

## **Continuum of Care Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Multi-Purpose Room  
Greenville Housing Authority  
1103 Broad St, Greenville, NC  
Wednesday November 18, 2009 ~ 9:00am

Present: Paulette White (HMIS Pitt County Planning), Amy Modlin (ECBH), Tracie Campbell (PWR), Sharon Edwards (Pitt DSS), Rob Tripp (CHIN), Talaika Goss-Williams (ECBH), Sylvia Brown (COG), Collis Niro (VR), Linda Mandell (AHOH/St. Timothy), Marie Doty (ReStart, Inc.), Teresa Gaskins (STRIVE Re-Entry), Lynne James (GCS), Evan Lewis (Legal Aid of NC), Catonnia Mitchell-Pitt (FVP of Pitt County), Don Rogers (GHA), Sommer Sinclair (Pitt DSS),

### **Minutes**

Minutes for October reviewed and accepted.

### **Welcome & Introductions**

### **Guiding Principles**

Lynne made a motion to accept the Guiding Principles and Linda seconded the motion. Guiding Principles for the Pitt County Regional CoC were accepted.

### **Balance of State (BoS)**

The North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH) has taken the lead for the Balance of State. They want to improve the process next year in order to make the application easier. List of new projects and renewals was handed out to the group along with goals for 2009. The 3 applications with the highest scores were given the opportunity to apply for additional funds. Anyone not receiving emails from NCCEH/BoS please let Paulette know and she will send your information to NCCEH.

The group would like to know how we can improve our applications and if we could get a copy of the scorecards prior to submitting applications.

Changes to McKinney-Vento are included in the Hearth Act. ESG is no longer the Emergency Shelter Grant it is now the Emergency Solutions Grant.

### **Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP)**

Pitt DSS has hired 2 people with the grant; they were receiving numerous calls before the program was up and running. They are operating the program through the Prevention Unit within DSS. Sharon gave everyone a copy of the referral process. They are staffing each case as a team twice a week. They are working with VASH (HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing). Currently they have 9 cases. HPRP participants cannot exceed 50% area median income (AMI). There will be a feature story on WITN tomorrow regarding a person that is precariously housed that has applied for HPRP.

HPRP cannot assist with mortgage payments but Salvation Army has funds to help in emergency situations. Undocumented immigrants are eligible for HPRP.

There will be a meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup> with property managers, housing authorities, etc. to introduce HPRP. There will be a morning and afternoon session for housing providers not service providers.

### **Carolina Homeless Information Network (CHIN)**

CHIN is working with Denise/NCCEH on HPRP training. CHIN is trying to update the system as HPRP changes. HPRP request forms are available online. Intake is set up as a PDF on CHIN.

Pitt CoC has money to pay agencies' CHIN end user fees. Setting up CHIN license only takes about 30 minutes.

### **Community/Member Updates**

- Point on Time in January
- Greenville Community Shelter will offer Christmas Honor Cards again this year. Wachovia underwrites the cards and 100% of the proceeds go directly to the shelter. Paulette will send out information about the cards to everyone.
- GHA will close on Crystal Springs tomorrow. 64 units will be complete in 9-12 months. There will be 40 Project Based Rental Assistance units and 24 market rate units mixed throughout the complex.
- NCCEH is offering several dialogue group conference calls. For more information go to [www.ncceh.org](http://www.ncceh.org)

The **next Pitt County Continuum of Care meeting will be Wednesday December 9, 2009 at 9:00 AM** in the Multi-Purpose Room Greenville Housing Authority 1103 Broad St, Greenville, NC.