

**Region 12 (Inner Banks) Minutes  
Regional Meeting NC Balance of State,  
Continuum of Care  
Wednesday, June 13, 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  
Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources  
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  
Stephanie Elliot, Greenville Housing Authority  
Tammy Kittrell, Trillium Health Resources  
Mitch James, Trillium Health Resources  
Catonna Pitt, Center of Family Violence  
Margaret Dixon, Pitt County Planning  
Jessica Williams, Access East  
Kim Anderson, Pitt County Schools  
Renee Joyner, Martin County Department of Social Services  
Zachary Roupe, Access East  
Lori Guttman, City of Greenville  
Heather Farmer, Trillium Health Resources

**Welcome**

Tujuanda Sanders opened the meeting and called for introductions.

**Consideration of June 2022 Regional Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were presented to the group by Tujuanda Sanders for review. Mr. James Rhodes offered a motion of approval and a second by Deloris Farmer.

**Updates/Reports**

**Guest Speaker(s): Zachary Roupe, Community Health Improvement Coordinator, and Jessica Williams, MSPH, Manager, Community Health Improvement. Access East, Community Health Improvement Program. Topic: Access East Healthy Opportunities Pilot Program.**

Jessica Williams, the Healthy Opportunities Pilot program will focus on providing non-medical services to eligible Medicaid Managed Care enrollees. The four main areas of focus (food, housing, interpersonal

violence/toxic stress, and transportation services) called domains will be delivered through local Human Service Organizations (HSOs). The federal government has authorized up to \$650 million in Medicaid funding for the Pilots over five years. Through the Healthy Opportunities Pilots, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) is dedicated to Ensuring members can access Pilot services in a timely manner and in a way that meets their needs and improves their health. Demonstrating equity through ensuring diverse and equitable participation in the Pilots for Medicaid members and human service organizations. The Healthy Opportunities Pilots began serving qualifying Standard Plan members on March 15, 2022. **Pilot Launch** March 15, 2022: Food services became available across all Pilot regions (Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan, Edgecombe, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pitt). May 1, 2022: Housing and transportation services were added and became available across all Pilot regions. Between June 15 and the end of July 2022: Toxic Stress and cross-domain services are available in all Pilot regions. All Pilot services will be available to eligible members of Tailored Plans beginning in the second quarter of 2023. **Eligibility Criteria** Pilot services will be provided to eligible NC Medicaid Managed Care members expected to benefit most from them, as determined by PHPs and in accordance with NCDHHS standards and guidelines. To be eligible for and receive Pilot services, NC Medicaid Managed Care members must live in a Pilot region (in one of the counties listed above) and have at least one qualifying physical or behavioral health condition and one qualifying social risk factor, as defined by the Department. Health Plans and care managers will determine which services to provide to a pilot enrollee from a predefined set of cost-effective and evidence-based interventions. Human services organizations will deliver the services.

**Point In Time-** The unsheltered access team meets every two weeks to update Lynne James on individuals in the community who are no longer homeless or accessible. Lynne James is closing out names and updating the by-name list for housing. Everyone is invited to assist with identifying the unsheltered areas the population I known to frequent. Please share any ideas with the group, as they are currently brainstorming ideas for care packages to pass out in the community for the unsheltered.

**Emergency Solutions Grant-** The ESG Competition is changing; a webinar is scheduled for June 29, 2022, from 1:30p-3:00p (Regional Leadership). July 20, 2022, at 2:30p-4:00 webinar for potential applicants/agencies receiving funds or planning to apply. This webinar explains the process for ESG funding. Phoenix Hinson is waiting for a BOS update on score cards for 2022. EHV-update, NC, is behind the average national leasing up vouchers. Efforts to assist housing authorities with housing searches to lease-up vouchers.

### **Community Resources & Agency Updates**

**Greene Lamp-** Continue to take applications-not processing new applications until the waitlist applications are complete. The agency is doing close-out for families receiving assistance from the Care Program. The CBSG program ends June 30 and will re-open on 7/1/2022. Bridgette reports that Greene-Lamp has reached the goal of serving over 600 families (Pitt, Martin, Beaufort, Lenoir, and Greene Counties) with funding from the CARE Program! **Congratulations!**

**Eviction Diversion-** The group is collaborating and identifying with landlord and property managers ways to assist with finding available housing effectively. Tujuanda reports she has made several attempts by email to plea with landlords/property managers to extend the voucher recipients lease or for the tenants to remain in the home. No extensions are being granted to the tenants. The group will meet Wednesday, June 15, 2022 @4p to brainstorm on Private landlords that accept section 8 that can help

low-income families to avoid eviction and get the opportunity to rent their Apartments and homes at a fair market rate.

**Coordinated Entry-** Lynne- informs the group of the importance of surveys mandated by the HUD Program. Each region within the BOS is responsible for populations served with the PSH, RRH, and Emergency/DV shelters. The survey period ended 6/30/2022 and needs to be collected this week and submitted to BOS by Lynne James. The PSH had a two-month window, and RRH is ongoing throughout the year. PSH/Shelter surveys were to end the last of May; but were extended to June 3, 2022. Lynne also noted the struggle in finding housing due to rising costs and limited available housing.

**TANF-** Funding is available- Wait time is extended because of backlogged applicants. Please note- the tenant is responsible for all fees and must pay the costs to the landlord or property managers before any payment is submitted on their behalf. Any applicant whose rent is past due over 4-months is ineligible for services. A minor child must be in the home and meets the Work First kinship rule. Income must be sustainable to meet rental obligations.

### **Housing Program Updates**

**Trillium Health Resources-** No Updates

**Community Crossroads Center-** Open beds- 1 availability in the hotel program

**Greenville Housing Authority-** PSH openings, mainstream voucher (7 vouchers available). Foster Youth vouchers-referral to Shontae Carson-Pitt County DSS.

**Pitt County Rapid Rehousing Programs (ESG & COC)-** Money is available for both programs and for accepting applications/ referrals.

**Center for Family Violence Prevention-** Bed space available. Laura Coleman announces the DV shelter has been awarded a Transitional Housing Grant for \$550,000. This grant will assist with rental assistance, transportation, education, and employment training. This program helps victims for an average of 18 months to transition into housing and step down from care.

### **Announcements**

ESG & COC grantees' mandatory Ant-Discrimination Policy training is today @ 2:30p

**Adjournment-** Motion by Lynne James and seconded by Phoenix Hinson

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 2022, @ 9 am (virtual)