

Northeastern Homeless Coalition  
Region 11

July 22, 2021

**Minutes**

**Those Present:**

- Lakitra Claude
- Latori Gregory
- Kisha Darden
- Tim Andrews
- Tammy Kittrell
- Audrey Hopkins
- Brian Fike
- Michele Welsh
- Lillian Dance
- Leah Armstrong

Lakitra thanked everyone for joining the call and proceeded to carry out the meeting.

**Brief Discussion**

- 2021-2022 ESG Application – Lakitra informed the committee that the application along with instructions and deadlines was sent to different agencies within the region asking them to consider applying for the available funding; so far, only two agencies expressed their interest in applying for the funding; currently River City and Trillium are the only agencies in the region that receives ESG funding – River City – Rapid Re-housing and Back@Home; Trillium – Back@Home
- PIT Lead and Webmaster/Secretary Positions – both positions need to be filled. The PIT Lead would serve as the regional point person for capturing the unsheltered count and will work closely with the CE Lead to connect people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to the CE system and the by-name list. This will be done on a monthly basis. This position will now be a year-round role and elected annually by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The webmaster/secretary position will be responsible for taking minutes during the meetings and positing them on the website. Due to confidentiality, case conferencing notes cannot be posted to the website.
- Meetings/case conferencing – Case conferencing will continue to be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month; regular meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. The meetings will be brief and then we will go into case conferencing
- Emergency Housing Vouchers – Roanoke-Chowan Housing Authority has been awarded the vouchers for this region. They can only be used in Hertford County, since that is one of the counties that the agency covers in that region. It's projected that they will start accepting referrals in August.
- Participation/Outreach – it was asked of the committee members present to reach out to their colleagues at different agencies within the region to see if they would be interested in joining the regional committee. There have been several agencies participant in the regional committee, but none seem to stay involved long. As of today, there are only 2 active agencies – River City and Trillium

**New Referrals**

- There were 3 new referrals

- Two individuals were referred to the B@H Program and the other one was placed on hold until another VI-SPDAT can be done

### **Review and Updates**

- Everyone that has been referred and approved for a housing program, is in housing search
- It was reported that one individual has passed away
- River City CDC has some individuals housed in hotels until they can find housing and/or while funding last

### **Program Updates**

- Trillium's B@H Program – still accepting housing referrals
- River City's B@H Program – still working out the kinks and have not received any referrals from 211
- Rapid Re-housing – unable to give an update at this time
- Permanent Supportive Housing – no openings at this time

### **Announcements**

- HOPE Program – still accepting applications; to apply, individuals can call the toll free number or apply online; will offer rent and utility assistance, but not just utility assistance; must experience financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Emergency Housing Vouchers – HUD is allocating vouchers to Public Housing Authorities; the PHAs will receive referrals from the regional committee; the only PHA in the area that was awarded vouchers and agreed to participate is Roanoke-Chowan Regional Housing Authority and the only County they serve in the region is Hertford
- CARES Act Funding – Economic Improvement Council is still accepting applications; the need must be COVID related

### **Adjournment**

- The next meeting will take place on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:00am