

**Region 12 (Inner Banks) Minutes
Regional Meeting NC Balance of State,
Continuum of Care
April ,2022- 9:00 AM**

Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19

Attendance

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority (Host)
Naomi Anderson, Community Crossroads Center
Phoenix Hinson, City of Greenville
Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources
Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department
James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning Alt
Lynne James, Pitt County Planning
James Cox, Community Partner
Angela Bates, Green Lamp, Executive Director
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
Bridgette Moore, Green Lamp-Pitt County
Sally Love, United Way of Beaufort County
Kim Anderson, Pitt County Schools
Lakitra Claude, Trillium Health Resources
Stephanie Elliott, Greenville Housing Authority
Angela Ellis, Martin County Department of Social Services, Director
Mitch James, Trillium Health Resources
Dr. Augustine Frazer, Pitt County DSS, Deputy Director
Heather Farmer, Trillium Health Resources
Margaret Dixon, Pitt County Planning
Laura King, RHA Health Services
Eric Chester, VA Medical Clinic
Lori Gutman, City of Greenville
Kisha Darden, Trillium Health Resources
Shirley Mitchell, Center for Family Violence Prevention
Ashley Justesen, Trillium Health Resources

Welcome

Tujuanda Sanders opened the meeting and called for introductions.

Consideration of December 2022 Regional Meeting Minutes

Minutes were presented to the group by Tujuanda Sanders. A motion to approve was made by Deloris Farmer and seconded by Lynne James.

Guest Speaker: Laura King, RHA Health Service

Topic: Bridge Recovery Home

Laura King, a Guest speaker, introduces the group to the Bridge Recovery Home, sponsored by RHA Health Services and Trillium Health Resources. Bridge Recovery Home – Pitt County is Short Term housing aiming to create an atmosphere that supports and assists residents in building a new life in a new, permanent home. Eligibility requirements include the resident being 18 years of age or older, having a primary substance use diagnosis, must complete a higher level of care, Working towards permanent housing, and positive community involvement. The Bridge Recovery Home services include assistance in the

Following: Obtaining permanent housing, completing GED, obtaining/completing higher education, learning forms of healthy coping skills, access to medical care, treatment, and behavioral health services, vocational counseling and job searching, assistance in obtaining appropriate identification, classes in life management, money management, relationship building, and independent living. The Bridge Recovery Home excludes individuals with Violent Criminal History, Registered Sex Offender, history of fire setting behaviors, charged with sexual battery, molestation, or other sexual related conduct, history of property destruction at previous residences, refusal of additional services to promote a successful transition to the community. Two Certified Peer Support Specialists will staff the home from 6 am – 6 pm Monday – Saturday and a few hours on Sunday. Residents will utilize Community Peer Support staff from the Peer Support Program to resources in the community. Currently, the Bridge Recovery Home has one 3brm location, with the expectancy to open another site in the months to come with a 4–5-bedroom capacity and be a female unit only. The Bridge Recovery Home-Pitt County is at capacity with 3- male residents. A referral from a local agency is necessary for assessment. Lynne James will distribute literature to the group as it comes available.

Updates/Reports/ NC Balance of the State Action Items

Point In Time- Stephanie reports the POT count is done once a year in January, and the role as the The Unsheltered Access Coordinator has changed. Community volunteers will assist the Unsheltered Access Team to contact and follow-up with the unsheltered individuals listed on the By-Name list. The Unsheltered Access Team is in the process of creating an ongoing process for an all-year unsheltered count. The team is also responsible for coordinating outreach efforts to distribute items to the unsheltered population. A collaborating effort from the Coordinated Entry Lead to keep in contact with the unsheltered population for updating the By-Name list. The Unsheltered Access Coordinator position ends in May'2022; however, Stephanie has agreed to continue the role with a motion by Bridgette Moore and second by Heather Farmer.

Emergency Solutions Grant- No Updates from Lynne James. Tujuanda reports the (PSHG)Permanent Supportive Housing Grants for GHA/Trillium have been renewed, along with Pitt County Planning COC and the Rapid Rehousing Program. To secure funding for a new (PSHG), GHA applied for funding but did not make the cut and was advised to reapply for the 2022 competition. Tujuanda shared an email with the group about the survey on the Coordinated Entry Process. Suppose any agency has (PSHG) the email details on how to get surveys to clients. Tujuanda will forward information on the due dates for the surveys. As individuals enroll in Coordinated Entry, Lynne reminds the group that Rapid Rehousing Programs (RRP) surveys are collected throughout the year. PSH has a set time frame for collecting surveys along with Emergency Shelters. During May, the Emergency Shelters surveys are due. Lynne will let those agencies know when the surveys are due.

Community Resources & Agency Updates

Greene Lamp- Bridgette Moore reports they are still accepting applications (COVID grants, CSBG program, Recovery program). Additional for Hurricane Florence Victims. Greene Lamp has received over 100 applications in the last week. Please continue making referrals for assistance.

Eviction Diversion Interest Group-

Lori reported on March 11, 2021; President Biden signed the American Recovery Plan (ARP) into law, which provides more than \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses. The ARP also addresses the need for supportive services for homeless individuals. Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through HOME (**HOME-ARP**) to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and homeless families at risk of homelessness or in other vulnerable populations. The City of Greenville has been allocated **\$1,988,461.00** of ARP funds. HUD requires the City to submit an extensive Allocation Plan before releasing the funds. In this allocation plan, the City must Assess the housing needs and priorities given current market conditions and projected growth trends for QPs. Identify any gaps in the City's current shelter and housing inventory and service delivery system. Develop and facilitate a community engagement strategy and process that includes a broad range of community stakeholders, advocacy groups, residents, and City Staff. Coordinate public meetings, online outreach, and focus groups. The one main caveat with ALL HUD funds the City of Greenville receives is that it can only use for activities and recipients within the City Limits, a HUD ruling across the entire nation for all entitlement communities. Other communities/agencies may apply for **HOME-ARP** funding by contacting the contact here: Barbara Waring, Compliance, Policy, and Reporting, bwaring@nchfa.com 919-877-5706.

Coordinated Entry- Lynne is reviewing the by-name list for the PSH vouchers that are becoming available; she is checking the by-name list for potential recipients for (EHV) Emergency Housing Voucher that may qualify. Lynne adds people to the by-name list from referrals from neighboring counties, Open Door Zion Shelter (Washington), and community resources. Several inquiries about resources from individuals in the community facing eviction or have court dates; please remember when making referrals, the individual must meet the HUD definition of literal homelessness. Tujuanda announces to the group about openings in the PSH program and the Vash vouchers program.

TANF- Naomi states the TANF/Work First Rental Assistance still has funding and accepting applications to assist with rent arrears and a security deposit/ first month's rent for individuals who live in Pitt County. Announced to the group that Mr. Rick Hill owns and operates a mobile home park, he is currently accepting section-8 HUD vouchers. Mr. Hill Contact information is in the chat for the benefit of the group (252.714.4987).

Housing Program Updates

Trillium Health Resources- Kisha reports to the group that Trillium Health Resources has launched a Day 1: Families Fund. This program aims to provide financial assistance to families (households with at least one child and one adult) experiencing homelessness. This program aids families who are currently homeless. It provides **DIVERSION** and **RAPID REHOUSING** services and **NOT PREVENTION SERVICES**.

The program definition of services act as **DIVERSION SERVICES** target families who are REQUESTING SHELTER (at the "front door" or another program/system entry point seeking a place to stay). **RAPID REHOUSING SERVICES** target families who are homeless/in the homeless assistance system. **PREVENTION SERVICES** target families at imminent risk of losing housing (precariously housed and not yet homeless). Hotel assistance can only be a source with approval for housing and a definite move-in date determined. This assistance is limited to 7 days; however, a more extended period is granted if extenuating circumstances exist. The Families Fund assists with back rent, utilities, transportation, car repairs, childcare, household goods, and truck rental. The program limits assistance to \$2500 per family per year.

Community Crossroads Center- There are no female beds available, and the shelter is near capacity. The non-congregate hotel program has one vacancy for a family. Please call the Community Crossroads Center for assistance and the screening process.

Greenville Housing Authority- Tujuanda reports they have leased up 26 vouchers making 96.3% of the vouchers utilized.

Pitt County Rapid Rehousing Programs (ESG & COC)- Deloris reports that ESG funds are still available and COC funds are available. Please continue to make referrals; RRP is still accepting new client referrals.

Center for Family Violence Prevention- Shirley Mitchell reports four rooms are available at the shelter, two family rooms, and two single rooms.

Announcements

2022 Bringing it Home Conference- Registration is Open until 4/29/2022. The event will take place May 10-11, 2022-\$50 registration fee.

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by Dr. Frazer and second by Heather Farmer.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2022, @ 9 am (Virtual)