



WNC
HOMELESS
COALITION

Regular Meetings -2nd Thursday of the month

December 9th, 2021 9:00 am -10:00 am

Referral and Monitoring Meeting/RRH Selection Committee 10:00am-11:00 am

AGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS

Wes Myers: Center for Domestic Peace
Keri Guidry: Pathways
Lori Watts: Vaya Health
Derek Lancour: Vaya Health
Reba West: REACH of Haywood Co
Robert Cochran: HERE of Jackson Co
Jessica Rice: ABCCM
Ken Ferreria: Four Square PHA
Viyanna Langager: Meridian/Blue Ridge Cherokee ACTT
Monica Frizzell: DHHS
Veronica Murphy: REACH of Macon Co
Destri Leger: PIT
Emily Starnes: Mountain Projects
Takiya Knight: Volunteers of America HIV Program
Judith Alverado: REACH of Clay
Trish Lawson: REACH of Clay
Jennifer Holling: Cherokee Hospital

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- Balance of State Steering Committee Update
 - Steering Committee updates and documents can be found at <https://www.ncceh.org/bosminutes/>
 - Derek provided updates based on Steering Committee info
- Coordinated Entry Update
 - Robert facilitated discussion about EHV's that could be ported to Region 1
 - EHV: Covid funding resource made available to state and Region 1 can have vouchers ported from Commission of Indian Affairs (414 vouchers)
 - Like Section 8 housing choice vouchers
 - Permanent voucher
 - Difference: go up to 120% of FMR, unique and valuable resource
 - Reviewed 3 priority groups
 - PSH moving on
 - PSH eligible but lack documentation
 - Families or individuals on CE waitpool who need long term rental assistance (category that could assist large portion of Region 1 homeless)

- Questions about EHV and paperwork/process
 - Through PHA (Mountain Projects and Four Square on call)
 - Four Square: Clay Graham Cherokee Swain
 - Four Square detailed various options
 - Difficulties with general lack of capacity
 - Current PHA voucher wait is 2-3 years
 - Monica: explained additional EHV info and process to present during RAMM to determine best fit for household
 - Concerns about rental prices far exceeding FMR due to housing shortages (EHV can accept 120% of FMR)
 - Targeted Key program is going to start working with EHV households
 - Details currently for Targeted Key in relation to EHV are TBD
 - Explained purpose for CE and intent of CE along with brief description
 - Detailed case staffings as key component and what staffings should consist of
 - CE: remaining low barrier; if approved for RRH and/or PSH can be staffed and accepted during RAMM but before spending any funds, they would need to be added to CE
- Rapid Rehousing Update
 - Robert: plenty of funds remaining for RRH due to Back @ Home
 - Over 43K remaining funds for RRH
 - Anyone approved through end of year can access 2022 funds
 - Approved 27 people but only spent funds on 4 of those approved households
- Back@Home Update
 - Robert: brief description of program
 - Ends June 2022
 - Robust RRH and homelessness prevention program
 - Paying rent and deposits for large number of households, covering all of WNC counties
 - Specific numbers: Back @ Home started Dec-June
 - 17 households housed
 - 32 individuals housed
 - Since July to present
 - 30 households housed
 - Previously ceased referrals due to back log but 211 is now open again for referrals/referral process
 - 20 min call, screening process
 - 211 screens and then HERE picks up case at that point
 - 1 dedicated case manager resigned recently, so currently only 1 case manager and unlikely to fill position due to program ending June 2022 and anticipated learning curve for this role/position
- Permanent Supportive Housing Update
 - Derek relayed update about grant numbers for PSH and spending as of just prior to

Thanksgiving

- Derek relayed that PSH able to accept 2 more households today during RAMM if applicable and entered to CE process
- Agency Report Outs
 - REACH of Macon: Veronica stated they are at capacity currently, requested contact if someone aware of vacancies
 - Destri Leger: PIT Count Lead: reviewed changes to PIT
 - Changes: no unsheltered count this year that is not HMIS related,
 - Sheltered count has remained same process for those in shelters
 - HMIS
 - CE or another front door project to be counted for PIT
 - Household must have some interaction with HMIS user to be counted
 - PIT app used in past; this year those individuals need either VISPDAT to be added to CE system or for those not interested in CE process but want to be included in count then front door project would add their data which would most likely come from street outreach work
 - Trying to determine logistics for capturing this data and having discussions with state about having new project pertaining to street outreach
 - Positives, once added to CE or front door then they are already included in system and could be considered for assistance
 - Working through learning curve to improve efficiency with process changes
 - if working with unsheltered population then asked to connect with Destri and Destri provided her contact info to support with connection for future street outreach

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

- Regional Committees are asked to elect their local leadership during the 4th Quarter. Our COC will vote on Leadership roles at our December meeting. Is there anyone who would like to be put their name on the list for any of the following positions:
 - Regional Lead- Keri Guidry; Monica motioned and Robert 2nd
 - Regional Lead Alternate- Any Volunteers?
 - Coordinated Entry Lead (HERE)- Robert Cochran; Derek motioned, Veronica 2nd
 - Webmaster- Derek Lancour; Robert motioned, Destri 2nd
 - Project Review Committee Representative- Monica Frizzell; Veronica motioned and Keri 2nd
 - Project Review Committee can have more than one person on committee for each region

- Keri provided info on email from NCCEH about DV program:
 - o Researchers at UNC Chapel Hill have developed an online program to help moms who have been exposed to domestic violence prepare their teens to engage in healthy relationships. They are currently enrolling moms and teens in a study to test the program. Moms and teens who participate will receive up to \$180 in gift cards. Please share the attached flyers and/or social media posts with your participants and staff to help spread the word.
 - o For more information: <https://redcap.unc.edu/surveys/?s=ETXWTWNAEHJNDWMN>