

Wilson-Greene Continuum of Care Committee Meeting Minutes  
Location: Wilson County DSS  
Date: September 18, 2012

Attending:

Marty Stebbins – St. Timothy’s Church  
Howard Anthony – WCDSS  
Susan Parker - WCDSS  
Candice Rountree - WCDSS  
Diane Kricsel – Veterans Residential Services  
Sylvia Brewer – Veterans Residential Services  
Linda Walling – Hope Station  
Albert Barron – Eastpointe Human Services  
Terri Hooks – Wilson County Schools

Update on the ESG Grant. Candice noted we are updating our contract and meeting tomorrow for our match money. Total grant amount was approximately \$91,000 including the additional match money. The goal is to have the contract executed by the end of the month with our staff person starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. Looking at 10-month contract. We will conduct a procedural meeting with the WCDSS Director to review everything. Agencies involved will contract with the state separately. The procedure to claim reimbursements for expenditures needs to be clarified.

Other CoC Grants: Eastpointe noted that they have filed their intent to apply for a Shelter Plus Care CoC Grant for 4 counties (dunlin, Sampson, Lenore & McClain). Albert Barron congratulated the group on the ESG grants awarded. They decided not to be the fiscal lead Agency this year. They are in the process of their merger and will go fully live January 1, 2013 (Medicaid Waiver Site Ready). Met with the CoC in Rocky Mount and have met with the CoC in Goldsboro. He is interested in seeing if multiple CoC Regional Groups might want to merge and get together for meetings to strengthen everyone’s capacities. Presently, they are looking at 10 counties and next year hope to expand that to 12 counties.

The committee noted that because it is their Shelter Plus Care Grant it is not within our region, this committee does not have to review Eastpointe’s Grant application. The committee is interested in assuring we are capturing important data through CHIN thus Eastpointe was asked to keep us updated.

Dianne Kriesel noted that they plan to apply for a Supportive Services For Veteran’s Families Program Grant through the VA (National Center For Homeless Veterans). They expect to see the information coming out in December. Being unsure if this committee has to review it, we will tentatively schedule this for discussion in January 2013. Last year they had applied for a \$220,000 grant but they are not sure

how much will be available this next year. They noted they have serviced 47 veterans as of today.

Clarification of our Committee name: The committee discussed this issue noting that we are actually the Wilson-Greene Regional Committee with the CoC of the Balance of State.

Marty noted that the date for the ESnapS training is coming up on \_\_\_\_\_. Eastpointe is the only agency/organization that will need to update. Marty will clarify if there are any others that need to update. Eastpointe noted that they have to fill out HMIS and ESNAPS.

Back in June 2011, the committee discussed and reviewed our mission statement. Marty would like to discuss our mission statement. Would we also want to be a resource for grants to rehab historic houses that later could be utilized for rapid rehousing of the homeless. Eastpointe noted they have been looking at expanding the options for housing for special groups such as Veterans and Deaf, Blind people. Group discussed some of the properties in Wilson that could benefit from repurchase and refurbishing that could be used for rehousing the homeless. In our vision statement, we discussed identifying needs and gaps. Group discussed the vision statement. Susan Parker talked about the importance of having subsidized and section 8 housing available specifically for our homeless. Requires a partnership in the community that includes landlords, housing authorities etc. HUD VASH vouchers are a possibility that might help and Diane Kriesel noted they are inquiring with Durham VA to see if some can be obtained for Wilson. She has also talked with the Greenville VA. Marty brought up the questions of what percentage of the people we are working with are not eligible for section 8 housing for some reason? This is a good question that needs to be followed up and researched. The challenge of finding rental housing for people that have poor credit and noting be eligible to rent or find they have a double/triple deposit required.

Group discussed the possibility of asking the Wilson Housing Authority to provide the committee with the details of eligibility for section 8 housing. We will follow this up.

The group talked about credit repair and people having access to the services necessary to work on this issue.

Hope Station handed out information on their upcoming Golf Tournament Fundraiser. They also are interested in hosting a future Wilson-Greene Regional meeting. Possibly January.

Candice announced that WCDSS would be having a community job fair at the Wilson Mall on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Our next meeting is October 16, 2012 @ 10:00am. The location will be The Wesley Shelter.