**Wilson-Greene BoS CoC Meeting Minutes**

**Wesley Shelter – 3rd Floor**

**November 19, 2013**

**10:00a.m.**

**Committee Members Present:**

1. Howard Anthony, WCDSS
2. Lynne White, Wesley Shelter
3. Amanda Flory, WCDSS
4. Terri Hooks, Wilson County Schools
5. Amanda High, Wilson County Schools
6. Sandra Blazek, St. Timothy’s
7. Rev. Marty Stebbins, St. Timothy’s
8. Rev. Linda Walling, Hope Station
9. LaTasha McNeil, Eastpointe
10. Diane Kriesel, Veteran’s Residential Services
11. Sylvia Brewer, Veteran’s Residential Services

* **Welcome/Introductions:**
* **Update of ESG Grant Start-Up (Amanda):** The ESG for this year is similar as last year with the main purpose being rapid re-housing but overall helping address homelessness. We have less money than last year, able to assist 10-12 case rapid re-housing cases and 3-4 prevention cases. We still have a strong desire to also help people access and get into subsidized housing. The first client with this new ESG year was housed last night. Amanda noted that her phone number is 252-292-6161 and she will be working from home and meeting clients at shelter locations.
* **Updates from Balance of State:** There were a number of topics like the memorandum of understanding that do not directly apply to us but BoS talked about the coordinated assessment tool kit that includes everything and they reviewed the vision statement. Our committee discussed that there is a lack of affordable housing and there are less resources in rural areas. Committee also talked about feedback we have gotten around the logistics of the coordinated assessment system. Reportedly there is transitional housing money available if there is a need. The minutes from the BoS Steering Committee can be obtained by going to their main website.

CHIN: They are reevaluating the number of licenses. None of the transitional locations are in CHIN. We have to apply for anyone else being included in CHIN by November 30th. Everyone is supposed to be doing data quality updates. Flynn and St. Johns are not in CHIN. Amanda noted that HUD is stating that housing is to be done in 30 days and case management cannot be paid by HUD beyond the 30days.

* **Update from Veterans Residential Services (Diane & Sylvia):** Diane stated that she went to a training session in October where she learned about PTSD and Psychosis. She noted that ECU was awarded a grant to study PTSD and developed a mobile PTSD unit. She passed out information on the Navigate Counseling Clinic. She thought it was interesting the relationship between Psychotic episodes and PTSD events. The Golf Tournament at VHS was successful. VHS is receiving a lot of requests for utility assistance and they have been flooded with clothing donations so they have lots of clothing available. Mostly adult clothing and they welcome anyone in need of clothing to be referred to them (Veteran or non-Veteran).

* **Preparing for Point-In-Time Count – January 2014:** Rev. Marty initiated discussion on the upcoming Point-In time Count noting that it would be good to start preparing now. January 29th is being proposed as a good night to use. The actual date has not been posted yet by the BoS but last year they posted the last Wednesday in January. Based on our experience from last year, we need to start the count at 11:00pm-2pm in order to reach the people in the homeless camps as many of them do not get there until late evening. We need to and coordinate with Lowe’s and Wal-mart to direct our outreach to those living in their cars in the parking lots. Those going to the camps will be working with police but we need to train volunteers for other locations. We have some people living in abandoned houses but the problem is that if police come on the property, they are obligated to make an arrest so we have to figure out a way to visit these houses safely. The question came up if there must be a no- trespass sign on the building to allow arrests to be made. There is a desire to give out items and/or goodie bags while meeting with people for the count. The committee would welcome more feedback and ideas/suggestions from all committee members so we can discuss further in December and increase our planning for January.
* **CoC Committee Member Updates:**

Scorecard committee/Terri: The new scorecard is different with changes in wording and the ability to see scores that are available. The final scorecard has been approved and a copy is attached to the transmittal of the

Hope Station will be having an intern from ECU working with Amanda and shelter activities.

Wesley Shelter will also have an Intern starting in January to work at the shelter. They are taking Christmas applications with added focus on those they have serviced in the past. Today is our volunteer appreciation celebration at the shelter. Their attorney should be on board soon. The Spanish hotline is supposed to be active on January. They are grateful to the United Way and appreciate all of the effort they accomplish to help the community.

* **New Business:**

**Next Meeting will be held on December 17, 2013. 10:00a.m. at The Wesley Shelter**