

Northeastern Homeless Coalition Committee Meeting
Region 11

August 13, 2024

Minutes

Those Present:

- *Raymar Virgo - VOA*
- *Marti Chick-Ebey – Hampton VA*
- *Donata Brown – ARHS*
- *Gretchen Hilburger – Hampton VA*
- *Kisha Darden – Trillium*
- *Lakitra Claude – Trillium*
- *Latoya Smith – Trillium*
- *Michele Welsh – Trillium*
- *Michelle Moore – River City*
- *Midge Hudyma – ECPPS*
- *Shelia Perry – FVCC*
- *Tawonya Morgan – FVCC*
- *Tonya Rollins – River City*
- *Trenece Vaughan – Chowan DSS*
- *Wendy Overton – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Asha Joel – Trillium*
- *Debra Susie – NCCEH*
- *Stacia Billups – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Shari Fiveash – OBX RITI*

Introductions

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

Consideration of June’s Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from June and July’s meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Shelia Perry and seconded by Tawonya Morgan to accept June’s minutes. Next, a motion was made by Shelia Perry and seconded by Shari Fiveash to accept July’s minutes.

Updates/Reports

- BoS Steering Committee
 - The FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Program NOFO was released on July 31st. The Project Review Committee orientation will be held on August 28th at 9:30am. An intent to apply form is due by 5:00pm on August 13th.
 - HUD Released a new funding opportunity for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation in a NOFO called CoC Builds on July 19th. Interested agencies should complete an intent to apply form by September 27th at 5:00pm.
 - The Project Review Committee and CoC staff have completed the ESG Program application review process. The recommended slate of applicants for the ESG Program Competition was unanimously approved.
 - There was an in-person Steering Committee meeting held on June 26th. The goal of the meeting was to evaluate and understand the CoC’s current governance and identify opportunities to change current structures to enhance the NC BoS CoC’s ability to end homelessness
 - NCCEH was awarded a 5-year grant from the Bezos Day 1 Families Fund in 2020. The agency has sub granted funds to providers in the NC BoS CoC to serve

families with children facing homelessness. NCCEH is shifting directions to fund the Regional Committees. Every regional committee is eligible to apply and 2 – 4 regions will be awarded. Applications will be posted on the website.

- \$100,000 - \$200,000 disbursement grant per region for up to 2 to 4 regions
- 18-month grant cycle – January 2025 – June 2026

- Unsheltered Access Coordinator
 - Responsibilities of Unsheltered Access Coordinator include:
 - Serve as primary contact for Regional Committee around unsheltered access
 - Coordinate with regional CE 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, and stakeholders to understand the local plan to engage people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and how to connect them to the CE system
 - Provide additional training to providers, organizations, and stakeholders as needed

Community Resources and Agency Updates

- Department of Social Services
 - Chowan – discussed a case and was looking for recommendations, referrals and/or resources
 - Pasquotank – has Crisis Intervention funding to assist with utility bills due to the heat (cooling emergency). The agency was provided a second allocation to continue to assist anyone (who has not already received Crisis and is eligible) in an emergent cooling need. All questions can be directed to Wendy Overton, Family Support Services Supervisor at (252) 338-2126, ext. 6143. Also, Wendy or her unit are the point of contact for any questions regarding subsidized child care. At the time, there is no wait list, but it is anticipated that a wait list will be implemented. Until then, DSS will determine eligibility and assist with care.
- Coordinated Entry
 - None at this time
- School System(s)
 - ECPPS has identified 36 children that are currently homeless according to McKinney Vento. School starts on August 26th and the school system is currently working on providing transportation for those that have been identified as homeless. Also, there are no funds available to assist with housing
- County
 - None at this time

- Faith and Victory
 - There are no new announcements at this time. The church is still working on securing funding for the Showers of Blessings project

- SHIP
 - The Stable Housing Improvement Project or SHIP is a non-profit organization that was created by faith leaders in the community. There was a meeting held on July 17th where those that were present voiced what they felt the needs were for the community. Another meeting will be held on August 20th at 9:30am at United Methodist Church. SHIP is looking into building and/or renovating houses in the region to help address the lack of affordable, stable housing in Pasquotank County.

Housing Program Updates

- River City CDC
 - Still moving forward with opening the shelter and looking for funding for a sprinkler system.
 - There are no funds available for emergency shelter
- Trillium Health Resources
 - None at this time
- Hampton VA
 - None at this time

Success Stories

- River City shared a success story of one of their clients. They have been able to successfully house two families

Announcements

- The next meeting will be held virtually on September 10, 2024 at 1:00pm.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:54pm