

Northeastern Homeless Coalition Committee Meeting
Region 11

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Minutes

Those Present:

- *Marti-Chick Ebey – Hampton VA*
- *Asha Joell – Trillium*
- *Ashlea Zadakis - EIC*
- *Bethany Buttram – Perquimans County MIH Program*
- *Crystal Rountree – ARHS*
- *Elizabeth Riddick – EIC*
- *Tonya Rollins – River City*
- *Heidi Long – October Road*
- *Joycelyn Hinton – Perquimans County Schools*
- *Kisha Darden – Trillium*
- *Lakisha Saunders – Chowan DSS*
- *Lakitra Claude – Trillium*
- *Lillian Dance – EIC*
- *Michele Welsh – Trillium*
- *Michelle Moore – River City*
- *Shari Fiveash – Dare County RITI*
- *Raymar Virgo – Volunteers of America*
- *Shelia Perry – FVCC*
- *Stacia Billups – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Tammy Cartwright - ARHS*
- *Tawonya Morgan – FVCC*
- *Trenece Vaughan – Chowan DSS*
- *Wendy Overton – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Zinia Holley - Dungarvin*

Introductions

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

Consideration of March’s Meeting Minutes

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

Updates/Reports

- BoS Steering Committee
 - The FY2024 new and renewal project application webinar recordings have been posted at the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness website
 - Agencies interested in applying for new COC Program funds are required to complete and submit an Intent to Apply Form
 - Tentative ESG Project Application information
 - The NC ESG office expects to release the RFA on Tuesday, June 11th
 - The NC BoS expects to set the 1st submission deadline for 5pm on Tuesday, July 16th
 - The NC ESG office expects to set the final submission deadline for 5pm on Monday, August 26th

- ESG Program eligible projects include Street outreach, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-housing, Homelessness Prevention, and HMIS or Comparable Database
 - An ESG Program competition process webinar will be held on Tuesday, May 21st from 11:00am – 12:30pm.
- The Steering Committee approved updates to the NC BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Written Standards for 2024. Overview of changes and/or updates include: updated all references to VI-SPDAT to HART (Homeless Assessment and Referral Tool) and updated Category 4 to reflect new HUD definition
 - There will be a webinar/training about the HART assessment tool on Thursday
- There will be an upcoming in person Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 26th from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The location is to be determined.

Unsheltered Access Coordinator

- The position is vacant and needs to be filled as soon as possible
- Duties of the Unsheltered Access Coordinator
 - Serve as primary contact for Regional Committee around unsheltered access
 - Coordinate with regional Coordinated Entry Leads to ensure people experiencing unsheltered homelessness access the local coordinated entry system
 - Ensure data collection happens on all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness
 - Engage providers/organizations/stakeholders to understand the local plan to engage people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and how to connect them to the coordinated entry system
 - Provide additional training to providers/organizations/stakeholders as needed

Community Resources and Agency Updates

- DSS – none from the agencies represented
- Coordinated Entry – none at this time
- School System(s) – none from those represented
- County – none from those represented
- Faith and Victory
 - Currently making preparations for the homeless individuals that hang around the library by providing them with the items they may need, i.e. toiletries and sometimes snacks. They also refer individuals to SOULS for meals.
- Dungarvin – none at this time
- October Road – none at this time

Housing Program Updates

- River City CDC
 - Still having issues with the city concerning the shelter and the sprinkler system
- EIC – none at this time
- Trillium Health Resources

- Looking to hire someone by the end of the month, get them trained, and hopefully get the Back@Home program up and running in the region. The program will offer supportive services and rapid re-housing
- Hampton VA
 - May have more staff soon to do things like a Stand Down event or outreach in the area
- Dare County RITI
 - The shelter closed at the end of April and will reopen in November. While it was open, the shelter had over 1,500 room nights and served about 5,500 meals

Success Stories

- River City shared two success stories concerning individuals that have been housed since the last meeting.

Announcements

- River City will be hosting a Juneteenth celebration on June 15th from 11:00am – 6:00pm at the Waterfront Park (Elizabeth City). Any non-profit that would like to have a booth can do so at no charge. Retail vendors will be charged \$50 for a booth. If interested, contact Tonya Rollins
- The next meeting will be held virtually on June 11, 2024 at 1:00pm and the committee is looking to meet again in person in August

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm