

PRACC Meeting April 28, 2022

Attendance: Jai Baker, Brenda Goss, Teresa Allen, Zoe Gillispie, Anquinnette Lewis, Tyese Gabriel, Maxcine Barnes, Cathy Waugh, Nikki Ratliff, Sherea Burnett, Sandi Daniel

Meeting was called to order by Jai Baker.

Minutes and the Agenda were read, and no corrections were made. Maxcine Barnes made the motion to accept the minutes as read and second was given by Nikki Ratliff.

Introductions were given by each attendee as there was a new person with us, Brenda Goss.

Per the agenda, each agency presented funding availability. Each agency presented their funding information. The focus was on what was left for each agency and program to spend. The attached agenda has the detailed information for each agency.

PRACC needs an Unsheltered Access Coordinator (UAC). Natasha and Jai met with Allie Card and this was discussed in detail. There was a person who volunteered to accept this role, but rescinded that offer due to other responsibilities. Jai and Natasha were honest with Allie, sharing that this position would likely not be filled quickly.

COVID-19 Vaccination Rates – The BOS and NCCEH are working with the DHHS to increase vaccination rates around people who are homeless or who are considered housing unstable. The average percentage of people vaccinated in this category in North Carolina is 22%. The average for Region 6 with vaccinations in this category is 27%. Region 6 is the third highest vaccination region in North Carolina around vaccination rates. To increase the vaccination rates in our region, the plan is to offer more vaccination clinics using Johnson & Johnson. The reason that it is more effective to use Johnson & Johnson is there is only one vaccination. The clients may not be around to get the second vaccination when using other vaccines. Unrelated to the job, Jai shared information on getting the booster. When scheduling the appointment, if he did not enter any insurance information the application will not go any further. The concern is that for the homeless population, people who do not have this information cannot schedule an appointment to get the shot. Jai did notify the state of this and they are working on this for the homeless population.

Emergency Housing Vouchers are being discussed with Chatham County as it pertains to clients who have felonies. This is something that has been a challenge and Chatham County is discussing this and how they can alleviate the issues as it pertains to housing clients who have felonies.

Cathy Waugh asked a general question. Did anyone know of anyone in the region who will accept client with felonies, sometimes multiple felonies? The advice was given that some shared housing options will accept one. Jai suggested that developing personal relationships with private landlords is a way to possibly assist clients in this situation. Cathy shared that

many private landlords in Person County are selling the properties they own as they are not able to maintain the units when clients do not pay.

Brenda Goss is with Sandhills and is new to our call. She explained that they are relying on private landlords for individuals with felonies and multiple evictions. Like here, they are facing challenges finding properties that are within Fair Market Rent. She explained that they have to find people who will accept the Transition to Community Living Vouchers. The requirements for the Transition to Community Living Voucher are to call and be screened by the diversion specialist. Severe and/or persistent mental health is a main component of the program. This is done when they are referred to the diversion specialist and are determined to meet the eligibility criteria.

Meeting was adjourned by Jai Baker. If there are any items that need to be added to the agenda for next month, please let Jai or Natasha know. Our next meeting will be May 26, 2022 at 11 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyese Gabriel