

Pitt Co. Regional Committee of NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting – Mar 13, 2013

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

Present:

Phylissa Belcher, Miller Mott Community Representative
Tommy Cloyd, Disability Advocates & Resource Center
LaChala Coggins, Greenville Housing Authority
Matt Cox, Navigate (ECU)
Pastor Rodney Coles, Churches Outreach Network
Sharon Edwards, Pit County DSS
Deloris Farmer, Housing Coordinator, Pitt County TYP
Rebecca Fredrick, Greenville Community Shelter
Gabi Gonzales, Employment Services, Disabled Vets
Joyce Jones, STRIVE
Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville
Anita Little, Greenville Community Shelter
Liz Makley, Rapid Rehousing Intern
Linda Mandell, Soar Case Worker
Helen Pase, Disability Advocates & Resource Center
Catonna Mitchell-Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention
Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority
Thelma Sephes, VA Outpatient Clinic
Lekisha Wiggins, Greenville Community Shelter
Paulette White, Pitt County Planning/10-Yr Plan Project Mgr
Bob Williams, Greenville Community Shelter

Minutes:

February 2013 minutes were reviewed, edited and accepted.

BoS Steering Committee:

Paulette White provided an update regarding the HUD-CoC 2012 applications that were submitted in January 2013. Two agencies in Pitt County submitted applications to renew their current permanent supportive housing programs. HUD should make an announcement about funding in a few weeks. The Steering committee focused on finalizing the Point In Time Count results and HEARTH Emergency Solutions Grants. HEARTH goals were also discussed which included qualifying and quantifying homeless population information in communities. Pitt County will work on community goals and strategies to meet HEARTH goals.

Paulette White also provided a brief explanation of the sequester cuts. These cuts should not impact current programs or renewals this year. The current renewal grants awaiting approval are based on the 2011-2012 budgets.

2013 Point In Time Results for Pitt County:

This count is intended to count people experiencing homelessness and the number of beds dedicated for homeless population. We counted approximately 100 homeless people in Pitt County. According to Housing Needs Survey forms and CHIN data, 9 people were residing on the street, 2 families in hotels provided by community organizations, 15 were housed in the DV shelter, and 65 people were counted in the Greenville Community Shelter. The 2013 Housing Needs Survey was modified from previous surveys to capture more information about homeless populations including a more refined breakdown of ages as well as a breakdown of gender for veterans.

Ms. White provided two handouts. One included the 2013 PIT results; the second was a spreadsheet looking at PIT results over time (2008-2012). Pitt County overall homeless numbers have not changed over the years in the PIT survey. However, there has been a decline in Chronic Homeless numbers, going from 13 in 2009 to only 5 in the 2013 PIT. There is also a steady decline of unsheltered individuals. This may be due to an increase in the number of Permanent Supportive Housing in Pitt County especially targeting chronically homeless individuals and families and Veterans. One hundred and twenty-three (123) people are currently housed through Permanent Supportive Housing opportunities in Pitt County.

Rapid Re-Housing Update:

The Rapid Re-Housing programs are funded by ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant). There is a weekly staffing meeting in order to establish which program is the best option for participants to obtain stable housing. Meeting attendees include the Greenville

Pitt Co. Regional Committee of NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting – Mar 13, 2013

Community Shelter, DV Shelter, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, Greenville Housing Authority – Shelter Plus Care, and Pitt County's TYP. The Rapid Re-Housing Program is targets persons who are literally homeless (staying on the streets, in the shelter, or hotel/motel provided by someone else).

Paulette White and Liz Makley provided an update regarding reporting outcomes. It is a work in progress to be able to clearly report outcomes of the Rapid Re-Housing programs on a quarterly basis. Through the collaborative effort of agencies involved around 12 people are currently housed through the programs. There are around 50 people on average who are in the process of participating in Rapid Re-Housing Programs. Paulette White also brought to attention the need for any type of furniture, beds, couches, and household supplies for participants placed in housing.

Bob Williams provided an update regarding the Rapid Re-Housing program through the Greenville Community shelter, with 6 currently housed and 1 in the process of housing.

The Housing Support team will meet on Friday, May 3rd at 11:00am at the Pitt County Planning building.

SOAR Update – Shelter & Unsheltered

	March	Total
Referrals	1	62
Submitted	0	31
Pending	7	
Approved	0	12
Denied	0	6
Closed – Other Reason	0	8
Active	1	

Linda will not be doing new VAT assessments or SOAR referrals at this time. New SOAR referrals can be made to Liz Makley.

Permanent Supportive Housing

- Greenville Community Shelter: The Stable Solutions program only has 3 openings left (7 one bedrooms) and expected to be full within a month. This program is specifically intended for literally homeless or persons fleeing DV. Requirements include some income, disability, and Pitt County resident for at least 4 months. Solid Ground is full as of August 2012 and all residents are doing well. If anyone knows of a good candidate for these programs, contact Rebecca Frederick at 752.0829.
- Greenville Housing Authority: Tujuanda Sanders reported VASH, S+C 1 and 2 are full. S+C Project Hope having 10 housed and 13 searching for units.
- PORT/ECBH – Reported that all of ECBH housing programs are assumed full.

Announcements

Paulette White announced the 2013 Project Homeless Connect 2013 planning has begun. PHC is scheduled for Thursday October 24th, 2013. United Way of Pitt County has agreed to be a financial partner. The amount of funding provided by UWPC has not been confirmed at this time. Donations can be made through United Way (501c3) if people are interested in making donations. DSS, Public Health, and ECU Dental Clinic have confirmed participating in the 2013 event.

Gloria Kesler announced the City of Greenville is holding a Public Comment Forum March 13th, 2013 at Shepherd Memorial Library at 6pm. The topic of discussion will be the 5-year (2013-2018) Consolidated Plan allowing the public to provide input of how money should be spent. The Annual Action Plan will also be discussed and is focused on yearly spending funds. Discussion will include the need for more rental options instead of home ownership and bringing affordable housing to the community.

Joyce Jones announced STRIVE relocated to the 3rd Street Community Center in January 2013. A ribbon cutting event will be held on Thursday, April 18th 2013 at 3pm. Through referrals, Strive can provide Interview clothing to individuals in need. Strive is also working on employment programs with paid positions in lawn care and cleaning services as well as partnering with DSS Child Welfare on a Fatherhood Initiative to engage fathers in the community.

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 10th, 2013.