

Piedmont Regional Committee
Meeting Minutes
Sept 12, 2012

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Piedmont Regional committee was called to order at 10:10am on Sept 6, 2012 in Rowan Public Library- Stanbeck Room located at 201 West Fisher Street, Salisbury, NC by Ed Hosack. .

Present:

1. Nicole Dewitt/ Branden Lewis	Community Link
2. Natalie Allen	PBH
3. Carlo Black	RHA Health Services
4. Ed Hosack	Cooperative Christian Ministry
5. David Holston/ Keona Kabore	Rowan Helping Ministry
6. Melissa McCullough	Union County Community Shelter
7. Jamie Underwood	Turning Point
8. Jeffrey Euto/ Peter Euto	CFAC
9. Emily Moose	City of Albemarle Dept of Public Housing
10. Skeet Ayscue	Homes of Hope
11. Brian Dillman	VA Hospital
12. Robin Shue	Family Crisis Council of Rowan County
13. Teresa McKeon	The ARC of Davidson County
14. Marilyn Daugherty/ Gayle Whitehead/ Kay Ochoa	Crisis Ministry of Davidson County
15. Charles Tate	Prosperity Unlimited

A. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from July 11, 2012 were approved without any changes or corrections.

B. Other Agenda items-

none

C. Appointment of a Nominating Committee & By-Laws Task Force

Ed explained that there is a need to establish a Nominating Committee that is charged with presenting a slate of Executive Committee officers for the 2013 fiscal year. Nicole reported that due to the change in our meeting schedule, we are unable to elect Exec Comm officers in October as stated in the By-Laws. Nicole further explained that in the last Exec Comm meeting the decision was approved to change the fiscal year to a Jan-Dec instead of Oct- Sept. This would allow the Nominating Committee time to recruit and present a slate of Exec Comm officers to the PRC in December 2012. Ed called attention to the existing slate and those that will have the option to roll off. Nicole explained that if there is not a volunteer from each county that the existing Exec Comm officer can remain active for 1 additional term per the current By-Laws. Ed

called for volunteers from the group for a Nominating Committee that consists of 1 Exec Comm member and at least 2 other active members of the PRC. Derrick Burnell (Exec Comm member) from Union, Gail Whitehead- Davidson County and Marilyn Daugherty- Davidson County volunteered for the Nominating Committee. Ed called for others who may be interested to be known. Nicole volunteered to send out an email soliciting volunteers from others who were not present. Those responses need to be in to Nicole by close of business on Monday.

Committee to Amend the By-Laws- Ed described that there are several changes needed to the PRC By-Laws to include the name, the primary location and meeting schedule. He called for a group of volunteers to help amend the By-Laws for the PRC and present the recommendations back to the PRC in December. The following members volunteered: Kathy Bragg (Union), Jamie Underwood (Union) and Robin Shue (Rowan). Nicole will also solicit for more volunteers via email to be submitted by Close of Business Monday, Sept 17.

B. Balance of State Update

- The awards for the Emergency Solutions Grants were announced on Aug 31. All agencies that applied in the PRC were awarded conditionally. The Piedmont Region received \$381,382 (\$278,114 for Emergency Response, \$49,083 for Housing Stabilization and \$14,165 for HMIS).
- As the PRC Regional Lead, Nicole Dewitt will be discussing the CoC Action Plan with the entire group since there are several items that the Regional Committee needs to address as it relates to the local region.
- NCCEH and CHIN are working on a way for the Regional Leads to get more involved in the Region's data.
- The next CHIN Data Quality Subcommittee is Nov 27 at 10:30.
- HUD opened the CoC Registration; NCCEH will register the Balance of State. The Notice of Funding Availability(NOFA) is expected Mid to late October
- All agencies that are interested in renewing their grants or applying for new grants need to submit an Intent to Apply form to NCCEH as soon as possible. The form can be found at www.ncceh.org. To get an idea of the scoring parameters, agencies should look at the 2011 Scorecard at www.ncceh.org for more information on what is scored in the applications.
- The Preliminary Pro- rata need is on HUD's website.

D. ESG Update& ESG Special Meeting- The Piedmont Regional ESG application was received at DHHS by the Aug 13th deadline. Martha Are called a conference call with the applicants on Sept 10. Martha reported that her plan is to have contracts out by October 1. She reported that she has asked HUD to consider extending the grant year for ESG to October to September instead of October to June. Martha stressed that each agency should ensure their full capacity to operate a program with the awarded funds.

Nicole reported that Floyd will host a follow up conference call for the applicants and Project Review committee for Sept 20. Nicole will email details to those individuals. Members expressed interest in a face to face meeting and maybe conference call option for those who are unable to

attend in person. Nicole will communicate this feedback to Floyd. The Special Meeting will address the additional \$40,000 and make plans to coordinate the rapid rehousing program for the 5 counties.

E. Local Task Force Reports-

Cabarrus- Ed reported that their meeting had representation from 10 organizations. The group will work to identify gaps in services for special populations. Additionally, the group will develop a survey to take an inventory of services in Cabarrus County.

Stanly- Emily reported that the meeting had 8 participants including PBH staff, Natalie Allen, the Key Program and Monarch. Nicole did a presentation on Community Link's programs, PRC involvement and Balance of State. The group also discussed homeless veterans.

Davidson- no report

Union-Jaime reported that there were 5 participants in attendance. The group discussed the ESG process, resource development and did some networking.

Rowan- David reported that the group discussed services in Rowan County. They also discussed the different trends in homelessness in Rowan County.

As a result of the ESG conversation, Nicole agreed to compile feedback and suggestions from ESG agencies to present to DHHS.

F. Agency Updates

There were reports from the following agencies. Crisis Council of Rowan County- Robin reported that there is a census being taken of DV victims today. She asked that every agency consider completing the survey at www.nnedv.org. Turning Point- Jamie reported that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Rowan Helping Ministries- David reported that they are planning a groundbreaking ceremony for Wednesday for their new shelter. Their hope is to have the new facility operational by Jan 2014. They have also acquired 3 transitional housing for families. The first offsite transitional housing was opened this past month. Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare- Natalie reported that the new location is 984 Cloverleaf Plaza in Kannapolis. The contact numbers are 704-721-5551 phone and 704-721-5579 fax. No vouchers are available at this time. Homes of Hope- Skeet reported that they are working to expand the shelter in Stanly county.

G. Upcoming Meetings- HUD 101 and A PIT review is planned for next month's Special Event. We are trying to get Denise Neunaber to facilitate. Date is not confirmed at the time of this meeting. November- local meetings, December - PRC meeting in Stanly County

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am. Minutes written by Nicole Dewitt and Branden Lewis