

Neuse Regional Meeting

September 8, 2021

Present: LaTasha McNair, Eastpointe; Deniece Cole, Spiritual Destiny; Geraldine Merritt, Duplin Christian Outreach; Angela Bates, Greene Lamp; Crystal Gwendo, Greene Lamp; Sharon Carney, Greene Lamp; Kaydi Roberson, Greene Lamp; Sheryl Cox, Regional 10 unsheltered Pitt Lead; Sharon Dixon, Eastpointe; Felicia Williams, City of Goldsboro; Michelle Wiggins, Goldsboro HOA; Ashley Horne, 4 Day Movement; Linda Walling, Hope Station; Captain Stephanie Blevins, Salvation Army of Wayne County.

Review of Minutes: Minutes were approved with no corrections. Linda motion and Angela Bates 2nd.

Covid-19 Response – Duplin – Covid vaccine clinics and testing Sept 16- Health department Kenansville, Sept 17-Greenevers community, Sept-18 Mt Sinai Wallace, Sept 25 -Mt Zion Kenansville; Greene – nothing new to share; Lenoir – Covid screens by the Lenoir health and community center; Greene Lamp accepting application for families through the CARES Act, CSBG, Vaccine job fair; Sampson, no update; Wayne, city of Goldsboro finish contract signing for CARES Act funding and looking to received second round soon, HOA Goldsboro, Sept 23 vaccine clinic @ Legion homes, 4 Day movement passing out food boxes and covid supplies and shelter ; Wilson – Health department and Community Family Health Center continue to push for vaccines; Hope Station continues to offer the Back at Home program currently evaluation the budget , active renovation of the men shelter, Linda reported they are passing out \$50 gift cards for sheltered client for vaccine while they are sheltered, grateful that no positive cases has been in sheltered, spent over \$70,000 on hotels and has limited the hotel.

Balance of State Short Summary – this was shared with the group by Latasha. Sent out by email to review at your leisure.

Coordinated Entry – Linda reported on our CE process. We are case conferencing for service provision and to make sure we aren't duplicating services. Have to CE for the Emergency housing voucher except for the people that are through moving on program. Have added to the by name list of all the names from all the counties from 211 to enter all SSN's. Encourage anyone who has someone to referred for the Emergency Voucher to get the names in by Tuesday noon to John.

COC update – LaTasha reported that we are in the middle of the COC competition. September 18 the information was published to regional committees and sent out to everyone. The intent to apply has ended, applications are due into HUD by November 16, Eastpointe is the only grant recipient in our Region. Racial equity assessment for anyone interested to the NCCH website as it relates to housing and homelessness.

Emergency Housing vouchers – recap of the EHV, funding that came down from HUD in May for those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. HUD awarded the vouchers to public housing authority and in our region Greene County was awarded but declined the vouchers. However, NC commissions of Indian affairs will serve the entire region which give us access to those vouchers, referrals must be made to coordinated entry (Hope Station) by contacting 211. They received 414 vouchers and it is expected that the vouchers will not last long.

ESG Grantees

LaTasha announced the 2020 funding allocation recommendation we have three funding agency, Greene Lamp, Hope station and salvation Army, all six counties are covered. LaTasha reported the process of applying and recommendations. Only had three in our region applying for the 2022 projects and all three were recommended with the requested funding amount. Salvation Army requested \$50,00 for Emergency shelter funding; Hope Station requested \$77,000 for HMIS, Homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing; Greene Lamp requested \$90,200 for Homelessness prevention and Rapid Re-housing. LaTasha explained the process for approval. The BOS our fair share for region 10 \$235,6327, our region was under our fair share of 18,000 and it was decided that Greene Lamp receive those funds which granted them \$112,147. The recommendation for Salvation Army was reduced to last year funding amount on a conditional basis. Hope station was fully funded with a condition they participate in Re-rehousing with technical assistance. Each agency must respond by Friday with their decision.

Salvation Army and Hope Station shared why they are not willing to participate based on the ESG recommendations for shelter funds.

ESG Project Updates

Captain Stephanie provided a report from Salvation Army of Wayne County. The written report was reviewed and discussed with all attendees.

Sharon from Greene Lamp – shared a written report and we reviewed and discussed with all attendees.

Linda from Hope Station – shared a written report and we reviewed and discussed with all attendees. Linda stated that they have overspent the Prevention funds and will request a change in her budget to reflect.

Agency Updates

Angela Bates, Greene reminded that she has sent her letter of intent to the BOS for five counties Greene. Lenoir, Wayne, Sampson and Duplin

Deniece Cole covid 19 vaccine will be offered at the October 7, 2021, stand down event Wayne County for veterans but vaccine for everyone that come.

Michelle Wiggins contacted from Goldsboro police department about transitional housing and resources

Latasha announces upcoming job fairs from Victor in Lenoir County October 9th 10,14, 29th. 9/11 memorial at Grainger,

LaTasha reminded attendees of upcoming meetings.

Wilson Greene local Meeting September 21; Down East October 13, Last quarterly meeting for the year will be November 10, 2021. Elections for the next year leadership role will take place as well.

Adjournment: 1:08 pm