

Northeastern Homeless Coalition
Region 11

August 12, 2021

Minutes

Those Present:

- Lakitra Claude
- Michele Welsh
- Rita Blair
- Martha Chick-Ebey
- Tim Andrews
- Cara Moraitis
- Latori Gregory
- Stephanie Elliott
- Nicole Wilson
- Brian Fike
- Audrey Hopkins
- Lillian Dance

- ❖ Lakitra thanked everyone for joining the call and proceeded to carry out the meeting.
- ❖ Ms. Stephanie Elliott with Greenville Housing Authority joined the call and introduced herself along with the program that is being offered by GHA in Region 11. Ms. Elliott is the Housing Program Coordinator with the Greenville Housing Authority. GHA has a Foster Youth Program that will cover the entire region. To be eligible for a voucher, the youth must meet the following requirements:
 1. Must be at least 18 years old and not more than 24 years of age;
 2. Left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act;
 3. Is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older.
 4. A young person who meets the above requirements and is pregnant and parenting is also eligible.

Requirements for administering supportive services

- PCWA is required to provide or secure supportive services for participating youth
- Services must be provided for a period of 36 months
- Notice describes the required services; additional services may be provided
 - Basic life skills training
 - Housing counseling
 - Landlord support services
 - Employment and training
 - Education and career advancement services
- HUD encourages full participation in self-sufficiency services for the participating youth.

Brief Discussion

- 2021-2022 ESG Application – Lakitra informed the committee that the deadline for submitting the application is tomorrow. As of today, River City is the only agency that has expressed interest in applying for the available ESG funding. Cara informed the committee that they are reviewing the application one more time and plan to submit it before the 5pm deadline. River City is asking that their Rapid Re-housing and Emergency Shelter programs are funded for another year.

New Referrals

- There were 6 new referrals
 - 4 individuals were referred to Trillium's B@H Program, 1 was referred to River City's Rapid Re-housing Program and the other person was placed on hold until further notice

Review and Updates

- Everyone that has been referred and approved for a housing program, is in housing search

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 – accepting referrals
- 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
- 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 26th, 2021 at 9:00am