

**Region 12 (Inner Banks) Minutes
Regional Meeting NC Balance of State,
Continuum of Care
May 18,2022- 9:00 AM**

Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19

Attendance

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority (Host)
Naomi Anderson, Community Crossroads Center
Phoenix Hinson, City of Greenville
Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department
James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning Alt
Lynne James, Pit County Planning
James Cox, Community Partner
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
Bridgette Moore, Green Lamp-Pitt County
Melisa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources
Lakitra Claude, Trillium Health Resources
Stephanie Elliott, Greenville Housing Authority
Lori Guttman, City of Greenville
Kisha Darden, Trillium Health Resources
Margaret Dixon, Pitt County Planning

Welcome

Tujuanda Sanders opened the meeting and called for introductions.

Consideration of April 2022 Regional Meeting Minutes

Minutes were presented to the group by Tujuanda Sanders. A motion to approve by Lori Guttman and seconded by Lynn James.

Guess Speaker (s): Frankie Neal, Director and Jessica Hendrix, Assistant Director-Le'Chris Health Systems.

Topic: Mental Health Awareness Month

Jessica Hendrix-Asst. Dir reports Le'Chris has provided quality mental health care for children, adolescents, and adults in eastern North Carolina. The **Intensive In-Home program** is a family-focused, team-based approach designed to address the needs of children and their families. They aim to keep children and adolescents in their home community through improving behaviors and family interactions. The Le'Chris **Community Support team** provides support and services to adults with mental health and substance abuse diagnoses who need an intense level of service. Consumers entering this service must have a mental health or substance abuse diagnosis. Le'Chris provides Diagnostic/Clinical Assessments, Individual, Family, and Group Therapy, and Psychological Testing services. A clinical or diagnostic assessment is a thorough screening of an individual's mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability history. This assessment is completed by one and sometimes two licensed therapists.

Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) is a Recovery Model designed to equip adults with severe and persistent mental illness (SMPI).

I-DD/NC Innovation Services is a resource for funding services and support for individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities. I-DD Innovation Services include Community Networking, Community Living and Support, Respite, and Developmental Therapy. Le'Chris provide services in Pitt and Beaufort Counties and throughout Eastern NC. The referral process can be made through other agencies as long as the client has a diagnosis, and the assessment can be done in-house by a licensed clinician.

Updates/Reports

Region 12 Leadership- No change

Point In Time- Stephanie reports she is doing the quarterly follow-up call for the unsheltered to update the by-name list and the HMIS. If no contact has been made in 90-days, the unsheltered access team will remove names from the by-name list. Please get in touch with Stephanie or Lynn with updated contact information as it becomes available.

Emergency Solutions Grant- No updates- waiting on new application cycle and timeline.

BoS Steering Committee- Lynn reports the coordinated entry surveys will be available from April 1- to May 31. Surveys for Outreach/Shelters are available from May 17th-May 31st. RRH should receive responses to the survey within thirty days of distributing it to participants. HUD is mandating the participation with surveys from programs that provide housing services; participation is at an all-time low. HUD requests one representative from agencies to participate in the survey to provide feedback. Stephanie explains to the group that the unsheltered number is developed by calling and identifying individuals living in places not meant for habitation. Lynn adds that 130 unsheltered were listed as of Jan'22. Phone calls are made to confirm individuals residing in areas not meant for habitation.

Community Resources & Agency Updates

Greene Lamp- Bridgette confirms applications are still accepted, and funding is available. They are processing applications as quickly as possible; due to the high demand, it takes anywhere from 10days-45days. As a reminder to the group, there are plenty of funds from the Cares Program to assist with hardships; the program requirement is to have a COVID hardship connection.

Eviction Diversion- Tujuanda explains the emergency meeting with the group due to Pecan Grove and Arlington West Apartment changing ownership. At least 40 voucher holders receive notice to vacate the premises during the ownership change at the end of the month. The Eviction Diversion group came together to brainstorm on action to help with the hardship the families will face at the end of the month. An attempt by Tujuanda was made to set up an appointment with the new owners to discuss how the families could be better served; however no response from the owners. Bridgette is looking through neighborhoods for vacant homes and properties and speaking with owners to see if they are willing to lease to voucher recipients. Tujuanda- some voucher holders were in current leases signed on 9/1; she was able to send them to the new owners for the families to remain in their homes.

Trillium Health Resources- Kisha- Day1 Family funds are still available for families who are homeless or fleeing from domestic violence with a minor in the home. Lakitra reports that Permanent Supportive Housing will be available soon; she will update the group.

Coordinated Entry- Lynne reports to the group that HUD is now requiring the Annual Progress Reports. The request for reports was put off for some time, and HUD is now mandating the report from agencies providing services. The ART project will end in May. Business Objects will be the new module used for all reports. HUD requires agencies to use the report module for Data clean-up. Lynne will send out links as they become available for the new module.

TANF- Naomi- money is still available, a significant uptick in callers and families facing eviction.

Housing Program Updates

Community Crossroads Center- Available space in the shelter. The hotel program is at capacity.

Greenville Housing Authority- The mainstream waiting list is opening to possibly seven voucher recipients. Permanent Supportive Vouchers will be opening shortly. GHA was granted \$500,000 for the HOPWA program to serve 11 counties. Hotel/Motel was added to the 2023 HOPWA budget.

Pitt County Rapid Rehousing Programs (ESG & COC)- Funds are available- but no housing is available to spend money.

Announcements- 2023 funding for the (SRMU) short-term rental, mortgage, and utilities program will be available through GHA.

GHA was awarded an emergency food and shelter grant through United Way; Tujuanda says GHA had to submit a document for finalization, but the program should be ready in a few days.

Jim reminds the group that Daniel Worrall (Pitt County Legal Aid Attorney) encourages tenants to review their leases and know their rights. The Legal Aid service is always available if a tenant doesn't understand the lease or has questions about their rights.

HOPE- funds are still being dispersed to landlords and property management and should be wrapping up in June. The close date for the HOPE program was 12/17/2021.

Adjournment- Motion by Deloris Farmer and seconded by Devinder Culver

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 9 am (virtual)