Wilson-Greene BoS CoC Regional Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: The Wesley Shelter, Wilson, and North Carolina

Date: August 20, 2013

Attending:

Candice Rountree – Wilson County DSS (CoC Regional Committee President)

Howard Anthony – Wilson County DSS (CoC Regional Committee Secretary)

Susan Parker – Wilson County DSS

Donna Pridgen – The Wesley Shelter

Linda Walling – Hope Station

Tuck Taylor – St. John AME Zion Church/Renaissance Transitional Housing

Rasheeka Fogg – Carolina Family Health Centers

LaTasha McNair– Eastpointe

Valinda Belton – Wilson Housing Authority

Diane Kriesel - Veterans Residential Services

Sylvia Brewer – Veterans Residential Services

Candice started the meeting by having all members introducing themselves. New members included Rasheeka Fogg from Carolina Health Centers and LaTasha McNair, Eastpointe and Tuck Taylor from St. John AME.

Tuck Taylor noted the work being done with the Renaissance Transitional Housing Program and she is the Coordinator for the program.

Updates from BoS: Candice passed out a copy of the updates along with orchestrating the discussion on the updated information. 79 counties make up the BoS and we have to adopt a governance order. The committee heard feedback and discussion about the 30 day return to homelessness statement in the BoS Vision statement.

It was noted that ESG Applications are due to NC DHHS by August 21.

Candice talked about project funding applications noting that two applications were received. Hope Station applied for one for emergency response and DSS applied for one for rapid re-housing. The approximate total funding available is $62,000 and copies of the Housing Stabilization Budget and the Emergency Response Budget was passed out to committee members. If passed, this would be the third year of funding for rapid re-housing at DSS. This year’s re-housing application is expected to include the formation of a housing stabilization team. It was noted that the re-housing grant requires a one to one matching of grant funds by local funds. The matching funding is being accomplished largely through the computation of other funding at DSS and Hope Station. DSS is planning to be the fiscal sponsors for both grants. Following the review of the two grants, the floor was opened to discussion and then the committee voted on them. Members from DSS and Hope Station abstained from voting on their specific grant but they were approved by this committee.

Hope Station Emergency: 100% Voted Yes

DSS Re-housing: 100% Voted Yes

Candice presented the subject of voting for a person to act as an Alternate Lead position. Valinda Belton noted that she did not think that the position would pose any problems. Susan moved that Valinda be voted in as Committee Lead. Dianne Kriesel seconded the motion and all committee members voted to approve Valinda in the new position.

Hope Station provided information on their upcoming golf tournament at the Wilson Country Club. It is being sponsored for them by Wells Fargo Bank. The tournament is taking place on October 31, 2013 with a shotgun start at 4:30pm. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Hope Station Homeless Shelter and Food Pantry.

Wilson Housing Authority noted they are willing to host next month’s CoC September 18th meeting and that their new director would be able to attend. They noted that veterans will be returning to preference status within their process and be placed on their preference list. It was noted that their building address is 301 Nash Street in Wilson.

Veterans Residential Services noted that they have served 94 Veterans since 2012 and they need three refrigerators for newly housed veterans. They are expecting to be holding a golf tournament in the near future and will update us at our next meeting.

The Wesley Shelter: The Domestic Violence training was a success with a good turnout of 17 agencies attending. 80% of attendees would like more training on Domestic Violence.

WCDSS: Candice noted that NCFAST is up and running with food assistance online and Medicaid being the next service being implemented. The system implementation may cause some delays as it progresses. Hope Station noted they are seeing more people coming to them for food and stating that their food assistance was not loaded on their card.

Susan talked about having Delois Jones from DSS be invited to our October meeting to talk about the new federal healthcare system and its implementation. There is a lot of information on healthcare.gov. Candice noted that we also had talked about having someone speak to the group about trauma informed work and also the fact that we would like to reach out to the City of Wilson to include them in our meetings.

No further discussion was brought up and the meeting was adjourned. Next Meeting will be September 17, 2013, 10:00am at the Wilson Housing Authority.