

COC Monthly Meeting Minutes
Multi Purpose Room
Greenville Housing Authority
1103 Broad Street, Greenville, NC
June 9, 2010

Present:

Sylvia Brown, City of Greenville Community Development
Becky Chianelle, Greenville Housing Authority
Sharon Edwards, Pitt Co. Department of Social Services
Pam Esposito, Behavioral Health, PCMH
Monica Futral, Greenville Housing Authority – VASH
Teresa Gaskins, STRIVE (Re-Entry)
Linda Grimshaw, Jarvis Methodist Church
Lynne James, Greenville Community Shelter
Joyce Jones, STRIVE
Linda Mandell, SOAR Caseworker, Greenville Comm. Shelter
Amy Modlin, ECBH, LME
Frank Moore, ReStart Inc.
Collis Niro, Vocational Rehabilitation
Steven Pontickio, Brody School of Medicine
Rhonda White, Restart Inc.
Paulette White, 10-Year Plan Manager

Minutes from May 12, 2010 were reviewed. Motion to accept corrected minutes was made by Lynne James and seconded by Joyce Jones. Corrected minutes were accepted.

Balance of State – Updates

Goals & CHIN Training: The NC BoS (HUD) goals for housing inventory and CHIN training dates handouts were distributed. The BOS goals adopted based on HUD requirements. The goals show how many permanent housing beds will be created in a year, 5 years & 10 years. Paulette asked the group to review these goals because the HUD –CoC granting process uses these goals as a measure of how well the CoC meets its anticipated goals. It is important to the scoring process. She also distributed a blank Goals sheet and asked that members look this over for future discussion. Increasing the inventory of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is important. It will also be important to track outcomes of individuals who leave PSH programs.

HUD Funding Announcements: The NC Coalition to End Homelessness staff estimates that HUD should announce funding for new projects by the end of June. The grant process for 2010 will be similar to the 2009. Because of the enactment of the Hearth Bill in 2009 (McKinney-Veto reauthorization), the grant process for 2011 will be different. There will be more funding for homeless prevention.

BoS Regional CoCs: Paulette reported that the Pitt County Continuum of Care is a regional CoC in the BoS. All regional CoC must review and sign off on HUD-CoC grants submitted by agencies within the regional CoC. Paulette White asked that Pitt CoC create a Grant Review committee for this purpose. Three people should serve on this committee (none from agencies applying for grants). Amy Modlin,

Sylvia Brown and Paulette White agreed to serve on this committee. Paulette suggested that the Pitt Grant Review Committee could use the Scorecard developed by the NC BoS to review the grants.

2010 HUD Grants: Pre-applications for 2010 Grants were due on the 4th. Paulette reported that the BoS estimates that 2010 grants may be due to HUD by August/September. She also reported that the Pro-rata grant amount for Pitt County was approximately \$195,000. However, since Pitt CoC is a member of the NC BoS, we could submit grant proposals that add up to more than the pro-rata amount

Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-housing Program Updates

Sharon Edwards: Overseers from the State want \$7,000/week spent. DSS has been running behind that amount. In May \$23,000 was spent, averaging \$7500/week, so we are catching up.

HPRP	May, 2010
Households Screened	63
Households Referred to HPRP Caseworker	20
Households NOT approved to HPRP	2
Households Pending	7
Households Approved for HPRP	5
Households Exited from Program	2
Positive/Negative	1/1
Total Estimated dollars spent on financial assistance	\$

Some clients are encouraged to remain in the program for an additional month or two to help create more income. DSS is trying to help people working with case managers to try to find a job. For the intake process, they can see if person qualifies for HPRP; prefer case manager to accompany client. People can self refer to Crisis unit. Prevention services would then contact HPRP.

ECBH, LME – Amy Modlin – Has no updates to report due to being on vacation. Will review bills that have come in. She did report that ECBH, LME had to temporarily stop taking applications in Perquimans County because so many referrals have been made.

SOAR Program Update

Sharon Edwards - 6 applications approved. 7 referred this month. 4 submitted, 10 pending, none approved.

Linda Mandell – nothing new to report.

Permanent Supportive Housing Program Updates

- a. Greenville Housing Authority –Monica Futral reported that Verdura is full. Noted that “2 Men & A Truck Movers” are helping to move a paraplegic man at no charge. Life House is full. All VASH vouchers have been used. Crystal Springs under way
- b. Greenville Community Shelter – Permanent Supportive Housing – Lynne James reported there is still one vacancy in permanent supportive housing for a male (would have a roommate). Person must have a disability and have some income. If anyone has a candidate, contact Gary Phelps, housing coordinator at the Shelter.

Other announcements:

Training: CHIN has training in June & July – list was passed out. Some training sessions don't have firm dates yet. On 7/12, 8am-12n there is Emergency Shelter Grant training

National Conference on Ending Homelessness: The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH)'s is hosting its annual Washington DC. beginning on Monday July 12 through Thursday July 15th. NCEH as offered to cover the conference cost (about \$500) for someone from Pitt County to attend. Please contact Paulette White if you are interested in attending. Travel and hotel expenses may be covered by the 10-Year Plan.

Clinic at Joy Soup Kitchen (JSK): Steve Pontickio and Jason Lee, 2nd year medical students, received a Sweitzer Grant and will open a health clinic at Joy Soup Kitchen. The goal of the clinic is to try to prevent disease and reduce emergency room visits. There will be a pharmacist coming for medical reconciliation (so people don't take expired or incompatible drugs) which should reduce emergency room visits. Pontickio and Lee are working with dental students at UNC to learn basic dental screening skills. They also hope to be trained to test for HIV as well as test for TB, both are major infectious diseases. Diabetes also a major health problem. Pontickio and Lee are working with a podiatrist to set up a referral process for patients they identify with severe foot problems.

Patients who need further assistance will be referred to the family Medicine clinic or Bernstein Clinic Paulette will receive a list of supplies needed and will try for a supply drive. Lynne suggested making application to Perkins Trust (local) which will take applications in July, which may replace the computers.

The space at JSK has two (2) exam rooms and a waiting area. Pontickio and Lee are working at the clinic through out the month of July and hope to keep it open for at least one morning a week this fall. That day and time will vary depending on when medical staff is available.

Steve reported that they need supplies to open in July. They have talked to Walgreens and Rite Aid for hemoglobin testing. They also need updated computer equipment. There is no internet access at JSK. Steve will create a list of supplies needed and send it to Paulette. She will distribute to the CoC and other groups. Lynne suggested that the local foundation, Perkins Foundation may provide funding for computer equipment. Applications for that foundation are due in July.

Amy Modlin: If anyone knows of a 2 bedroom handicap unit with a roll-in shower for someone moving from Wilmington, please advise her. Budget for this unit is not as tight as usual.

Sylvia Brown: The City of Greenville is launching a new program of Energy Efficiency with a revolving loan program. To qualify, owner-occupied households must be at 80-120% Average Median Income (AMI). A 5-10 year revolving loan at 3% will be available to assist homeowners to replace old heating units, install energy efficient light and other uses to make their homes more energy efficient.