

Northeastern Homeless Coalition Committee Meeting
Region 11

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Minutes

Those Present:

- *Marti-Chick Ebey – Hampton VA*
- *Asha Joell – Trillium*
- *Midge Hudyma – ECPPS Schools*
- *Bethany Buttram – Perquimans County MIH Program*
- *Debra A. Susie - NCCEH*
- *Tonya Rollins – River City*
- *Kisha Darden – Trillium*
- *Michele Welsh – Trillium*
- *Michelle Moore – River City*
- *Raymar Virgo – Volunteers of America*
- *Shelia Perry – FVCC*
- *Ikisha Brothers – ARHS/FVCC*
- *Gretchen Hilburger – Hampton VA*
- *Tawonya Morgan – FVCC*
- *Wendy Overton – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Raymar Virgo – Volunteers of America*
- *Tammy Kittrell – Trillium*
- *Toni Selby -*
- *Janaye ???? – Tyrrell DSS*

Introductions

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

Consideration of May’s Meeting Minutes

- A correction is needed. Under Community Resource and Agency Updates, in the section for Faith and Victory Christian Church, change the last sentence to “They also prepare meals for individuals at SOULS. A motion was made by Shelia Perry to accept the minutes with the change and it was seconded by Asha Joell.

Updates/Reports

- BoS Steering Committee
 - The FY2024 new and renewal project application webinar recordings have been posted at <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/>
 - Agencies interested in applying for new FY2024 CoC Program funds are required to complete and submit an Intent to Apply Form - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e969b93b40a5491baa7d370c976fc403>. The form is open until two weeks after the NOFO release
 - The BoS CoC issued a Request for Proposals on May 20th, for the transfer of three currently operating CoC Program funded grants. The Project Review Committee recommends the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) for the transfer of Northern PSH Combo, Pathways to Permanently Housed Combined, and Thrive Rapid Rehousing.
 - The ESG RFA was released on June 11th. CY2025 total amount available: \$2,479,531. The region’s fair share is \$97,815 (\$58,689 for emergency service and \$39,126 for housing stabilization)

- A webinar for all project applicants will be held on June 20th at 10:00am. Please register: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1688/>. Recorded webinars and competition materials are available at www.ncceh.org/bos/esg.
- Project applications are due to NCCEH by 5:00pm on Tuesday, July 16th. Regional Leads must share this deadline with their networks. NC BoS CoC approved project applications deadline to submit to NC ESG Office is by 5:00pm on August 26th.
- The Regional Review Form will be sent to Regional Leads and Alternates on Wednesday, July 17th. The Regional Review Form needs to be completed and returned by the deadline of 5:00pm on Tuesday, July 30th to be considered by the Project Review Committee to create the proposed slate of applications and for NCCEH staff to complete the Regional Application.
- 2024 Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Count
 - NCCEH staff presented data from the 2024 Point-In-Time and Housing Inventory Count, held on January 31, 2024. Point-in-Time (by region and county) will be posted at: www.ncceh.org/datacenter/pitdata. Region 11 reported 76 people experiencing homelessness.

Presentation – Healthy Opportunities Pilot

- Tammy Kittrell presented information about the Healthy Opportunities Pilot (HOP)
- Highlights from the presentation include:
 - Currently covers the following counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan, Edgecombe, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pitt, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Onslow, and Pender
 - Provides non-medical resources like housing, food and transportation to Medicaid enrollees
 - To qualify for pilot services, Medicaid managed care members must live in one of the above-mentioned counties and have:
 - At least one physical/behavioral health criteria
 - Adults(e.g., having two or more qualifying chronic conditions)
 - Pregnant Women (e.g., history of poor birth outcomes such as low birth weight)
 - Children, ages 0-3 (e.g., neonatal intensive care unit graduate)
 - Children 0-20 (e.g., experiencing three or more categories of adverse childhood experiences)
 - At least one Social Risk Factor:
 - Homeless or housing insecurity
 - Food insecurity
 - Transportation insecurity
 - At risk of witnessing or experiencing interpersonal violence

Community Resources and Agency Updates

- DSS – none from the agencies represented
- Coordinated Entry

- Michele reminded the committee that we are now using the HART assessment and for those that are with a DV shelter, they will enter the information from the HART assessment into a Smart sheet form.
- School System(s)
 - Midge informed the committee that school ended on last Friday and some students are attending summer school until the 27th to help improve test scores and for additional learning; there were 187 students identified as McKinney Vento; the county spent approximately \$205,000 on transportation (outside of regular buses); finding that the homeless issue is caused by landlords selling their properties, lack of affordable housing and individuals not willing to work
- County – none from those represented
- Albemarle Regional Health Services
 - Ikisha stated that they are collecting data from their Community Health Assessment. The link to the assessment was sent to the committee by Lakitra; the agency is working on developing a focus group geared towards homelessness in the area
- Faith and Victory
 - It was reported that they are still working towards the Showers of Blessings Project. The showers will be for those experiencing homelessness and those that may have inadequate plumbing, etc.

Housing Program Updates

- River City CDC
 - Still moving forward towards opening up the shelter on Hughes Blvd., discussed the safety challenges the staff faces from time to time when it comes to some of the clients that visit the office
- Trillium Health Resources
 - Someone has been hired for the Housing Stabilization Coordinator position for the Back@Home program and she will start on June 16th
- Hampton VA
 - None at this time, but still waiting for contact information for whomever can assist with the HUD Vash vouchers at EIC

Success Stories

- Midge shared with the committee how the Community Care Collaborative (Albemarle united Way) have been working hard with helping individuals stay housed and/or find housing by collaborating with other agencies. They spend around \$15,000 a month assisting individuals.

Announcements

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

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:46pm