time. Brian Fike gave an update on selecting clients based on the smart sheet for the Back at Home program. All present were encouraged to have persons in need call the 211 number first. Additional staff has been hired to assist with the program.

Concerns over clients who may qualify for various other assistance such as Social Security or Disability were discussed. Many of the homeless with mental and physical disabilities are unable to navigate through the paperwork needed for many of our programs without one on one assistance. There was a question as to whether or not there were workers (Chore) who could assist them. The 211 system will be checked to see if they are available in our area.

Present barriers to helping clients include:

- With little to no funding for hotels, most clients are not able to be verified as homeless.
- Communication is also difficult if they staying from place to place.
- Phone contact is limited due to lack of minutes; changing numbers, no telephone

The Point in Time count for unsheltered not taken due to COVID 19 restrictions. Information from various agencies will be used.

The next meeting Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.