

Multi-Purpose Room ■ Greenville Housing Authority  
1103 Broad Street, Greenville, NC

Present:

**Pastor Rodney Coles**, Churches Outreach Network  
**Adrian Cox**, United Way of Pitt County  
**Devinder Culver**, Greenville Police Department  
**Diana Cooper-Mann**, Center for Family Violence Prevention  
**Georgia Ensley**, Port Human Services/Shelter + Care Coordinator  
**Lynne James**, Greenville Community Shelter  
**Gloria Kesler**, City of Greenville  
**Gloria Leak**, Vocational Rehabilitation  
**Linda Mandell**, Soar Case Worker  
**Catatonnia Mitchell-Pitt**, Family Violence Program of Pitt County  
**Tujuanda Sanders**, Greenville Housing Authority  
**Thelma Sephes**, VA Outpatient Clinic  
**Talaika Williams**, ECBH, LME

**Emergency Shelter Grant**

Lynne James updated the group on the regional committee's 2012-13 ESG grant which has now been conditionally awarded \$105,411. And additional \$18,061 was also offered to Pitt County Regional committee. This additional funding needs to be matched to be able to include as part of the grant. No monies can be spent until the State issues contracts. Contracts will be issued when the agencies have submitted all necessary documentation.

This documentation includes:

- A flow chart for Rapid Re-housing and explanations of how the two programs (10-Year Plan and Greenville Community Shelter) will work together so we don't duplicate assistance.
- Match for all grant amounts include additional funding.

This documentation will be completed when Paulette White returns. Lynne James stated that the group was working to find the matching funding.

Ms. James reported that she has received some calls from individuals asking about rapid re-housing money available in September. There is a three (3)-day training in October on a standard vulnerability housing assessment. This training will be held in Durham. One person from DSS and the Soar case worker will attend.

**Minutes:**

The minutes for July and August were approved.

**BOS Steering Committee**

A handout of the minutes for the BOS steering committee was distributed. It shows the ESG application status as follows:

ESG	\$105,400 + \$18,061 additional possible	
Center for Family Violence (facility)		\$7,111
Greenville Community Shelter		
• Facility		\$40,000
• Housing Stability		\$12,000
Pitt County Planning for housing stability (RR program)		\$46,300

**SOAR Program**

There are no changes in Soar figures for September for Shelter/Unsheltered persons. DSS did not report.

**Other**

Georgia Ensley, coordinator for Shelter + Care for PORT Human Services, brought up that a client's SSI was reduced due to his receiving rental assistance from Shelter + Care. He received no HPRP money. This is a Greenville client with three children. Social Security stated if he got TANIF, there would also be a reduction of his benefit. This is an unusual situation because no one else holding a voucher has had any benefit reduction. There was discussion several months ago because Social Security announced that anyone receiving HPRP funds would get a reduction, but we have not heard anything further. Linda Mandell will contact NCCEH to see if Emily Carmody knows anything about this.

**Announcements**

Walter Strathy was to give details on a street Outreach but did not attend the meeting. The Outreach is 9/22 on Raleigh Street with lunch and will have an indoor medical clinic. They are trying to bring Christian community together to explore a medical clinic, so we will hear more on that when he next attends.

Two persons will attend the DESC training in Durham Monday thru Wednesday. The focus of the training is a questionnaire designed to assess and rank the needs of homeless persons with respect to housing, so that those at greater risk will be prioritized. The assessment breaks down the extent of vulnerability into 10 different categories, from no evidence of risk to severe risk. It assesses their basic needs, mortality risks, medical risks, organization/orientation, mental health, substance use, social behavior and homelessness and breaks down everything on a point basis. Concentration will be the chronically homeless. Studies show that when people don't have all the stresses of being on the street, their other needs may be addressed and they show improvement.

Pastor Coles announced that on Sat. 9/15 Dr. Young, who partners with the Churches Outreach Network, is catering food at the Joy Soup Kitchen. The meal this month will be lasagna. On 10/6 they will have a 5K race with Hope of Glory. In November will have "Life Impact" and the first movie will be "Courageous" which is partnered with the Sheriff's department. We Care will have Mr. Stallins who is co-owner of the auction facility speak about how to finance the purchase of a car. Pastor Coles also reported that there will be a meeting with some insurance company to help people understand what life insurance is. The company will give people attending this event free life insurance for one year. On December 7, there will be a ministry event, "Touch Your Heart", for seniors. That effort has delivered 150 boxes of food per month. It's for seniors. There will be music, massages and speakers. All of this information is on the We Care website.

On Saturday, October 22, 10a-3p, St. Timothy's will have the annual Lobster Fair. All proceeds go to outreach.

Next meeting: October 10, 2012, 9:00a.m.