

Rockingham County Regional Committee to End Homelessness (RCRCEH)

Balance of State Continuum of Care Meeting 9/20/2012

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ellery Blackstock. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and allowed everyone to introduce themselves.

Prayer was rendered by Ellery.

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and Faye Pierce made a motion to accept them and seconded by Curtis Pierce. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Ellery advised the committee that the NC Fast presentation would be cancelled due to the last minute training that was scheduled for the same time as the RCRCEH meeting. It would be rescheduled for a later time.

Ellery stated that the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) that Help Inc., applied for was granted. The amount awarded was \$69,559.00. In addition to that, the RCRCEH was awarded \$30,000.00 Marlene Pruitt of Help Inc., stated that she was thankful for everyone's help to assist their agency to apply for the grant. This grant would enable them to assist 11 families with the additional \$30,000 given to RCRCEH. Help Inc. submitted another budget for the additional \$30,000. Not only would this help domestic violence victims, but also homeless and those at risk of homelessness, help with utilities and rent.

10 year plan update – Ellery stated that copies would be emailed to the committee for review so that we could adopt the plan. The goal would be to try to have it complete by November 2012. Beth Davenport was typing the draft 10 year plan so that it could be distributed.

Support Circles update – David Burnette reported that the program was going pretty good. He talked about the family that was in the program who was imminently homeless with one child. They are mentoring the family, the child is in childcare and have some health issues. Volunteers in the county are really rallying around this family and persons in need. This program helps with looking for employment, transportation, life skills, healthcare, and budgeting money.

Balance of State CofC update – Faye Pierce reported that the Carolina Homeless Information Network (CHIN) system will help our county and that

more agencies should look at ways to start using it. There are only 3 agencies currently using the system. Training is coming soon for this system and now would be a good time for them to come on board.

Faye added that Rapid-Re-housing services in place. Have families move in and out. Have many calls per day. The 2006 grant houses 5 people. There are 34 now at Reidsville Housing Authority, Help Inc., has 11 and RCHH has 29 people in Transitional. There is a total of 75 supported to include the support circles. We need to develop an intake form so that data can be entered into the CHIN system.

HUD News update – Sr. CPD rep. US Department of HUD, Libby Stanley was introduced as our guest speaker to explain the latest info from HUD. She thanked the committee for the invitation. She distributed handouts to the group which explained the new Homeless definition. ESG will be the same. The goal is to learn the new definition. NOFA expected to be out in November. Any non-profit can apply for CofC. There is money in grants to allow other agencies to buy into the system to track homeless.

She added that if we don't do permanent housing and at pro-rata, there is money for HMIS. We could look at prevention. Housing can't apply which is a new change. She encouraged us to invite the Department of Education, Veterans, and Jail officials to be part of the CofC. RCRCEH should continue with webinars, HMIS, and Data Quality, APR and continue to partner with mainstream resources.

Libby added that we could ask for a supportive service grant. She then went over the definitions from HUD. It would have to fall into 4 categories: Literally homeless, Imminent Risk of Homelessness, Homeless under Federal Statutes and Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence. She also explained homelessness and applications.

Ellery thanked Libby Stanley for sharing the information and for visiting our county. She offered to help anyway she could and let us know she's there for support when needed.

Congregation Nurse program – Explained by Cone Hospital employees; Patricia settle and Patricia Gilley. It was a new concept by a KB Reynolds grant. It gives access to care for homeless and Hispanics, help with Point in Time count, and looking at Veterans. They provide referrals and meet needs of clients. Mainly they focus on the homeless and Hispanics. In the

Greensboro area with 77 serving congregations. One third underserved. Transportation in Rockingham is an issue. They have Social Workers on board as well.

RCHH – David Burnette shared with RCRCEH the new brochures they have to distribute to the community. Everyone seem to really like the brochures.

Bobby Martin – reported that he will be playing in a band at the Market Square in Reidsville and will hand-out the brochures to the community.

Ellery thanked everyone for attending the meeting and since there were no more items to discuss, meeting was adjourned.

A total of 22 people attended this month's meeting.

Submitted by Ellery Blackstock in the absence of the secretary.