

Classroom ■ Greenville Housing Authority
1103 Broad Street, Greenville, NC

Present:

Michele Buckley, Pathways to Life, Inc.
Tommy Cloyd, Disability Advocates & Resource Center
Pastor Cole, Churches Outreach Network
Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department
Sharon Edwards, Pit County DSS
Georgia Ensley, PORT Human Services, S+C Coordinator
Deloris Farmer, Housing Coordinator, RR
Rebecca Fredrick, Greenville Community Shelter
Gabriela Gonzalez, Disabled Veterans Outreach Specialist, Workforce Solutions
Joyce Jones, STRIVE, Re-entry Program
Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville
Gloria Leak, Vocational Rehabilitation
Anita Little, Greenville Community Shelter
Linda Mandell, SOAR Caseworker, TYP
Catonna Mitchell-Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention
Sara Munzer, Center for Family Violence Prevention
Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority
Thelma Sephes, VA Outpatient Clinic
Varinia Soler Bravo, Pathways to Life, Inc
Paulette White, Pitt County Planning/10-Yr Plan Project Mgr
Bob Williams, Greenville Community Shelter
Talaika Williams, ECBH, LME

Minutes: The July 2013 minutes were reviewed. Georgia Ensley motioned to accept and Bob Williams seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by members.

BoS Steering Committee Updates – (Handout) Paulette White announced that the Steering Committee voted to adopt the Governance Charter at the August 2013 meeting. She reminded the group that Pitt Co. Regional Committee review the Draft document at its July 2013 meeting. Ms. White noted that some Steering Committee members reported that their communities were uncomfortable with the Vision statement that says that the BoS wants to ensure that individuals and families who become homeless return to permanent housing within 30 days. While it can be difficult to achieve this goal, the consensus was that we should aspire to this goal. The final approved version of the Governance Charter is on the NCEH website under the Balance of State.

Pitt County Regional Committee ESG 2013-14 Funding Proposal: It was reported that the State ESG applications were due to the state office by 5 PM on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. Ms. White reviewed the application process. Pitt County Regional Committee intends to apply for \$74,520 in ESG Funding. This is a 40% reduction in available funding for Pitt Co. Last year, we are able to apply for \$119,000. The currently funded programs, Greenville Community Shelter, Center for Family Violence Prevention and the 10-Year Plan met to discuss and work on the 2013 application. The two emergency shelter (GCS & CFVP) agreed to reduce their funding by 10%. This would allow for more funds for the Rapid Re-housing program. GCS also recommended that the 10-Year Plan be the only agency that applies for the RR monies.

The 10-Year Plan (Ms. White) agreed to administer the bulk of rapid rehousing funds if the Shelters would continue to be involved in the Staffing Group and work closely with the Housing Coordinator to continue the program. All groups have agreed to use the same Assessment/Intake forms. Ms. White reminded the committee members that the Staffing group is scheduled to meet on a weekly basis to review all cases and try and find the most appropriate housing solutions for those that are homeless.

There was discussion on how the shelters will make up the loss of ESG funds. Bob Williams explained that ESG funds could only be used to cover operational expenses at the Shelter which covers facility cost but not staff. A

10% decrease means that GCS will ask for \$4,000 less in ESG funding. His board has been informed and is working on ways to increase fund raising efforts.

Linda Mandell inquired about funding for transitional housing for Veterans. There was a discussion about transitional housing programs in general and the SSVF grants. The group also discussed Transitional housing programs in general. Ms. White reminded the group that only transitional programs that have beds dedicated for homeless only are included in Point in Time count and inventory.

The Pitt Co. Regional Committee ESG Application will ask for the following in funding:

Emergency Shelter Facility	\$42,400
Greenville Community Shelter	(36,000)
Center for Family Violence Prevention	(6,400)
Rapid Re-housing program	\$32,120
10-Year Plan is the only agency applying for RR funding.	

Linda Mandell made a motion to accept the ESG 2013 funding proposal as presented to the meeting. Gloria Kesler seconded the motion. To avoid Conflict of Interest, the three agencies applying for ESG funding did not vote. The members present voted to approve the ESG funding proposal.

Announcements

- Ms. White announced that she has resigned as the 10-Year Plan Project manager and will step down September 30th. She is moving to Columbia, SC. The county is reviewing the position and hiring process.
- Project Homeless Connect is cancelled due to the loss of support from the ECU School of Dental Medicine. It is also difficult to continue with the loss of the staff person.
- Linda Mandell reported that there are not changes in the SOAR program results since last month.
- Tujuanda Sanders reported that the PSH programs at GHA are full. The VASH program is also full.
- Rebecca Frederick at GCS reported that there is one opening in its PSH program (Stable Solutions) but has multiple applications. She also reported that GCS is planning a picnic for its PSH program residents to encourage more social activities and interactions.
- Georgia reported on PORT's PSH program. Several residents are doing very well. There may be new openings in the next month. This program does require a small amount of income. PORT has found that residents do better if they have enough income to cover a portion of the utility payment.
- Joyce Jones discussed the Re-Entry program. STRIVE was awarded the grant and is now waiting to fill its Coordinator and Job Placement positions. This re-entry program will continue to work with prisoners before release. Ms. Jones feels this method has been successful.
- Pastor Cole reported there will be a food giveaway St. Paul Pentecostal Church at 11am on Aug 22, 2013. The church is located at 3251 10th Street. There will also be a food giveaway on 8/24 at 10am across from the Joy Soup Kitchen. Sneakers, CD's, Wal-Mart Cards and hot food from Joy Soup will also be given away as long as they last.
- Gabriela Gonzalez reported on the Food and Nutrition Services Employment & Training Program (FNSE&T) offer at Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS). Contact Donna Cannon at (252) 355-9067 ext 214 for more information. Benefits of the program include One-on-one guidance & counseling, Job Development, referrals to Jobs, referral to supportive services and overcoming barriers to Employment.
- Gabriela also reported that DWS has a new website www.ncworks.gov. They are located on 3101 Bismarck Street and can help people find employment.
- Paulette announced that she would send out any information shared by the group to the regional committee mailing list.

Next meeting: September 11, 2013, 9:00 a.m.