

Northeastern Homeless Coalition Committee Meeting
Region 11

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Minutes

Those Present:

- *Kisha Darden – Trillium*
- *Stacia Billups – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Tammy Kittrell – Trillium*
- *Lillian Dance – EIC, Inc.*
- *Yolanda Carter – EIC, Inc.*
- *Lakitra Claude – Trillium*
- *Demetrius Granger – Hampton VA*
- *Michele Welsh – Trillium*
- *Anne Cooper – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Quentin Jackson – Spring Life*
- *Carol Patterson – Albemarle Hopeline*
- *Stephanie Wyche – Camden DSS*
- *Bethany Buttram – Perquimans EMS*
- *Laura Sykes – EIC, Inc.*
- *Michelle Moore – River City CDC*
- *Cheryl Banks – Trillium*
- *Debra Susie – NCCEH*
- *Tonya Rollins – River City CDC*
- *Wendy Hedgebeth – EIC, Inc.*

Introductions

- The meeting was held virtually. Those present introduced themselves and what agency they were representing.

Consideration of October’s Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from October’s meeting were approved without changes or objection. Anne Cooper made a motion to accept the minutes and Tonya Rollins seconded the motion.

Updates/Reports

- BoS Steering Committee
 - The Funding and Performance Subcommittee plans to increase HMIS participation across the Balance of State in 2024
 - The Regional Lead Alternate for each region will form a recruitment team to develop plans to engage and recruit non-HMIS participating programs to use HMIS. There will be a training on February 8, 2024 and more information will be made available after the training
 - ESG Program Grant – River City was awarded the grant for the region; plan to use the funds for Rapid Re-housing and Emergency Shelter beginning January 1st
 - Local Leadership Response Call – the call will be held on Wednesday, November 15th at 1:00pm (the link to join the call was sent to the committee). The call will focus on Medicaid Expansion which will take place December 1st
- Regional Unsheltered Access Coordination Workbooks
 - Quentin asked for volunteers to assist with the workbook and to come up with a day and time to meet
 - Volunteers – Tonya, Stephanie, Kisha, Lakitra and Tammy

Scorecard Committee

- The regional committee must choose a Scorecard Committee representative during the next meeting
- The representative will be responsible for scoring/recommending new and renewal applications for the CoC Program. The Scorecard Committee can include: any one person in the regional committee, any Steering Committee at-large members, and staff at agencies with or planning to submit new or renewal project applications
- The Scorecard Committee will meet over three consecutive weeks: February 7th, 14th and 21st from 9:30am – 11:00am

PIT Count

- The count will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024
- The Unsheltered Access Coordinators and CE Lead are responsible for planning and seeking volunteers for the PIT Count
 - Volunteers for the count - Tonya, Stephanie, Kisha, Lakitra and Tammy
- The committee will come up with a day and time to plan and discuss the PIT Count

2024 Elections

- Elections will be held during the next meeting. Every position except for CE Lead, need to be filled.
 - Positions: Regional Lead, Regional Alternate Lead, Webmaster, Unsheltered Access Coordinator, and Project Review Committee Representative
 - The committee will be sent an email listing all of the positions and their responsibilities

Community Resource and Agency Updates

- DSS – Medicaid expansion will begin December 1st
- Coordinated Entry – working on putting together a Coordinated Entry group for Veterans
- School System(s) - none
- County - none
- Spring Life – opened a new office in Kinston
- Dungarvin – none

Housing Program Updates

- River City CDC –The opening for the temporary shelter has been delayed because a sprinkler system has to be installed; will open at the beginning of the year
- EIC – Section 8 waitlist is closed
- Trillium Health Resources – B@H BoS Housing Stabilization Program is still in the development and hiring phase; should be up and running around the first of the year

Success Stories

- Spring Life was able to house a single mother with two children that was living in a tent in the woods.

Announcements

- Spring Life will be serving Thanksgiving dinners in Pasquotank (11/15) and Washington (11/16) counties at 2:00pm

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm

The next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 1:00pm