

Northeastern Homeless Coalition Committee Meeting  
*Region 11*

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

**Minutes**

**Those Present:**

- *Asha Joell – Trillium*
- *Cheryl Banks – Trillium*
- *Bethany Buttram – Perquimans County MIH Program*
- *Debbie Douglas – Hyde County Hotline*
- *Gretchen Hilburger, Hampton VA*
- *Kisha Darden – Trillium*
- *Lakitra Claude – Trillium*
- *Latoria Roundtree – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Marti Chick-Ebey – Hampton VA*
- *Michele Welsh – Trillium*
- *Michelle Moore – RCCDC*
- *Midge Hudyma – ECPPS*
- *Priscilla Gordon – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Shelia Perry – FVCC*
- *Tony Rice – Spring Life*
- *Tammy Kittrell – Trillium*
- *Tonya Rollins – RCCDC*
- *Wendy Overton – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Anne Cooper – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Tawonya Morgan - FVCC*

**Introductions**

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

**Consideration of March's Meeting Minutes**

- A motion was made by Shelia Perry to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Anne Cooper. The minutes from March's meeting were approved without changes or objections.

**Updates/Reports**

- BoS Steering Committee
  - The FY2024 CoC Program Priorities were approved and can be viewed online
  - The FY2024 New and Renewal Project Application webinars have been posted online
    - Agencies interested in applying for new FY2024 CoC Program funds are required to complete and submit an Intent to Apply Form. The form is open until 2 weeks after the NOFO release

Agencies receiving FY2023 CoC Program awards should complete and submit an Intent to Renew Form by 12pm, Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Renewal projects must also submit Pre-Competition Scoring and standards Review documents by 12pm, Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

A new assessment tool will be replacing the VI-SPDAT. It will be called HART (Housing Assessment Resource Tool). The training for the new assessment and launch phase will take place between May and June

There was a discussion on Medicaid Expansion

An attorney from Legal Aid discussed the Johnson vs. Grants Pass case and how it can affect the rights of people experiencing homelessness. The case will decide whether cities are allowed to

punish people for things like sleeping outside with a pillow or blanket, even when there are no safe shelter options

### **Presentation – Hertford County DSS**

- The presentation was cancelled

### **Community Resources and Agency Updates**

- DSS – none at this time
- Coordinated Entry – none at this time
- School System(s) –
  - Pasquotank (M. Hudyma) reported that ECPPS has identified a total of 175 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. Transportation and housing continue to be an issue for the area.
- County – none at this time
- Spring Life – none at this time
- Dungarvin – not present
- October Road – not present
- Hampton VA – none at this time
- Faith and Victory Christian Church – none at this time

### **Housing Program Updates**

- River City CDC
  - Opening the shelter has been stalled again due to the siding of the building and the back and forth with the city about the sprinkler system
  - An update was given on the Choosing Home program which is a housing prevention program – can assist with rent and utilities; referrals can be emailed and those referred by DSS are top priority. The cap for rental assistance is \$
- Trillium
  - The Housing Stabilization Coordinator position will be reposted. The Back@Home program cannot begin in this area until someone is hired and trained
- EIC – not present
- Hampton VA – having a hard time getting in touch with someone from EIC so no one from this area has been housed with VASH, they were housed by other means

### **Success Stories**

- River City shared a few stories about some of the individuals that have been housed since the last meeting.

### **Announcements**

- The next meeting will be held virtually on May 14, 2024 at 1:00pm

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm