Northeastern Homeless Coalition
Region 11

August 11, 2022

Minutes

Those Present:
- Lakitra Claude – Trillium
- Debra Susie – NCCEH
- Michele Welsh – Trillium
- Kisha Darden – Trillium
- Victoria Gray – River City
- Tammy Kittrell – Trillium
- Kelly Hoeltzel – United Way

- Autumn Henderson – Trillium
- Jennifer Melton – Veteran Services of the Carolinas
- Marti Chick-Ebey – Hampton VA
- Whitney S. Johnson – Daughters of Zion

Roll Call/Introductions
- Everyone on the call introduced themselves and stated what agency they were from.

Updates/Announcements and Landlord Engagement – Debra Susie

- The committee was encouraged to join the email distribution list for the NC BoS CoC. A lot of important announcements, news, and competition information is coming out and the BoS wasn to reach as many people as possible.
- The committee was asked to share effective and intentional best practices or workable strategies anywhere in the counties represented by the region for engaging new landlords or increasing the housing units offered by existing landlords apart from routine housing navigation that often falls to your agencies
- The committee was asked to share names of effective, affordable housing developers in any of the counties represented in this region (ex: a real estate developer that buys up properties to keep them affordable)

ESG Funding Update – Lakitra Claude

- The purpose of the Emergency Solutions Grant is to provide assistance to rapidly rehouse individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness, assist with te operating costs of emergency shelters, and decrease homelessness through preventive programs and activities
- The RFA will be released on July 19th and it is a reimbursement grant; Region 11's allotted fair share is $109,622
- The funding can be used for street outreach, emergency shelter (including hotel stays), rapid re-housing and homeless prevention
- Two agencies in the region have decided to apply for the funding: River City CDC and Daughters of Zion

- o River City CDC's plan is to offer emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, and homeless prevention services for all 10 counties in the region. For homeless prevention, they will focus on back utilities and back rent
- o Daughters of Zion's plan is to offer homeless prevention in Gates, Hertford, and Chowan counties. For homeless prevention, they will provide rental assistance, deposits, moving expenses, and credit rebuilding
- A motion was made by Kisha and seconded by Kelly to approve the two agencies to move forward with submitting their applications and sending them to NCCEH. The committee voted unanimously to send the applications forward.

Special CoC NOFO Competition – Lakitra Claude

- HUD released a Special CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for unsheltered and rural homelessness on June 22nd. The CoC approved a plan to serve people experiencing homelessness with severe service needs. To be eligible for this competition, all applicants need to adhere to the approved CoC plan.
- A webinar was held on August 8th to explain NOFO requirements, summarize the CoC's approved plan concept, define eligibility, and outline the timeline. The submission deadline for Special CoC NOFO projects is September 2, 2022 at 6pm.
- The recording, slides, instructions, and forms for the competition are posted on NCCEH's website - https://www.ncceh.org/bos/special-coc-nofo/.

Case Conferencing – Michele Welsh

- Volunteers are needed for a sub-committee to assist the Unsheltered Access Coordinator
- Updates were given on individuals that were conferenced during past meetings
- New cases were presented for housing programs

Agency Updates

- Trillium Health Resources is planning to reapply for the CoC Permanent Supportive Housing Grant and it will cover the entire agency.
- Daughters of Zion will be having a Community Drive Event on August 13th in Gatesville from 8am – 11am

Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:12am. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25th at 9:00am.

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