



REGION 11-COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION:	VIRTUAL
DATE:	12/10/2024
ATTENDEES:	Kisha Darden - Trillium, Kit Claude - Trillium, Michele Welsh - Trillium, Tawonya Morgan - FVCC, Asha Joell - Trillium, Sheila Perry - FVCC, Latoya Smith - Trillium, Tonya Rollins – RCCDC, Kimberly Gailor – Trillium, Anita Lynch – Road 2 Recovery, Athena Chasten – Currituck County Schools, Carol Patterson – Albemarle Hope Line, Gretchen Hilburger – HAMVAMC, Midge Hudyma – Elizabeth City Pasquotank Public Schools, Stephanie Wyche, Camden County DSS, and Martha Chick-Ebey - HAMVAMC
TIME:	1:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kisha Darden called to order the regular meeting of the Northeastern Homeless Coalition - Region 11 on 12/10/24 at 1pm.


II. ROLL CALL

Kisha Darden conducted introductions – Everyone introduced themselves

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The November minutes were approved with a minor correction. Ms. Shelia Perry stated that what was written under the update for SHIP should read as follows, “SHIP is continuing their efforts according to their mission to help those experiencing homelessness by providing affordable housing solutions.” The motion was made by Shelia Perry and seconded by Midge Hudyma.

IV. BOS STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATES – COMMITTEE MEET DECEMBER 3RD

- A. CoC Builds Application – The Steering Committee did approve the City of Greenville's Turnbury Trace application with conditions during the November 2024 meeting. They had quite a few corrections that were needed. The final application
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was submitted on November 21st, and they are requesting \$1.75 million. HUD is currently reviewing that application, and the results are expected to be announced in the first quarter of 2025.

- B. 2025 Steering Committee At-Large Members - New members were unanimously elected for the 2025 Steering Committee at-large membership slate
- C. Calendar year 2025 ESG Program – A competitive RFP was issued for Region 6 with \$117,233 in funding available, but no applications were received. NCCEH is working with the NC ESG office to determine the next steps to allocate the funds in the NC BoS CoC.
- D. PIT Count is coming up and we need to be prepared. The PIT Count will take place Jan 29th, 2025. These counts will cover sheltered, unsheltered, and permanent housing populations. Data will be collected through HMIS and not HMIS projects. We do not have an Unsheltered Access Coordinator for our region so we will need to do the best we can and work together for those willing to go out in each county or counties to do counts and call agencies the day of or day after. We do need to start talking about what those efforts will look like for our region. Last year we had a higher count than or previous PIT Counts and it was because of everyone's efforts of the committee.
- E. Anyone that has any issues from hurricane Helene, there is legal assistance for disaster recovery for those who are in need of any help. Please contact Kisha and she can provide that information for you to share.

V. ELECTIONS

Elections were held today. All positions have been filled.

- Regional Lead – Lakitra “Kit” Claude (Trillium Health Resources)
- Regional Lead Alternate – Latoya Smith (Trillium Health Resources)
- Webmaster – Kim Gailor (Trillium Health Resources)
- Unsheltered Access Coordinator – Shelia Perry (FVCC) - *Pending Confirmation*
- Project Review Committee Representative – Kisha Darden (Trillium Health Resources)
- Scorecard Committee Representative – Athena Chasteen (Currituck County Schools)

VI. COMMUNITY RESOURCES & AGENCY UPDATES

- A. DSS – All participating DSS Counties - No Updates
- B. Coordinated Entry – No Updates
- C. School Systems – ECPPS currently has 121 students/children identified as McKinney Vento, not the same as the HUD definition but means they've lost housing, and they're doubled up or in a hotel because of financial reasons. There have been many calls about people who have a voucher but are being put out of their housing for various reasons and they're having difficulty finding housing with vouchers. The housing issue continues and is still a need. Also, doing holiday things such a finding meals and gifts for Christmas with help from county organizations. Currituck County Schools has 45 McKinney Vento identified students with 4 or 5 pending as well as a lot more foster care going on.
- D. County – All participating Counties - No Updates
- E. October Road – No Updates

- F. Albemarle Hopeline – Doing a Christmas project and are in need of sponsors for families in their shelter as well as families they've worked with in the community (families they have gotten into housing and families in their agency). They will be collecting toys and gift cards. If you'd like to donate you can contact Carol Patterson (by phone or email) or you can drop the items off at Hopeline and let the front desk know the items are for Carol Patterson. Kisha will send out an email with the information. All toys and gift cards are needed by Dec 18th.
- G. SHIP – Still working on project and this month SHIP will be having a strategic planning meeting so they can start off in January with some new things. Definitely still working providing solutions to housing. Last week several churches got together to get items together so they can help Souls Ministry with their Christmas celebration and give out items to the homeless. They did bags for up to 100 people. Ms. Perry will provide Kisha with the date.
- H. Volunteers of America – No Updates

VII. HOUSING PROGRAM

- A. River City Community Development – Phase one of their rezoning and use of their property that was purchased as a homeless shelter was approved by city council. The property was approved as a homeless shelter so phase one is complete. Now it's time for phase two which involves a sprinkler system and some small renovations (roof, etc.). There maybe someone that can help out... crossing our fingers! Initially the shelter was going to be allowed to house up to ten, but Ms. Rollins believes it's been approved for up to twelve. If all goes well there will be another place that can be used for overflow.
- B. EIC – No Updates
- C. Trillium Health Resources – No Updates
- D. Hampton VA – A new veteran representative from Currituck County, Robert Kane, reached out last week. Ms. Chick-Ebey did let him know about the meeting and is hoping he will participate in the new year. Also, there is a new referral checklist if anyone is interested in referring someone if they're in Elizabeth City or Currituck area or willing to come up to the Hampton Roads area.

SUCCESS STORIES:

- Latoya Smith (Trillium Health Resources) has two people housed, two people who signed their leases, and two people who will be signing their leases by the end of the week.
- Martha Chick-Ebey (HAMVAMC) has a veteran signing his lease today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Have a wonderful Holiday!!

NEXT MEETING: January 14th – 1pm – Meeting will be held virtually