

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

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Paulette White, Pitt County Planning/10-Year Plan Project Manager
Talaika Williams, ECBH, LME
Bob Williams, Greenville Community Shelter
Lakisha Wiggins, Greenville Community Shelter

Minutes for November 2012 approved were approved

BoS Steering committee update: The BoS Steering Committee meeting for December centered on the 2012 CoC applications. The NOFA (Notice of Funds Availability) was published in November and the CoC Application deadline is Jan. 19, 2013. To ensure that we make the HUD deadline, all NC BoS applications must be finalized and ready to submit by January 15, 2013.

Paulette White provided an update on the grant process for 2012. Because of funding cuts, HUD has revised the amount of grant monies and the process for distributing those funds. There will be two funding tiers – Tier I and Tier II. All projects placed in Tier I should get funded. If there are any funds left, HUD will then fund Tier II projects until all funding has been allocated. Based on renewal projects inventory sheets, HUD does not have enough funds to fully fund all renewal projects. For NC BoS, all renewals total about \$4,000,000, but we were allocated about 3.5% less. The BoS Steering committee discussed the situation and decided that all renewal should be placed into Tier I to ensure funding. All projects would be asked to reduce their budgets by 3.5% if necessary. Agencies could decide how to cut, either reduce their request for Administration funds or reduce the number of housing units. Once all applications had been received, the BoS would determine if there are any remaining funds. If there are funds remaining, the steering committee will consider placing a new project in Tier 1 if that project is for an area that currently receives no funding.

As part of the application procedure, all regional committees must review agencies' applications, approve the applications and rank each project. The deadline for Renewal Applications was Friday Dec 6, 2012. Three agencies in our regional committee submitted renewals, Greenville Housing Authority, Greenville Community Shelter and ECBH.

Presentation of Renewal Applications

- a. Greenville Housing Authority – Cornerstone: This project houses 8 individuals and 5 families for a total of 13 households. It's a permanent supportive housing program which services for long-term homeless persons with disabilities. Participants pay up to 30% of adjusted month income with the balance paid by HA.

- b. Greenville Community Shelter – Solid Ground: This project is a permanent supportive housing program that has 6 2-bedroom apartments. Three apartments are for families, three are for singles. All serve households with disabilities. About 50% of residents have been in the program since 2007. All residents must have some income so they can sustain themselves.
- c. ECBH, LME 2-Shelter Plus Care programs are up for renewal. Some of the vouchers are in Pitt County.

Discussion, approval and ranking of projects: ECBH may submit an application for a new Permanent Supportive Housing program. Because of funding issues, the regional committee approved the application but listed it in Tier II with priority 1 status, especially since this application would establish a “Housing First” model. The group discussed the four (4) renewal applications and approved all four applications. The committee then ranked the applications as followed:

- Rank 1 – Greenville Community Shelter
- Rank 2 – Greenville Housing Authority
- Rank 3 and 4 – ECBH- 2 renewal projects.

Point in Time Update: Survey will be Jan. 30-31. We are using the same Housing Needs Survey as last year. We will have a new reporting form because HUD is requesting more details. Ms. White stressed the need for Volunteers.

Soar Outcomes: Shelter & Unsheltered

	November 2012	Total
Referrals	1	57
Submitted	1	30
Approved	1	12
Pending	4	
Denied	0	6
Closed - Other	0	8

Linda Mandell reported on the statewide meeting of Soar caseworkers held in Durham, NC on November 28, 2012. About 30 case workers attended. The designated examiner for Social Security in NC, Donna Gould, also attended. The group set state-wide goals for 2013. Statewide success rate is 80% as of November 15, 2012. Average time for completion to approval is 77 days. Our new goal for 2013 is an 85% success rate. No new goal for days before completion was set because we can’t control how quickly Social Security can process these applications. The group did express that it hoped to maintain the current rate.

Permanent Supportive Housing Updates

- Greenville Community Shelter – Sold Ground is full (7 – 1 bdrm. Apts.)
- Greenville Housing Authority – Doing assessments for its new S+C project, Stable Solutions. No VASH vouchers are available at this time.
- ECBH – projects are all full. There may be vouchers available in January 2013.

Announcements

- Honor Cards are for sale at the Shelter for \$5.00 each or 5 cards for \$20.00. A reception was held with Artist Bill Mangum who does the painting each year to aid the homeless. This year’s care honors Veterans.
- Churches Outreach Network will have an event for Children. Paulette will send out flyer by email.
- Pitt County DSS has some DOT funding that can be used to get people to work while they repair their cars or need transportation to look for jobs or to get children to childcare. Funds are not for car repair.
- Phylissa Belcher graduates from Miller-Mott College on December 19.
- There is a housing coordination meeting on Friday, December 14 at 11am at United Way .

Next Meeting: February 13, 2013