

Northeastern Homeless Coalition Committee Meeting
Region 11

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Minutes

Those Present:

- *Gretchen Hillburger – Hampton VA*
- *Kisha Darden – Trillium*
- *Michele Welsh – Trillium*
- *Shelia Perry – Faith and Victory*
- *Tammy Kittrell – Trillium*
- *Tawonya Morgan – FVCC*
- *Tonya Rollins – River City CDC*
- *Cheryl Banks – Trillium*
- *Bethany Buttram – Perquimans County MIH Program*
- *Heidi Long – October Road*
- *Lakitra Claude – Trillium*
- *Michelle Moore – RCCDC*
- *Renika Bryant -*

Introductions

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

Consideration of February’s Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made by Shelia Perry to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Tawonya Morgan. The minutes from February’s meeting were approved without changes or objections.

Updates/Reports

- BoS Steering Committee
 - The new and renewal scorecards for the FY2024 CoC Program Competition were approved.
 - There will be webinars for both new and renewal CoC projects. For new projects the webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th at 2:00pm and Thursday, March 14th at 10:00am for renewal projects
 - FY 2025 Emergency Solutions Grant funding priorities have been approved
 - The NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV) received a DV Bonus award in the FY21 CoC Program completion to create a CoC wide rapid re-housing program targeting households fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, stalking, dating violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking.
- Back@Home BoS Update
 - Trillium is still in the process of trying to hire someone for this area

PIT Count Follow-up

- As of today, there were 51 people reported for the region

Community Resources and Agency Updates

- DSS – none at this time
- Coordinated Entry – none at this time
- School System(s) –
 - Pasquotank (M. Hudyma, unable to attend, but sent updates) - ECPPS has identified a total of 164 students as McKinney-Vento who lost housing and are doubled up for financial reasons or in a motel, etc. They do not have a fixed, regular, adequate place to stay nightly.
 - Parents are calling the office looking for a place to go because they have been put out or lost housing, saying they have nowhere to go; referrals are made, but it seems the need is increasing
 - ECPPS is struggling with transporting students that have been displaced out of their school zones. The students have a right to remain in their school-of-origin for the remainder of the school year. ECPPS buses are being utilized but there is a driver shortage and the school system contracts with Kid's Taxi, but they are full as well.
- County – none at this time
- Spring Life – not present
- Dungarvin – not present
- October Road – none at this time
- Hampton VA – none at this time
- Faith and Victory Christian Church – none at this time

Housing Program Updates

- River City CDC
 - Inspections have been done on the shelter. A sprinkler system may not be necessary, if they house fewer people in the shelter
 - Received the Choosing Home Grant (SFRR) – provides homeless prevention assistance (rent and utility arrears); must be referred by DSS, complete an intake packet, income is calculated at 50% or below; must be facing eviction and have a lease; covering Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Chowan, Camden and Dare counties at this time
- Trillium – none at this time
- EIC – not present
- Hampton VA – none at this time
- Community Outreach Ministries (Hertford County) – will be closing their doors on April 30th; they will serve the community in another capacity in the future

Success Stories

- River City shared the following stories:
 - They were working with a female that was enrolled in their rapid re-housing program. She was receiving emergency shelter from a third party in Edenton. She has located housing and River City assisted her with securing it. She is set to sign her lease on March 19th.

- A young lady was released from rehab. She has secured a job since being released from the program. United Way will be assisting her with a deposit and the landlord is not asking for first month's rent because she wants to be a blessing to the young lady. She is looking to go back into the nursing field.

Announcements

- River City – Group Work Camp will be in the area in July. Applications are currently being accepted. The group will be offering free home repair projects for the elderly, low-income, veterans, and disabled families. Repairs include: porch repair/construction, step repair, exterior painting, interior painting, weatherization (minor), wheelchair ramp repair/construction, and mobile home skirting.
- The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2024 at 1:00pm

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm