

Multipurpose Room ■ Greenville Housing Authority
1103 Broad Street, Greenville, NC

Present:

Ozanne Armstrong, ECU School of Social Work
Tommy Cloy, Disability Advocates & Resource Center
Pastor Rodney Coles, Churches Outreach Network
Culver, Devinder, Greenville Police Department
Debra Edwards, Greenville Community Shelter
Sharon Edwards, Pitt Co. Dept. of Social Services
Georgia Ensley, Port Human Services
Delores Farmer, Housing Coordinator, Pitt County TYP
Gabi Gonzalez, Employment Services – Disabled Veterans
Tonette Lathman, Greenville Community Shelter
Gloria Leak, Vocational Rehabilitation
Rachel Leverenz, ECU School of Social Work
Linda Mandell, Soar Case Worker
Catatonnia Mitchell-Pitt, Family Violence Program of Pitt County
Tiffany Robertson, ECU School of Social Work
Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority
Paulette White, Pitt County Planning/10-Yr Plan Project Mgr
Talaika Williams, ECBH, LME

Minutes

The October 2013 minutes were review and corrected. The corrected minutes were accepted.

Balance of State Steering Committee Update:

Paulette White provided a handout outlining the information from the BoS Steering Committee Meeting on November 5, 2013. It included information on upcoming Subcommittee meetings, including Data Quality, Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing committees. You must register to attend these meetings at NCCEH Website (link included on the handout). All funded agencies must attend the appropriate meetings. This is a category that is scored for future grants.

MS White also provided an update on the Carolina Homeless Information Network (CHIN) Governance Committee. As part of the HEARTH Act, CoCs must take oversight responsibility for their Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). In North Carolina, we have a statewide program known as CHIN. The lead agency for CHIN is the North Carolina Housing Coalition (NCHC). A new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been developed and must be signed by each CoC and NCHC. Since Pitt Co. is a regional committee within the BoS, the lead agency for the BoS must sign the MOU. That lead agency, the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) has asked that BoS Steering Committee members review the MOU and approve it before they will sign the MOU. As a reminder, MS White explained that the NC DHHS contracts the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness to administer the BoS. At the last Steering Committee meeting the MOU was discussed. A vote will be done in December after revisions are made to the MOU.

There was some discussion about the possibility of providing an overflow shelter in Pitt County during the winter months. Pastor Coles reported that he was discussing this issue with some area churches. It was stressed by committee members that an overflow shelter should accept anyone, even someone who may be intoxicated or using drugs. These are the most vulnerable individuals and they are not able to go to the Greenville Community Shelter. A discussion of “wet” shelters followed.

Programs Updates:

Rapid Rehousing Program: No updates were reported.

Permanent Supportive Housing Programs:

GHA – There are no openings in the Shelter + Care programs right now. VASH program is also full.

GCS - No openings in Stable Solutions or Solid Ground.

ECBH. Persons in Greenville need \$200 per month income to qualify. In Craven County the housing authority reduced the utility subsidy and costs for utilities are high there. Have total of 4 openings.

Soar Program

| | October 2013 | Total |
|----------------|--------------|-------|
| Referrals | 3 | 76 |
| Submitted | 1 | 33 |
| Approved | 0 | 13 |
| Denied | 0 | 9 |
| Pending | 3 | - |
| Closed – other | 0 | 8 |

Point In Time

The survey will be in the latter part of January. It is an annual count of homeless persons in Pitt County. Pastor Coles and Linda Mandell volunteered to assist with the project. There will be more information about it at December meeting.

Announcements

There will be a sweet potato giveaway on Friday, Nov. 22 at 713 Albemarle Avenue starting 12noon. (handout distributed).

Sign up for Marine Corps Toys for Tots will also be at the same location between 10a-12n. (handout distributed).

There is a Senior Christmas party planned at the Epps Recreational Center on December 5 starting at 11:30a.

Anyone needing transportation should contact Rebecca Clayton at Pitt Area Transit System (PATS).

Next Meeting – December 11, 2013.