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NCCEH Update

Dear friends,

We are ending this year with positive news: Homeless numbers are decreasing. I bet this is the opposite of what most people think and hear in news headlines.

Throughout this year, we've been surrounded by stories of heartache and hardship. You probably would have expected that when HUD released the national 2011 Point-in-Time count numbers they would be announcing large numbers that were reflective of the recession.

But that isn't the case. In fact, overall homeless numbers showed a 2.1% decrease from 2010! There was an even larger decrease amongst homeless veterans. HUD reported a 12% decrease among veterans experiencing homelessness from 2010 to 2011!

While most of country will be surprised to hear those numbers, I am not. Over the past few years, I've continued to hear stories of increased need, but I'm also hearing and seeing more stories of success than ever before.

The real story is that even in a time of great economic difficulty, we can implement solutions that get results. In order to keep these numbers decreasing and keep people out of shelters and homelessness, we need to meet the growing need, which means continuing our focus on programs that work.

When I reflect on the past year, a few things stand out that have produced results:

- Using new resources and retooling existing resources to focus on housing stability
- Targeting to get the right resources to the right people
- Becoming more effective and efficient by investing in solutions that have the best outcomes: Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing

The decrease in homelessness, especially at such a difficult time, proves we are on the right track. We have proven that the assistance that HPRP offers works. Rental assistance, financial assistance and case management on a short-term basis are what get and keep people in housing. While HPRP funds will end in 2012, we must continue the programs that HPRP created. The challenge for 2012 will be to retool existing resources to continue to offer and expand these essential services.

On January 25, 2012, communities in North Carolina will conduct our annual point-in-time count. Of course, we're all anxious to see what the new numbers will show. We've learned some invaluable lessons in 2011. NCCEH staff crisscrossed the state working with communities to retool and access new funding. In 2012, we'll be focusing on sharing these lessons that we've learned right here in North Carolina.

The staff and board of NCCEH sincerely thank you all for your partnership and commitment in ending homelessness. We look forward to working with you in 2012.

Denise Neunaber
NCCEH Executive Director

Tuesdays @ Two: SSVF Grant Lessons Learned

Conference call focusing on new VA funds

As communities prepare for the 2011 VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant application, please join us for a call about lessons learned from the 2010 application cycle with North Carolina's FY2010 SSVF grant recipients. Andrea Kurtz, of the United Way of Forsyth County, and Lisa Crosslin, of Passage Home in Raleigh, will be on the call to discuss their application strategies and program designs and to answer questions from participants.

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2011

Time: 2 PM

Members: \$5

Non-Members: \$20

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Recent Blog Postings

Stay informed about the most vital news and issues by reading our blog at <http://blog.ncceh.org>.

[Using Prevention Programs to Prevent Homelessness](#)

Most of our communities have some sort of emergency assistance program that are often thought of as serving as a homeless prevention program. But what are these programs really preventing? Turns out, they might not be preventing homelessness the way we thought. [Read more...](#)

[HUD Announces \\$16.7 Million for NC in FY2011 CoC Competition Renewal Project Awards](#)

North Carolina received \$16,661,747 to continue 133 existing projects that provide supportive services, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and track data in Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS). [Read more...](#)

[Targeting and Prioritizing to End Homelessness](#)

At NCCEH, we've been talking a lot about how we make sure that the right resources get to the right people in order to make our systems work better. Especially in this time of reduced funding and growing need... [Read more...](#)

[New Resources for Homeless Veterans](#)

Two new resources for veterans experiencing homelessness are coming to North Carolina. Both of these resources are focused on permanent housing with supportive services. [Read more...](#)

[New Report: "Permanent Supportive Housing: An Operating Cost Analysis"](#)

The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and Enterprise Community Partners released a report titled, "Permanent Supportive Housing: An Operating Cost Analysis." The report examined the risk and profitability of permanent supportive housing (PSH) compared to affordable housing as well as the stability and investment returns from PSH. [Read more...](#)

[HUD Secretary Encourages Housing Authorities to Increase Access for Individuals with Criminal Backgrounds](#)

On June 17th, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Shaun Donovan, sent a letter to Public Housing Authorities to recommend they grant more access to Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers for individuals with criminal backgrounds. [Read more...](#)

New Web Resources

Funding Opportunity Postings

Check the NCCEH website for funding opportunities from governmental and other agencies to fund programs for homeless services, employment, and more. Find them on our [Funding Announcements](#) page or look under "Recent News" on our [homepage](#).

ESG Interim Rule & Homeless Definition Final Rule

HUD has published the interim rule for the [Emergency Solutions Grant](#) (ESG) program and the final rule for the updated [definition of homeless](#) under the HEARTH Act.

2011 Point-in-Time Report

[HUD's report](#) on the 2011 Point-in-Time Count documents a 2.1% decrease in overall homelessness and a 12% decrease in veterans homelessness.

Prevention Targeting 101

[This brief](#) from the National Alliance to End Homelessness discusses strategies for effective homelessness prevention programs.

Remember to check our [Learning Library](#) for regularly updated articles, research, and reports!

Upcoming Events

Point-in-Time Count Training [view event](#)

Friday, January 6, 10:30 am
via conference call

Tuesdays @ Two: SSVF Grant Lessons Learned [view event](#)

Tuesday, January 10, 2:00 pm
via conference call

Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting [view event](#)

Tuesday, January 10, 10:30 am
via conference call

SOAR Caseworker Dialogue Group [view event](#)

Thursday, January 19, 10:00 am
via conference call

NC Point-in-Time Count

Wednesday, January 25, overnight and in the following days
all NC communities will be conducting the 2012 Point-in-Time Count

There are many more events listed on our webpage. [View our calendar to learn more!](#)

NCCEH Job Board

NC Housing Administrator [view job](#)

NC Department of Health and Human Services

PATH Program Coordinator [view job](#)

Housing for New Hope

Wake County Housing Intake Coordinator [view job](#)

PLM Families Together/Women's Center of Wake County

Finance Director [view job](#)

Bethesda Center

Licensed Clinical Social Worker [view job](#)

Urban Ministries of Durham

Journey Program Director [view job](#)

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Residential Services Manager [view job](#)

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[View our full job board.](#) Have a job opening you'd like us to post? [Email us the listing!](#) Be sure to include contact information for how to apply.

NCCEH Membership

Thank you to all of our members for your support!
Membership Dues allow us to advocate at the federal and state levels for an end to homelessness in North Carolina.

New and Renewed NCCEH Members

Kristi Case
Terri Clark
Eliza Jane Curtis
Floyd Davis
Carson Dean
Nicole Enoch
Aundry Freeman
Jordan Gulley
Jim Howard
Geraldine Johnson
Linda Mandell
Tracy Mann
Brooks Ann McKinney
Rich Olejniczak
Dianna Polland
Joel Rice
Don Rogers
Dorothy Rogers
Adolph Thomas

Bob Thompson
Lisa Triplett
Ellen Ward
Rob Weigle
Tim West
Brent Wilson

Cumberland County Community Development
Eureka Ministry
The Haven of Transylvania County
Homeward Bound of Asheville
Passage Home
Pitt County Government
PLM Families Together
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Urban Ministry Center

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