

PRAAC Meeting February 24, 2022

Attendance: Natasha Elliott, Jai Baker, Amy Steele, Maxcine Barnes, Shereá Burnett , Sandi Daniel, Monika Gauthier, Tom Roswick, Cathy Waugh, Zoe Gillispie, Sally Gordon, Anquinnette Lewis, Allie Card, Arius Rowe, Harriet, Teresa Allen, Tyese Gabriel

Meeting was called to order by Natasha.

Minutes were read and there was a correction that needed to be made with spelling of Cathy's name for the 28th minutes. There was also a correction with sending information to Shereá and Jai (she only sent to Jai and will need to send to Shereá). This will be updated

Jai motioned to accept the minutes with amendments and second was given by ??

Funding available as of 2/23 is \$227,883 (preliminary and number could be higher). \$64,521 is left to spend by June 30th. Natasha does not know if we will request additional funds but will request an extension. Nothing has been sent for the annual funding. Natasha asked about Family Abuse Services funding but this was not answered due to a request of introductions.

Coordinated Entry for back at home position was voted on to have Tyese Gabriel to accept this position. Shereá made the motion and Jai second. Motion was carried. There was a question about the accessing the SMART sheet for other regions. For items to be added, the region would go through the Coordinated Entry Lead. Natasha inquired with Allie if it would be possible to get access and Allie plans to check to get access for those in need and touch basis with Natasha.

Emergency Housing Vouchers- there is confusion about the process. Within the region, we have discussed this with the region on the weekly call. Once the region approves to move forward with the EHV, that information is sent to Allie for approval/feedback. Process: recommendation for EHV to complete the packet if they are a sure in and then bring to the region call to staff. Cathy inquired about the requirements for EHV. Shereá responded that the requirements are much like our Verification of Homelessness that we complete: We are looking at chronically homeless individuals, been on the byname list for an extended time period, Domestic Violence flee, and those we are trying to stabilize with permanent housing that have been homeless for a while and will need ongoing financial assistance. Allie added that there are three different priorities: 1. Moving on from permanent supportive housing or step up from Rapid Rehousing 2. Looking at byname list for those who are chronically homeless and unsheltered 3. Longest length of homelessness and needing rental assistance

This will be left up to our communities to determine the need of those families. Cathy inquired about referrals from the school standpoint- if they are in a double up situation, would they be eligible? The answer was no. Documentation is needed to show where they would have to be out at or by a certain day. Jai added, that those individuals could be referred to Rapid Rehousing. Rapid Rehousing would be the first stop by keep in mind that households have to be literally homeless. Allie mentioned that our region is unique because referrals are going to two

different PHAs; for Chatham County, a referral would need to be sent directly to them through coordinated entry. NCCIA, the stamp of approval happens then the case manager is filling out the entire application which is a request by the NCCIA. Natasha asked if there is a document where the priorities are listed. Allie replied that there is a document and will place the link in the chat. Rockingham County Hope for the Homeless (Rockingham County only) and Reidsville housing Authority have the PHA grants for our region. Community Link would cover the rest of the region. Shereá advised that there is one available unit but there were not a lot of information provided. There was a question for Allie in the chat from Sandi: step up from rapid rehousing is the EHV.

Monika posed question for Amy regarding PHA for Rockingham County; the individual would be able to use the voucher if they are wanting to move to Rockingham County

Shereá gave an update: 2 EHV's from Alamance County: 1 we cannot get in contact with; the other Tyese met with her but client did not have all her documentation and would meet with Ms. Sandi to do so.

Chatham County has 15 vouchers. Natasha will give the process to Second Bloom. Ms. Sandi inquired about the vouchers for Person County. Allie informed that this is a first come, first served basis. There is not a specific number allocated to Person County.

Cathy posed a question: If someone has experienced Domestic Violence, Social Services is involved and Social Services has provided placement, but mom is looking for housing on their own (staying with grandmother), would they be eligible? Shereá explained that we would have to have a release of information to state if the parent is able to take the kids with her to the next placement. There is no additional financial support that is being provided by Social Services.

Meeting was adjourned by Natasha. If there are any items that need to be added to agenda for next month, please let Jai or Natasha know. Next meeting will be March 24th at 11 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyese Gabriel