

Northeastern Homeless Coalition Committee Meeting
Region 11

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Minutes

Those Present:

- *Kisha Darden – Trillium*
- *Stacia Billups – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Tammy Kittrell – Trillium*
- *Lakitra Claude – Trillium*
- *Marti Chick-Ebey – Hampton VA*
- *Michele Welsh – Trillium*
- *Quentin Jackson – Spring Life*
- *Bethany Buttram – Perquimans EMS*
- *Ikisha Brothers – Faith and Victory*
- *Gloria and Larry Brown – Faith and Victory*
- *Cheryl Banks – Trillium*
- *Tonya Rollins – River City CDC*
- *Zinia Holley – Dungarvin*
- *Joycelyn Hinton – Perquimans School System*
- *Athena Chasten – Currituck School System*
- *Gretchen Hillburger – Hampton VA*
- *Tawonya Morgan -*
- *Midge Hudyma – Pasquotank School System*
- *Ray Virgo – VOA*
- *Shelia Perry – Faith and Victory*

Introductions

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

Consideration of November’s Meeting Minutes

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

Updates/Reports

- BoS Steering Committee
 - The 2024 PIT/HIC Count will take place on Wednesday, January 31st and go through February 6th
 - Two trainings are scheduled in January - January 4th at 10am – 11am (non-HMIS participating projects) and January 11th at 10am – 11am (victim service providers)
 - Regional Committees must vote to approve leadership positions and subcommittee representatives for 2024 – names must be submitted by December 15th
 - The Racial Equity Subcommittee and Loved Expertise Advisory Council are looking for more members

- Regional Unsheltered Access Coordination Workbook
 - According to Quentin, an email was sent to the committee and no one responded. As of today, the workbook is not complete

Presentation – Faith and Victory Christian Church

- The presentation was about providing mobile shower units for the homeless in Pasquotank County (following the blueprint of LavaMae out of California)
- The Church is currently looking for ways to fund the units along with volunteers

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
 - Individuals have volunteered to assist with the following counties: Camden, Chowan, Hertford, Pasquotank and Perquimans
 - Volunteers are needed for Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde and Tyrrell counties

2024 Elections

- Elections were held for the upcoming year. The following people will hold the following positions:
 - Regional Lead – Kisha Darden
 - Regional Lead Alternate – Lakitra Claude
 - Webmaster – Lakitra Claude
 - Coordinated Entry Lead – Michele Welsh
 - Unsheltered Access Coordinator – Quentin Jackson
 - Scorecard Committee Representative – vacant
 - Project Review Committee – Zinia Holley

Community Resource and Agency Updates

- DSS – Households including a person aged 60 or older or disabled persons receiving services through the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services are eligible to sign up for assistance from Dec. 1 – 31. All other households may apply from Jan. 1 – March 31 or until funds are exhausted.
- Coordinated Entry – none
- School System(s) – Pasquotank is reporting 150 homeless children to date and Currituck is reporting 20 – 30 children
- County - none
- Spring Life – none
- Dungarvin – none
- VOA – Mr. Virgo reports that he is having a hard time housing clients that are sex offenders (Kisha stated that she would get with him after the meeting because she may have some resources for him)

Housing Program Updates

- River City CDC –The opening for the temporary shelter has been delayed because a sprinkler system has to be installed; the plan is to open at the beginning of the year. The address to the shelter is 318 S. Hughes Blvd
 - The hotel project is currently full and there are 45 people on the waitlist
- 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

- None at this time

Announcements

- The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2024 at 1:00pm

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm