

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

Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19

Attendance

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning (Host)
Phoenix Hinson, City of Greenville
Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources
Margaret Dixon, Pitt County Planning
James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning Alt
James Cox, Community Partner
Angela Bates, Green Lamp
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
Bridgette Moore, Green Lamp-Pitt County
Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources
Ashley Justesen, Trillium Health Resources
Kisha Darden, Trillium Health Resources
Stephanie Elliott, Greenville Housing Authority
Sally Love, United Way (Community Volunteer) Beaufort
Genean Hill, Pitt County Veteran Services
Lori Elyn Guttman, City of Greenville
Lakitra Claude, Trillium Health Resources
Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

Welcome

Lynne James opened the meeting and called for introductions.

Consideration of November 2022 Regional Meeting Minutes

Minutes were presented to the group by Lynne James for review. James Rhodes offered a motion for approval which Jim Cox seconded.

Updates/Reports

Point In Time- Stephanie reports that the Unsheltered Access Team is working on “street sheets” to coordinate and streamline point of care for individuals who were previously calling Trillium Health Resources. The team is also working on care packages that include rain ponchos and hygiene kits. The team will send a letter to regional partners to assist with the 2023 Point-in-Time count, which is the last Wednesday in January (1/25/2023). The Unsheltered Access Team encourages volunteers; don't hesitate to contact Stephanie Elliott if interested.

Emergency Solutions Grant- Lynn informs the group that PITT County Planning has the notification of awards for 2023 and is in the contracting phase. The next round of funding will start in January 2023.

BOS Steering Committee- No updates- details at the next meeting on 12/14/2022.

Discussion & Election for 2023 COC Leadership- (Due to the NC Balance of State by December 15, 2022).

Positions: Regional Lead (Tujuanda Sanders), Regional Alternate (Bridgette Moore), Coordinated Entry Lead (Lynne James), and Project Review Committee Representative (Phoenix Hinson). It has been moved by Margaret Dixon and seconded by James Rhodes to keep the slate of officers for 2023 COC Leadership. All in "favor" by a show of hands, all opposed saying "Nay" - with no objections the motion has passed.

Community Resources & Agency Updates

Greene Lamp- Bridgette reports that the CARES Program is closed as of 9/30/2022. Greene Lamp is accepting applications for the CSBG grant to help with job training, education, and counseling.

Eviction Diversion- No updates.

Coordinated Entry- Waiting on contract from Balance of State. The next grant cycle will begin on December 1, 2022 Lynne reported Coordinated Entry had no deficiencies, concerns, or findings during their annual monitoring.

TANF- No updates.

Housing Program Updates

Trillium Health Resources- No updates

Community Crossroads Center- No updates

Greenville Housing Authority- The Permanent-Supportive Housing program (PSH) currently has openings. GHA works from the By-name list provided through Coordinated Entry to fill open vouchers. The "Mainstream Voucher" presently has seven available slots for individuals aged 18-61 with a documented disability. The identified individuals are screened from the section-8 waitlist. GHA is currently accepting referrals from the Department of Social Services for the "Foster Youth Program." There are 12 available openings for youth and young adults between 18-24 transitioning out of foster care and having no place to go.

Pitt County Rapid Rehousing Programs (ESG & COC)- Funding is available for both programs and accepting referrals. January 1, 2023, will start the new grant year for both programs.

Center for Family Violence Prevention- Bed space available. The shelter is now open and was closed briefly for plumbing repairs. Catonnia mentioned the possibility of the property may be sold, but no confirmation-the group will be updated as things unfold.

Announcements-

The Ruth House in Washington, NC, is not taking new residents due to renovation; it may be four weeks before the shelter is re-opened. The "Open Door Community Center" is currently full.

Adjournment- Motioned by Phoenix Hinson and seconded by Deloris Farmer/Lori Ellyn Guttman.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 9 am (Virtual).