

WNC HOMELESS COALITION
Regular Meetings -2nd Thursday of the month
February 13th 10:00 am -11:00 am
Referral and Monitoring Meeting/RRH Selection Committee 11:00-12:00 pm

MINUTES

Meeting Location: United Community Bank, Community Room
1640 E Main Street, Sylva

Dial in Telephone: (475) 441-4532

Pin Number: 795 144 354#

INTRODUCTIONS

Abbey Mace - Western Carolina University
Sasha Jumper - Western Carolina University
Mindy Rathbone - EACH Initiative
Claudia Mathis - WNCAP
Tonya Moore - Appalachian Community Services
Noah Begley Sexton - Appalachian Community Services
Misty Stillman - Appalachian Community Services
Veronica Murphy- REACH of Macon
Becca Swanger - Meridian Behavioral Health (Jackson)
Jennifer Abbey - Meridian Behavioral Health (Haywood)
Nancy Chastain - Hurlburt Johnson Friendship House
Toby Adams - REACH of Cherokee
Dan Ferreira- Four Square
Reba West - REACH of Haywood County
Keri Guidry - Haywood Pathways Center
Rhonda Blanton -Macon County Senior Center
Bob Rouke- Macon New Beginnings
Sarah Martin - REACH of Clay
Kathleen Burns - The Giving Spoon
Stephanie Almeida- Full Circle Recovery
Destri Leger - HERE in Jackson County

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- **Introductions/ Attendance**
- **Review & Approval of January Minutes**
 - Correction to add Reba West to attendee list and correct Dan Ferreira's name. Otherwise approved.
- **Balance of State Steering Committee Update**
 - Reminder emails have not been going out. Destri contacted NCCEH who said the issue has now been fixed. Regular BOS meeting updates should resume in March.
- **Coordinated Assessment Update**
 - Region 1's Coordinated Assessment will be moving off of Google Docs and onto HMIS by April. The Coalition is looking for service providers willing to obtain an HMIS license (at no cost) and enter Coordinated Entry data for their clients or county. Interested agencies should contact Destri for more information.
- **Rapid Rehousing Update**

- Approximately \$13,000 of Rapid Rehousing assistance has been disbursed since 01/01/2020. Seven households have been housed and at least three have continued rental assistance.
- Destri suggested to the committee that the coordinated entry process be used more for entry purposes only and continued assistance should be determined by the agency responsible for the housing outcome (HERE). Mindy suggested using RAMM for requests for continued assistance that are denied. The group agreed to both suggestions.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing Update**
 - Monica Frizzell is no longer with the PSH Program. Sarah Lancaster with Vaya Health will be the interim contact for the program.
- **Agency Report Outs**

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- **Point in Time Count Feedback**
 - Suggestions to start preparing/training for 2021 PIT around November 2020.
 - Discussion about finding a way to coordinate with the school system to ensure children are getting counted.
- **2020 Meeting Schedule/Agendas**
 - March - Coordinated Entry/Rental Assistance Referral Training
 - April - Housing Continuum and Additional Resources (Sarah with Vaya)
 - TBD - Homelessness & Youth
- **Formalizing WNC Homeless Coalition**
 - As there is interest in having formal regional resources addressing social determinants of health, Destri suggested formalizing the WNCHC into a 501(c)3 so that it may apply for grants to assist regionally with training, resources, and capacity building around homeless services. An Exploratory Committee will be formed to look into the option.

NEXT RAMM MEETING - February 27th at 11 AM (via telephone only)
Dial in Telephone: 224 475 1422
Pin Number: PIN 630 712 639#

NEXT COALITION MEETING - March 12th at 10 AM