

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

Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19

Attendance

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority (Host)
Naomi Anderson, Community Crossroads Center
Tomeka Evans
Kimyatta Anderson
Sally Love, United Way of Beaufort
Catonna Pitt, Center of Family Violence
Phoenix Hinson, City of Greenville
Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources
Devinder Culver
James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning Alt
Lynne James, Pit County Planning
James Cox, Community Partner
Liz Liles, Daughters of Worth
Kimberly White, Greenville Housing Authority
Angela Bates, Green Lamp
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
C Brunson, Albermarle Community Health
Brian Fike, Trillium Health Resources
Kim Anderson/Erica Palmer, Pitt County Schools
Erica Palmer, Pitt County Schools
Bridgette Moore, Green Lamp-Pitt County
Tomeka Edwards, Greenville Housing Authority

Welcome

Tujuanda Sanders opened the meeting and called for introductions.

Consideration of December 2021 Regional Meeting Minutes

Minutes were presented to the group by Lynne James for review. Mr. James Rhodes offered a motion of approval for minutes and a second by Devinder Culver.

Guest Speaker: Tomeka Edwards, Neighborhood Services Coordinator/HUD Approved Housing Counselor, with the Housing Authority of the City of Greenville.

Greenville Housing Authority is awarded the Housing Counseling Stability Grant through February 2023. This grant provides Budgeting, Homebuyers education, Pre-purchasing/post-purchasing home counseling, rental counseling, assisting homeowners facing foreclosures, and providing counseling and resources in the community. Individuals can call Kimberly White, Coordinator, at 252-329-4056 and

schedule an appointment (zoom appts are available). This grant offers home education workshops at GHA in the training room. The upcoming workshop is January 15, 2022 (full); the next available workshop is February 19, 2022, 9a-2p. GHA is working with City of Greenville representative Phoenix Hinson on the Lincoln Park Development, 45 block area in the City Limits of Greenville, and the CPOP Program. Financial Literacy classes are every Wed from 6p-7p at GHA. The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is offered at GHA by appointment starting February 8, 2022-April 14, 2022. Contact Teisha Long at 252.329.4076 to schedule appointments. Tomeka Edwards will share the flyers with Tujuanda Sanders to distribute throughout the group.

Leadership- 2022, Region 12 Inner Banks

- Bridgette Moore- COC Alternate Lead
- Lynne James- Coordinated Entry Lead
- Naomi Anderson- Webmaster
- Phoenix Hinson- Project Review Lead
- Stephanie Elliott- Unsheltered Access Coordinator

Updates/Reports

Point In Time- Lynne James discussed PIT Count is an annual census required by HUD to identify unsheltered individuals/families by Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Stephanie Elliott, the new unsheltered access team leader, has distributed information to identify the homeless in the community. The information collected will determine the unsheltered count before the due date of January 26, 2022. The collected data is added to the HMIS database for the annual count and assists the Continuum of Care- North Carolina Coalition to end homelessness. The week following January 26, the individuals that have been identified as unsheltered will be contacted by phone to verify the situation; this will allow the count to be performed safely and avoid face-to-face contact; individuals identified will be added to the By Name List. Individuals and agencies are asked to participate with referrals and update Lynne James or Stephanie Elliott. The unsheltered Access Team is investigating the possibility of a "Service Count" where the homeless are known to congregate, 7-days following the annual January count. The "Counting Us" app is not part of the HMIS; this allows a count of reported unsheltered/homeless individuals. The Continuum of Care - Coalition to end homelessness offers this training. Tujuanda says for 2020, and the PIT count was 28 chronically homeless individuals. The Emergency Housing Vouchers and HUD VASH Vouchers match the PIT count. Twenty-seven emergency housing vouchers have been awarded to GHA. Lynne explains that agencies considering applying for HUD funding, NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability), possibly use the PIT count to determine allocation on funds in the Region.

Emergency Solutions Grant- Pitt County Planning has received additional funds for 2022 for \$124,426 for the Rapid Rehousing Program. The Center for Family Violence Prevention has received \$22,457 for 2022.

Community Resources & Agency Updates

Greene Lamp- Bridgette Moore informed the group that funds are still available to assist individuals and families affected by COVID. Funding for applicants seeking assistance with rent arrears or deposits. Seniors (food, clothing, rental service), Care programs, Recovery programs, and Hurricane Florence hardship. Greene Lamp has partnered with Pitt Community College Continuing Education to assist

individuals with the (CDL) Truck Driving program, Substance Abuse (assistance with careers and education). CSBG Grant (long-term program).

Eviction Diversion- Working on 2022 Schedule- generally, the group meets 30-45min at 4 pm. In the last meeting, suggestions to monthly meetings instead of bi-weekly. Tujuanda Sanders has opened the meeting to any partners to help plan for prevention, landlord retention, and outreach.

Trillium Health Resources- Back at Home- Brian Fikes states the program will end in June'2022. They are not accepting new applications.

Coordinated Entry- Identifies, Assess, and refers individuals for housing to appropriate housing programs; Case Conferencing meeting occurs weekly to evaluate needs for available resources. Not everyone qualifies; they must meet the HUD definition of literal homelessness. Assessments are conducted by the local homeless shelter and domestic violence shelter. Margaret Dixon is a part of the Unsheltered Access Team, which provides support to homeless people in the community by offering assessments, evaluation, and assistance. Not every referral qualifies unsheltered homeless. The case conferencing team will evaluate the individuals for the program that best suits them.

TANF- Naomi Anderson- funding is still available for rental arrears, the security deposit, and the first month's rent. No double security deposits. Reminder- families must have a qualifying child under 18, income, and Pitt County resident.

Legal Aid- No update available

Pitt County Schools- Kim Anderson states they're back in school and identifying homeless students and families. State Representatives meet with Pitt County Schools regularly to connect with identifying students. Kim says the additional initiative for identifying immigrant families and assisting with community needs. This initiative will help immigrant families understand the resources available in the community. The Pitt County Schools is also encouraged to participate in the Point In Time Count.

Housing Program Updates

Trillium Health Resources- No updates available

Community Crossroads Center- Naomi reports no grant updates for the non-congregate hotel funding. COVID tests are required to enter the shelter, which is still operating at half capacity.

Greenville Housing Authority- Tujuanda Sanders informs the group of the new Deputy Executive Director, Shaneta Moye. Former Director Michael Best has retired. GHA has received 21 HUD VASH Vouchers as of January 1, 2022. The permanent Support Housing will have vacancies in the upcoming weeks; Ms. Sanders will update the group when.

Pitt County Rapid Rehousing Programs (ESG & COC)- Deloris states that RRH still has available funding to assist individuals. Lynne James informed the group that the COC program funding for 2022 has \$120,000 available to assist the entire Region. The CoC has hired two part-time workers to assist with identifying and helping the homeless.

Center for Family Violence Prevention- Catonnia Pitt reports beds are available in the shelter (3). The DV shelter serves male victims, and the shelter is currently constructing additional space.

Announcements

HMIS Annual Training- Due this month. Failure to complete the training by the due date will constitute revocation of access. Tujuanda forwards an email for organizations to order PPE, N95 masks, and cloth

masks. Tujuanda hopes to meet with Region 12 Inner Banks group 1 or 2 times to set goals and discuss the vision for 2022. Tujuanda encourages members who have suggestions to the meeting agenda, guess speaker new ideas to reach out and express themselves.

Region 12 Inner Banks Service Areas(counties)

Beaufort, Martin, Bertie, Washington, and Pitt.

Appreciation- Lynne James thanked Tujuanda Sanders for her leadership qualities and stepping up as lead for Region 12 Inner Banks

Adjournment- Motioned by Lynne James and seconded by Deloris Farmer.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022