

Pitt County CoC Monthly Meeting Minutes
Multi Purpose Room ■ Greenville Housing Authority
1103 Broad Street, Greenville, NC
July 14, 2010 ■ 9:00 AM

Present:

Georgia Claxton, Recovery Innovations, HOPE Wellness City

Sharon Edwards, Pitt Co. Department of Social Services

Pam Esposito, Behavioral Health, PCMH

Monica Futral, Greenville Housing Authority

Susan Hall, Recovery Innovations, HOPE Wellness City

Robert Moore, ECU Student

Collis Niro, Vocational Rehabilitation

Don Rogers, Greenville Housing Authority

Paulette White, 10-Year Plan Manager

Minutes from June 9, 2010 were reviewed. A motion to accept minutes was made by Don Rogers and seconded by Sharon Edwards. Minutes were accepted.

Balance of State - Updates

Paulette reported that she was not able to attend the July BoS Steering Committee meeting. However, information from that meeting was posted on the NCCEH website and presented to the CoC meeting. A handout was prepared that listed important dates for the upcoming 2010 HUD-CoC grants. She did explain that this year renewal grants can only request funding for one year. This is because of changes to the McKinney-Veto act (HEARTH) that will be adopted in the 2011 grant cycle. New grants can be for multiple years. The handout also included information concerning Annual Performance Reports (APR) and Quarterly Performance Reports (QPR). Agencies who receive CoC funding for projects must submit APRs to HUD. QPRs for CoC HUD funding projects should be submitted to the BoS. Paulette asked that agencies send copies of their APR and QPR to both the BoS and to the chair of the Pitt County CoC.

The BoS has asked regional CoCs to review and rank all grants submitted from their region. Paulette reminded the group that the Pitt CoC had created a Grants Review Committee for this purpose. Amy Modlin, Sylvia Brown and Paulette White will serve on that committee. Once we know when the CoC HUD grants are due, we will set a date for the committee to meet. The BoS has provided a spreadsheet for this purpose and a copy was distributed during the meeting.

HUD awards for 2009- New Projects:

The NC BoS was notified that new project for the 2009 grant cycle would be funded. The Greenville Housing Authority was one of the agencies that submitted a new project for Shelter Plus Care Vouchers. GHA was award funding for 23 vouchers. Paulette asked if she could set up a meeting with Don Rogers at the GHA to discuss the setting aside a number of vouchers for chronically homeless individuals. A meeting will be set up with Don, Paulette, Crystal Hobbs (manages the vouchers at GHA) and Michael Best.

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing program updates

Sharon Edwards presented the quarterly data from April through June 2010 for the HPRP program. During this time period, thirteen (13) cases have been closed, with the clients stably housed. The program currently has forty five (45) cases ongoing/pending in June.

Activities: In April provided in-service on HPRP to Legal Aid of NC staff. There was a site visit from NCCEH staff. In May the HPRP Steering Committee Meeting was held and two social workers were added to assist with HPRP intake. In June provided in-service on HPRP to DSS Emergency Assistance staff. HPRP staff attended Case Management training in Raleigh. They also provided in-service on HPRP to Community Agencies.

SOAR Program updates

Sharon Edwards presented a handout for June 2010 SOAR update. Through May 2010 there were 32 referrals submitted, 24 applications submitted to SSA, 10 cases pending on 5/31/10, and 6 approved for SSI/SSDI. Five (5) cases have been closed or denied. June has two referrals submitted, two applications submitted to SSA, ten cases on April 30 (ongoing/pending), one approved for SSI/SSDI, and one closed or denied (hired attorney). Also in June, the state approved three SOAR designated disability examiners at DDS, attended "Documenting Disability Training for Medical Providers", and social workers participated in monthly SOAR Caseworker Dialogue Group conference call.

Paulette reported on the progress with the new SOAR caseworker, Linda Mandell. Linda has established hours and a referral process with the residents at the Shelter. As of June 30, 2010, she have conducted pre-screening interviews with sever (7) persons, has provide two clients with limited assistance (referred to lawyer etc). She has two clients that she is actively working with to complete an SSI/SSDI application.

Linda and Paulette met with Lt Phipps and Sgt William (Greenville City Police) to discuss a referral system to help connect unsheltered homeless individuals with Linda to access whether Linda can provide assistance with disability applications.

Linda continues to work with the medical students at JOY Soup Kitchen to identify and refer appropriate clients to the SOAR program.

Permanent Supportive Housing Program Updates

Monica Futral discussed the pre-application process for Crystal Springs. Crystal Springs is 60% finished. She mentioned that both Life House and Verdura were full. All 35 VASH vouchers have been issued. Approximately seven (7) individuals are in the process of finding appropriate apartments. The VASH program will maintain a waiting list. Don Rogers reported that GHA applied for 100 Section 8 that can be used for non-elderly disabled. He is not sure how many of these vouchers will be approved for use by GHA. Because of the limited number of vouchers, GHA will use it "Waiting List" to fill the vouchers. There was also some discussion of the HOPWA program and how to refer qualified client to GHA for assistance. Monica reported that a designated service provider

had to refer the client to GHA. She will send out that list to Paulette who will distribute to the CoC.

Greenville Community Shelter: Lynne James was not at the CoC meeting but Paulette reported that she had been notified by Gary Phelps, GCS Housing Coordinator, that the single male vacancy in the PSH program had been filled. The GCS's transitional program is also full. Occupancy rate in the emergency shelter is slightly down. About 60 % of the beds are full. The emergency shelter has been at 80 to 90% of capacity.

CHIN:

Training: There will be two HMIS trainings in Greenville, August 11, 210 and October 13, 2010. Other CHIN training dates were listed on the handout.

Other Business:

Transitional Housing: Paulette reported that God's Love has re-opened a transitional housing project for woman called God's Hope. This program was known as Once Lost, Now Found. Please contact Trudy Halstead at God's Love for information on the referral process.

HOPE Station Wellness City: Susan Hall and Georgia Claxton spoke about HOPE Station Wellness City and the programs that are offered. Wellness City is a peer-supported recovery program. Susan spoke about how the program works. HOPE Station is opened 6 days a week with classes scheduled through out the day. This recovery program is free. July and August calendars were distributed as well as brochures and other information. CoC members present were excited to learn about the program.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting of Pitt CoC is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the multipurpose room at the Greenville Housing Authority.