

Region 12, Inner Banks, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting

Conference call/WebEx

Wednesday March 10, 2020-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Peter Peedin, Pitt County United Way (Host)
Ken Becker, Community Crossroads Center
James Cox, United Way, Regional Lead
Desire Hall, Trillium Health Resources
Stephanie Elliott, Greenville Housing Authority
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
Wanda Montano, Community Crossroads Center
Lynne James, Pitt County Planning
Joseph Beach, Volunteers of America
James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning
Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority
Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way
Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Dept.
Kimberly Stanley, Back @ Home Trillium
Brian Fike, Trillium Health Services
Eric Chester, VA Medical Center
Catonia Pitt, Center for Family Violence
Laura Coleman, Center for Family Violence, VP
Augustine Frazier, Department of Social Services
Phyllis, American Red Cross

Introductions and Approval of February 2021 Minutes

Pete began the meeting by introducing himself and discussing how he will be taking over the role previously held by Jim Cox. Pete thanked Jim for his time in service.

Pete asked for a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Wanda Montano made a motion to approve the minutes with Augustine Frazier seconding that motion.

Updates/Reports : NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups / Community Resources

A.) ESG-CV2 Update (Jim Cox)

Jim provided the group with an update on the CV2 funding stating that contracts are in process and the remaining of the \$930,000 funding will go to the Back @ Home program. Ken stated that he applied and received approval, he now has regular ESG and wrote his first requisition on that in January. The shelter is waiting on the contract for the CV2 funding with plans to use part for hotel/motel stays for those not able to be housed in the shelter. Catonia introduced her Vice President, Laura Coleman to provide an update for the Center for Family Violence. Laura stated that there is no additional update at this time, retroactive back to January 1st, funds are planned to be used for hazard pay as well as housing when overcapacity.

B.) Greenlamp (Bridgette Moore)

Bridgette stated that Greenlamp is continuing to work with the Care grant, disaster relief, Family Self Sufficiency, CV2 grant, and the COVID grant. Applications are still being accepted.

C.) Vaccine Distribution (Peter Peedin)

Pete stated that in two weeks the homeless population will be vaccinated in mass and the staff to be updated as well.

D. Eviction Diversion Interest Group (Jim Cox)

Jim spoke about the eviction diversion meetings stating that they meet every other Wednesday at 4pm. The purpose of the group is to collaborate with coordinated efforts to prevent eviction.

E. Trillium Health -Back at Home (Brian Fike)

Brian updated on the Back at Home program stating that Kimberly Stanley and Heather Farmer were new to the team. Trillium has completed the hiring process and caseworkers have been assigned to applicants. Anyone experiencing homelessness or at risk within the last 2 weeks can call 2-1-1 to be assessed and through smartsheet are assisted with housing. Rent, utilities, rent and utility deposits, rapid rehousing with more time than before available. The overall hope is to clear more people off of the Coordinated entry list. Laura Coleman inquired about the ability to pay double deposits. Brian answered that it is available along with other landlord incentives stating that there is more flexibility with this funding than previous grants.

F. COC Grant Process (Tujuanda Sanders)

Tujuanda stated that the grant inventory worksheet will release sometime in May. This shows agencies with funding requests. The Balance of State is taking applications for new funding and a webinar is available on NCCHS.

G. HMIS Subcommittee Group (Tujuanda Sanders)

First meeting for HMIS subcommittee yesterday. There are two agencies identified to begin recruiting, Zion Shelter and Open Door. Need to introduce ourselves by March 15th.

H. Coordinated Entry Evaluation (Lynne James)

Lynne stated that every year HUD mandates that there is a survey done. The start date was March 1st, Lynne sent out an email with a timeframe of March 1 through April 30th to be completed for those enrolled within the last 12 months. Lynne stated that as shelters do their intake process they give the

opportunity to do the survey. Surveys are all submitted to Lynne James for submission to the Balance of State. The survey is specifically for agencies that are funded by HUD.

I. Non-Congregate Housing (Lynne James)

Funding with Non Congregate sheltering available through FEMA through the end of June. Lynne asked for coordination between the Center for Family Violence and Community Crossroads Shelter to eliminate duplication. Currently have around 30 families housed in FEMA Non Congregate. James Rhodes thanked Pitt County Planning staff and welcomed other agencies to share rehousing experience.

Housing Updates

GHA- Mainstream Voucher Program launched and has had a lot of applicants , currently in the process of reviewing applicants and will soon begin to brief clients and issue vouchers. HOPWA funds are still available.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Delores stated that funding is available and continuing to serve the homeless clients. Lynne stated they have picked up some new clients since January. SSO grant started a new cycle in December with several referrals that have come in.

SOAR Updates- No additional updates at this time.

Trillium Health Resources-No additional updates at this time.

Mid-East Regional Housing Authority-No updates available.

C4FVP-Was planning to apply for transitional housing but after further review decided to wait until next year.

Veterans Activities-Volunteers of America-Offering COVID vaccinations at the Greenville Center.

Pitt County Schools- No update available.

Vocational Rehabilitation-No updates at this time.

AmeriHealth Caritas-No updates at this time.

Community Crossroads Shelter- No open beds at this time, family rooms are still not operable with hope for change soon there will be one female and one male bed available soon. The TANF program is still continuing to serve clients, around 5-8 per months and accepting referrals.

NC Works Career Center- no additional updates at this time.