



WNC HOMELESS COALITION

Regular Meetings -2nd Thursday of the month
September 10, 2020 10:00 am -11:00 am
Referral and Monitoring Meeting/RRH Selection Committee 11:00-12:00 pm

MINUTES

INTRODUCTIONS

Destri Leger	HERE in Jackson County
Judith Alverado	REACH of Clay County
Derek Lancour	Vaya Health
Michaela Myers	Center for Domestic Peace
Keri Guidry	Haywood Pathways Center
Stephanie Almeida	Smoky Mountain Harm Reduction
Denise Bean	HERE in Jackson County
Jill Carter	ABCCM
Jennifer Abbey	Meridian Behavioral Health
Jennifer Holling	Cherokee Indian Hospital
Rhonda Blanton	Macon Senior Resource Center
Pat Meeks	Hulburt Johnson Friendship House
Tobi Adams	REACH of Cherokee County
Reba West	REACH of Haywood County
Monica Frizzell	NC Department of Health and Human Services

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- Review & Approval of Minutes
 - August 13 monthly meeting
 - Judith motions to approve, Tobi seconds, no opposition
 - Minutes approved
 - Coordinated Entry Prioritization August 27 meeting
 - Destri motions approve, Derek second, no opposition
 - Minutes approved
 - Coordinated Entry Re-Prioritization email vote
 - Derek motions, Reba seconds, no opposition
 - Minutes approved
- Balance of State Steering Committee Update
 - Steering Committee short summary can be found at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Su6oEj3RerNwxnxaaihjbgNZnJaSv13U/view?usp>

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- Coordinated Entry Update
- Rapid Rehousing Update
 - Annual ESG funds for Rapid Rehousing have been exhausted. This program will not have slots available for new households until January 2021. Destri will provide an update when Back@Home funds are available.
- Permanent Supportive Housing Update
 - Derek reported that 38 households (95 individuals) are enrolled in PSH, 36 are actively participating in the program. 10 members are looking for housing, 8 homeless, 2 are looking to move out of their current units (looking in Haywood/Jackson). Vaya is looking to add two more households to their caseload. Derek anticipates that they will likely add one or two more households next month.
- Agency Report Outs
 - Stephanie - Smoky Mountain Harm Reduction is starting street outreach for Harm Reduction in Macon, Jackson, Swain, & Clay County. They are currently in the process of looking for outreach locations. If you know of any street outreach locations in the above listed counties, please email Stephanie at preventionrocks@gmail.com. The agency is moving to an all volunteer model and is designing volunteer training before starting street outreach. SMHR is still providing syringe exchange & overdose prevention services and have PPE & food to share.
 - Jill Carter - ABCCM has funding for housing & employment services for veterans.
 - Judith - REACH of Clay had 3 shelter clients this month. One moved out to a long term treatment facility, one relocated to Franklin, and one going to a different shelter due safety issues.
 - Keri - Haywood Pathways currently has 3 moms with 8 kids in the family shelter, possibly adding another. Singles shelter still has beds available though they are still operating at 60% capacity. All visitors and clients must wear a mask on campus. Those looking to complete an intake must call Keri on her work phone to at (828) 989-5036. Pathways is still serving to-go meals to the community and will be opening a food truck called Holy Cow mid-September to bring in revenue for the agency.
 - Tobi - REACH of Cherokee is continuing with Meals on Wheels. RoC also gave away packages of supplies including underwear for school children. They are in the process of working on a program to reach out to elders in need.
 - Jesse Lee - Down Home North Carolina is co-hosting an Overdose Prevention Town Hall including the NC House of Representatives Districts 118 & 119 and

30th Judicial District candidates on October 1st at 6 PM.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- ESG Annual Competition
 - Application projected to be released mid-August
 - Regional Allotment: \$127,129
 - Emergency Services (60% maximum): \$76,277
 - Housing Stability (40% minimum): \$50,852
 - Application instructions can be found at:
<https://www.ncceh.org/2021esgapplication/>
 - This link includes application and budget forms as well as the submittal link.
 - Applications and documentation are due to Balance of State by **Tuesday September 15th at 6 PM.**
 - Final applications are due to the state ESG office on **October 16th by 5 PM.**
- Eviction Moratorium
 - The Center for Disease Control has issued a nationwide eviction moratorium. Legal Aid of North Carolina has put together information to guide those in need to prevent evictions. This information can be found at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_UVR1eJTTiwog0GivhafvbmrxNUPF4p4/view?usp=sharing

NEXT RAMM MEETING - September 24th at 11 AM (via telephone only)

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NEXT COALITION MEETING - October 8th at 10 AM