

Pitt Co. Regional Committee of NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting – Jan 9, 2013

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

Present:

Carolina Alina, Le Chris Health Systems
Phylissa Belcher, Miller Mott
Melanie Brown, Le Chris Health Systems
Joanne Cain, the Arc of NC
Pastor Rodney Coles, Churches Outreach Network
Sharon Edwards, Pit County DSS
Delores Farmer, Housing Coordinator, Pitt County TYP
Rebecca Fredrick, Greenville Community Shelter
Gabi Gonzales, Employment Services, Disabled Vets
Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville
Gloria Leak, Vocational Rehabilitation
Anita Little, Greenville Community Shelter
Liz Makley, Rapid Rehousing Intern
Linda Mandell, Soar Case Worker
Catatonnia Mitchell-Pitt, Family Violence Program of Pitt County
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
Talaika Williams, ECBH, LMECoC January 2013

Minutes

December 2012 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Election of 2013 Regional Committee Lead for BoS Steering Committee

Paulette White was elected to serve as the Lead for the Pitt County Regional Committee for the calendar year 2013.

BoS Steering Committee:

Paulette White provided a handout showing the final list of program applications for the 2012 BoS-HUD completion. She also provided an update of the January Steering committee meeting. It provided an explanation of the ranking system for the programs. HUD established a new funding system because it received substantially less funding. This funding scheme had two tiers. All projects in Tier 1 should receive funding. It is unlikely that any projects listed in Tier 2 would be funded. The NC BoS decided to fund all renewal first and if there were any funds remained, it would fund the top rank New Project(s) that serve an area that had not received funding in the past.

The results for NC BoS were:

- All renewal project that met threshold were listed by rank in Tier 1.
- One renewal project was submitted late and was listed in Tier 2
- There were sufficient funds to cover all renewal projects in Tier 1. There was enough funding to cover a New Project in Tier one.

Other notes on applications: There were seven (7) renewal application that were rank low because the agencies did not participate in the require BoS sub-committees. Three agencies covered by Pitt County Regional Committee had their programs listed in Tier 1. Those agencies are Greenville Community Shelter, Greenville Housing Authority and ECBH (East Carolina Behavioral Health). ECBH submitted two renewals applications; GCS and GHA each have one renewal program. All of these programs fund permanent supportive housing programs.

The BoS Steering Committee adopted the following new performance goals for 2013:

- Increase percentage of participants in all CoC-funded projects to obtain mainstream benefits at program exit to 20% (current BoS is 74%)
- Reallocate Supportive Services Only (SSO) and Transitional Housing (TH) projects to create new Permanent Housing (PH) projects.

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Point of Time

The Point in Time survey will take place Wednesday January 30 and Thursday 31, 2013. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, Wednesday night and Thursday. Tuesday night, volunteers will meet at Oakmont Church to interview those persons living on the street. Wed. night we will go out with Angel Cops volunteers to visit various campsites in Greenville/Pitt. On Thursday, volunteers will be at Joy Soup to conduct surveys. Volunteers will also drive to various locations on Thursday to talk to people who are pan-handling. Since HUS has not confirmed all information that will need to be reported, NCCEH has not finalized the Survey Form. This should be done by the end of the week. Ms. White will send out the survey form when it is posted. NCCEH is also holding training on the 17th. To register for the session, you must go to the NCCEH website and sign up.

ESG Update:

Pitt County has hired a Housing Coordinator. Delores Farmer started on Monday January 7, 2013. Her phone number is 902-3257. We are still waiting for some training from the State on how to proceed we can determine which applicants are better suited for rapid re-housing and which applicant is more suited for permanent supportive housing.

The Housing Support team will meet on Friday, Jan. 25 at 11:00am at the Pitt County Planning building. We will review applicants and set them up for whatever services they need.

SOAR Update – Shelter & Unsheltered

	December	Total
Referrals	4	61
Submitted	1	31
Pending	6	
Approved	0	12
Denied	1	6
Closed – Other Reason	0	8
Active	2	

Linda is also doing the VAT assessments referred from GHA and the Shelter for Permanent Supportive Housing programs.

Permanent Supportive Housing

- a. Greenville Community Shelter: The GCS is now accepting applications for its Stable Solutions program. This program has seven one-bedroom apartments. Solid Ground is full as of August 2012. If anyone knows of a good candidate for these programs, contact Rebecca Frederick at 752.0829. Successful applications will need to have some income for these programs.
- b. Greenville Housing Authority: Tujuanda Sanders reported that the new program, Project Hope is accepting applications. She reminded the committee that 50% of the 21 slots **must** be chronically homeless (head of household with a disability and over a year homeless or four episodes over 3 years). Currently not all applications for Project Hope are qualified.
- c. ECBH – Georgia Ensley reported that all of ECBH housing programs are full. She did think that there might be vouchers available in March 2013.

Announcements

Linda Mandell reported that the St. James Lobster Fair held in October 2012 raised \$16,000. These funds can be used for outreach in the community (and other places). They have a committee that reviews these requests. The funding is geared for organizations rather than individuals.

Paulette White reminded the group that they should attend any forums hosted by the City of Greenville concerning its Community Development Block Grant funding. If we want the city to commit to building/creating more low-income housing, we need to let them know how badly we need low cost housing.

Pastor Coles reported that he is in conversations with Mr. Whitehurst about a building for office use. The three-story building needs extensive renovation, so a grant may be sought. They are also looking at housing needs, but that's in the future.

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2013