

Northeastern Homeless Coalition  
Region 11  
(Meeting and Case Conferencing)

January 13, 2022

**Minutes**

**Those Present:**

- Lakitra Claude - Trillium
- Michele Welch – Trillium
- Cara Moraitis – River City
- Lillian Dance – EIC, Inc.
- Marti Chick-Ebey – Hampton VA
- Reta Blair – EIC, Inc.
- Autumn Henderson – Trillium
- Cherri Brunson – ARHS
- Sonya A. Williams - Vidant
- Victoria Gray – River City
- Reta Blair – EIC, Inc.
- Tammy Kittrell - Trillium

**New referrals and By-name List Review**

- One new case was staffed on today. The committee agreed that the individual would be a good referral for an emergency housing voucher. This individual was previously on the B@H list. River City will complete the referral.

**Review and Updates**

- Updates were given on the individuals on the by-name list. Many are unable to be reached and six individuals have been housed.

**Emergency Housing Vouchers**

- Michele spoke to the committee about the emergency housing vouchers. The vouchers are issued from North Carolina's Commission of Indian Affairs' Section 8 Program. The vouchers do not have to be used in the county that the person currently resides. They can use in any county in NC. All referrals should come from the region's by-name list. Individuals must also meet the following criteria;
  - Be ready to move on and/or with highest length of unsheltered homelessness and/or on current CE by name list who need long term rental assistance.
  - Meet HUD's definition of homelessness
  - At risk of homelessness (HUD's standards)
  - Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking (defined by HUD)
  - Recently homeless – defined as families who have previously been classified by a member agency of the CoC as homeless but are not currently homeless as a result of homeless assistance, temporary rent assistance or some type of other assistance, and where the CoC determines that the loss of such assistance would result in a return to homeless or the family having a high risk of housing instability.

**PIT Count**

- The count will take place the evening of January 26, 2022.

- Assistance is needed with capturing the numbers of the unsheltered count in each county
- Assistance is needed with contacting the individuals that are currently on the by-name list to update their status
- Whitney Smith has agreed to be the region's Unsheltered Access Coordinator which involves working closely with Michele to connect people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to the CE system and provide housing resources.
- The committee was asked to complete the form that will be sent to them after the meeting for anyone they encounter that is an unsheltered, homeless individual between now and the night of the 26<sup>th</sup>. All forms are to be sent to Michele after completion.

### **Program Updates**

- Trillium Health Resources - not accepting referrals for B@H and there are no PSH openings
- River City – not accepting referrals for any of their programs

### **Announcements**

- The Economic Improvement Council will open up their Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) waitlist on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Applications will be accepted for Chowan, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Washington counties. Those that need a reasonable accommodation (elderly, disabled, and handicapped), may send a written request to PO Box 549, Edenton, NC 27932, Attn: C. Morgan before February 4<sup>th</sup> for a paper application.

### **Adjournment**

- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 9:00am

***\*\*\*Due to confidentiality, case conferencing notes are not included with the minutes\*\*\****