

Northeastern Homeless Coalition
Region 11

June 9, 2022

Minutes

Those Present:

- Lakitra Claude – Trillium
- Michele Welsh – Trillium
- Kisha Darden – Trillium
- Victoria Gray – River City
- Tammy Kittrell – Trillium
- Jessica Williams – Access East
- Reta Blair – EIC, Inc.
- Zachary Roupe – Access East
- Anne Cooper – Pasquotank DSS
- Nicole Wilson – Durham VA
- Cherri Brunson - ARHS

Roll Call/Introductions

- Everyone on the call introduced themselves and stated what agency they were from.

Healthy Opportunities Pilot – Jessica Williams and Zachary Roupe

- The Pilot is funded through a CMS Authorized grant under NC Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver
- The purpose of the Pilot is to learn the most effective ways to deliver non-medical services Medicaid members need to get and stay healthy
- Coverage area includes two counties in the region – Chowan and Hertford
- Services members can receive: housing, food, transportation, and interpersonal safety
- Member Eligibility: be enrolled in a PHP (Standard Plan), live in a pilot region, have at least one qualifying physical or behavioral health condition and at least one qualifying social risk factor

Day 1 Funding – Kisha Darden

- Referrals are still being accepted and the deadline to have the funds spent has been extended to September
- The funds are for diversion services and not prevention
- There is a \$2,500 cap and there must be a child in the home under the age of 18

Regional Leadership – Lakitra Claude

- Elections for new officers will be held in December
- The Regional Alternate Lead position needs to be filled as soon as possible since Cara has resigned
- It was mentioned to the committee that having the positions filled is important because it can affect the funding that is received for the region

- The committee will be sent a list of all of the leadership positions along with their roles and responsibilities.

ESG Funding – Lakitra Claude

- The RFA is expected to be released in the first two weeks of July
- An overview of the ESG funding was given to those that may not be familiar with grant
 - Provides assistance to rapidly re-house individuals/families who are currently experiencing homelessness
 - Assists in meeting the costs of operating emergency shelters
 - Decreases homelessness through preventive programs and activities
 - Funding can be used for: emergency shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, targeted prevention, and HMIS
 - Funds come from HUD who then disperses them the NCDHHS and then agencies in the community
 - Agencies that apply must have the capacity to operate a reimbursement based grant and have the administrative capability to spend their dollars in a timely manner throughout the year
- There are two webinars scheduled
 - June 29th at 1:30pm – all elected members of the regional committees
 - July 20th at 2:30pm – potential project applicants

AstraZeneca Grant – Lakitra Claude

- The proposed grant will address the lower COVID vaccine rates among those experiencing homelessness in rural communities
- Will offer incentives to those that choose to get vaccinated (gift cards or gift bags)
- The outcome of the grant proposal should be released in July

Emergency Housing Vouchers – Lakitra Claude

- There are very few slots left. Once all of the slots are filled, the referrals will be placed on the waitlist

Agency Updates

- Cara Moraitis is no longer with River City and Victoria Gray is now the Homeless Program Manager
- Trillium has some PSH slots available – contact Lakitra if you have a referral

Referral Updates – Victoria Gray

- There have been no new referrals in the past two weeks

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022.

******Due to confidentiality, case conferencing notes are not included with the minutes******