



# REGION 11-COMMITTEE MEETING

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>VIRTUAL</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	11/12/2024
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Kisha Darden - Trillium, Kit Claude - Trillium, Michele Welsh - Trillium, Tawonya Morgan - FVCC, Asha Joell - Trillium, Demetrius White, Debra A. Susie - NCCEH, Cherri Brunson – ARHS, Toni Selby, Raymar Virgo – Volunteers of America, Dr. Chisom, Sheila Perry - FVCC, Phyllis Parker, Wendy Overton – Pasquotank DSS, Latoya Smith - Trillium, Michelle Moore – River City, Tonya Rollins – River City, Daphanie, Carol
<b>TIME:</b>	1:00 PM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Kisha Darden called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.


### II. ROLL CALL

Kisha Darden conducted introductions and everyone introduced themselves and what agency they were representing.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The October minutes were approved.

### IV. BOS STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a) The FY2024 Continuum of Care Program Competition is complete. The final project application due to HUD were submitted by the due date of October 30th update. The NC ESG office has concluded the CY2025 ESG Program Competition. Awards have been announced and River City Community Development is the awardee for Region 11.
  - b) The City of Greenville applied for an opportunity to build new construction for people that are unsheltered. The Steering Committee voted to approve the application for submission contingent on updating the project application with the suggested conditions.
  - c) The next PIT Count will be January 29, 2025. Mark your calendars! Regional committees should start planning now for the PIT Count.
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- d) Region 11 is still without an Unsheltered Access Coordinator. The committee needs to work together to make sure we get our numbers in.
- e) Elections are next month. The committee need to start thinking about what our leadership will look like next year. We need a Regional Lead, Regional Lead Alternate, and a Web Master. If you're interested or would like to nominate someone, please feel free to do so.
- f) North Carolina Housing and Finance has two funding opportunities available. One is for \$8.8 million for the 2025-2026 Urgent Repair Program. They're also now seeing funding availability for a new Safe House Program for families expiring domestic violence. If you know any agency that may be interested in applying for these grants, please encourage them to do so.

## **V. HMIS - KIT**

- a) The North Carolina Balance of State uses the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to capture data for the shelter beds in the region and also across the Continuum of Care. There are struggles in capturing a lot of the shelter beds in the area/areas that the state covers so the Balance of State are asking for the Regional Lead Alternates to reach out to agencies that currently operate shelters and are not using HMIS in an effort to recruit them to capture those numbers. In 2024, there were 1,276 beds (shelters, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent support housing) that are not using HMIS. The goal is to get as many of those shelters that are not using HMIS on board to use HMIS.
- b) The Funding and Performance Subcommittee set a goal to try and achieve HUDs 85% benchmark so those numbers can be captured. North Carolina's CoC will recruit at least five of the largest emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing projects to join HMIS by the end of 2025. In the meantime, the Regional Lead Alternates for the 13 Regional Committees will be reaching out to agencies in their regions that do not currently use HMIS. If anyone on the call works with a shelter, expect to receive a call or email from whoever the Regional Lead Alternate is in 2025.
- c) The goal is to report three times a year on the progress of obtaining those agencies. Those dates would be May 10<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and January 10<sup>th</sup>. All the information will be submitted on a Smartsheet.

## **VI. COMMUNITY RESOURCES & AGENCY UPDATES**

- A. DSS – No Updates from any counties
- B. Coordinated Entry – Anyone who wants to do homeless referrals – Let Michele know
- C. School Systems – No Updates
- D. County – No Updates
- E. Faith and Victory Christian Church – No Updates
- F. October Road – No Updates
- G. Albemarle Hopeline – No Updates
- H. SHIP – No Updates, but SHIP is continuing their efforts according their mission to help those experiencing homelessness by providing affordable housing.
- I. Matthew 25:35-36 – Offer two services right now. They are an Independent Host Home for children and teens and have a children's clothing closet. They offer a Christian like environment where a child with special needs who is in need of special housing are

able to reside there (full time or part time) with a dedicated care giver. They act as a traditional family with a schedule and personalized support. Also assists teens or expecting mothers that need housing. They offer help with their newborn child.

- Who they Service: Anyone from any County
- Referrals: Can be reached via form (Kisha to send out), phone, or email

Ministry Number: (252) 706-4833 and email: [didituntome@gmail.com](mailto:didituntome@gmail.com)

## **VII. HOUSING PROGRAM UPDATES**

- A. River City Community Development – No Updates
- B. EIC – No Updates
- C. Trillium Health Resources – At capacity for Back @ Home program
- D. Hampton VA – No Updates
- E. Volunteers of America – No Updates

**SUCCESS STORIES:** Latoya Smith had her first lease signing today! Congrats, Latoya!

**NEXT MEETING:** December 10<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm – Meeting will be held virtually