

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

Present:

**Phylissa Belcher**, Community Representative  
**Tommy Cloyd**, Disability Advocates & Resource Center  
**Matt Cox**, Navigate (ECU)  
**Sharon Edwards**, Pit County DSS  
**Georgia Ensley**, PORT Human Services, S+C Coordinator  
**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  
**Amy Modlin**, ECBH, Housing Director  
**Shelia Parson**, QSA Foundation  
**Tujuanda Sanders**, Greenville Housing Authority  
**Thelma Sephes**, VA Outpatient Clinic  
**Varinia Soler Bravo**, Pathways to Life, Inc  
**Lekisha Wiggins**, Greenville Community Shelter  
**Paulette White**, Pitt County Planning/10-Yr Plan Project Mgr  
**Bob Williams**, Greenville Community Shelter  
**Talaika Williams**, ECBH, LME

BOS Steering Committee: Amy Modlin reported on the BoS Steering committee meeting held on Tuesday May 7, 2013. All renewal projects submitted by the BoS for the 2012 HUD CoC program were awarded. HUD has not announced funding for new programs. The BoS only submitted one (1) new project for this year's funding. There will be a Regional Leads meeting in Greensboro on Tuesday, June 25 from 9:30-5 PM. This is the first time the Regional Leads will meet in person. The Steering committee also approved BoS members to serve on the CHIN Advisory Board. There was some discussion about a letter of Support requested from Lee County by Cathy Bragg to support a program targeting persons with disabilities. The problem for the Steering Committee was that this program did not target homeless persons.

Funding to support the administration of the BoS was not included in the State budget. In the past, these administrative costs were paid for by the NC Interagency Counsel on Coordinating Homeless Programs (ICCHP). The ICCHP was receiving approximately \$250,000 annually for administrative support for BOS and fund other projects such training and support, the State SOAR program, and the 10 year plan annual reviews. Last year, the State legislature removed the funding for ICCHP from the budget. This year, NCCEH hopes to get that funding restored. Senator Pate (Pitt, Wilson & Greene) is the co-chair on the committee for the DHHs budget. Paulette White arranged a meeting with Senator Pate and Denise Neunaber (NCCEH) to discuss the economic value of supporting the BoS through the ICCHP.

Ms. Modlin also reminded all agencies interested in applying for funding or currently receiving funding through the BOS are required to attend at least 50% of the BoS subcommittee meetings. This would mean that agencies must attend at least 2 meetings per year. These are teleconference meetings. Persons must register at NCCEH for each call. On a high note, Ms. Modlin reported that Beaufort County Housing Authority executive director, Mark Greco, is considering using a disability reference as a priority placement on their Section 8 waiting list. This is very good news.

Rapid Rehousing Report: There are two agencies working on the Pitt County Rapid Rehousing Program, Greenville Community Shelter and the 10-Year Plan. A handout was provided that showed the program results from Jan to March 2013. A total of 39 Households have been assisted with RR funds.

In January, the Greenville Housing Authority and the Greenville Community Shelter started new permanent supportive housing programs. The GHA's Shelter + Care program (Project Hope) has a total of 23 vouchers. They can assist with security deposits but not utilities or application fees. The Greenville Community Shelter's new

program (Stable Solutions) has funding to support 7 individuals (7 1-bedroom apartments). As a reminder, these PSH programs are intended to support homeless individuals with disabilities.

The Shelter program reported assisting 13 Households. Eight HH were placed in permanent supportive housing programs (3 HH in S+C and 5 HH in PSH –GCS). Approximately 75% of their RR funds have been spent. The 10-Year Plan program has assisted 26 HHs. Of those, eleven (11) HH were in PSH programs. Fifteen (15) HH were re-housed using only RR assistance. Bob Williams reported that the Rapid Rehousing program seems to be more effective than transitional housing. The group was reminded that there is a weekly RR staffing meeting. At this meeting, case managers and other individuals working with potential clients review cases and discuss housing options, i.e. What is the most appropriate path to stable housing for that individual or HH. Not all clients are RR candidates. This meeting is held at the Greenville Community Shelter on Wednesdays at 1:15 pm. If anyone is interested in attending, please notify Paulette White to be added to the list.

Ms. White reported on the State monitoring visit that was done on Tuesday, May 7, 2013. The visit was really for technical assistance visit because our programs have only been operating for 3 months. Pitt County needs to pull policies concerning program eligibility, assessment, and the appeals process together. The RR group will work on pulling this draft together and present it to the Pitt County Regional Committee sometime this summer for review and feedback. During the monitor visit, Martha Are reported that the state is expecting that 2013-14 funding for ESG programs are expected to see a 50% reduction from 2012 funding levels.

Ms. White reported that there were two meeting in Greensboro with 10-Year Plan Coordinators, CoC leads and CHIN Advisory Group. There was a lot of discussion on coordinated assessment and that's what our assessment should look like in communities. The BoS will need to work on unified Coordinated Assessment program that will cover all BoS communities. Ms. White reported that she shared Pitt County's triage form with the NCCEH.

**Permanent Supportive Housing:**

**GCS:** Solid Ground is still full. Stable Solutions has 2 openings but they are not placing right now because they are waiting on reimbursements from HUD before continuing placement. Applicants can still turn in applications. The program is for literally homeless, with a qualified disability and some kind of income (even minimal). The units are one-bedroom permanent support housing.

**GHA:** Cornerstone program (13 units) is full. Seeds of Change have 23 participants. Project Hope has 12 participants. There are no openings at this time.

**PORT Human Services:** Reported that there may be some openings in their programs because had several clients have died. Georgia Ensley stated that there should be five (5) openings in June. She reminded members that qualified persons must be literally homeless with mental illness. She also reported that they would like clients to have at least \$200/month income or someone who will agree to pay the light bill. If persons have previous utility bills, they must be cleared up before being admitted into the program. There was a discussion of utility bills.

**Project Homeless Connect:** This event is planned for Thursday October 24. We hope to expand the employment piece and also raise money from churches to help cover guests' utility bills. We also have an idea of showing guest artwork at the event. The Steering Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 3:30 PM in the conference room at the Development Services building. United Way of Pitt County has agreed to provide \$6,000 in funding. The committee is looking for sponsors and others to help come up with the remaining funds. The 2013 Budget Estimate is \$15,000. On Friday, October 25 there will be a Veterans Stand-down. .

**Announcements:** Paulette will send out email flyers re free mental health evaluations, substance abuse counseling at Navigate. The Shelter's Cash Bash is on May 23. Tickets (for 2 people) are \$100 and include a chance to win \$5,000. There will be door prizes and an auction.

**Next meeting: June 12, 2013, 9:00 a.m.**