Wilson-Greene BoS CoC Regional Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: The Wesley Shelter – Wilson, NC

Date: June 17, 2014

Attending:

Howard Anthony – Wilson County DSS

Candice Rountree – Wilson County DSS

Susan Parker – Wilson County DSS

Mary Mallory – Wilson County DSS

Amanda Flory – Wilson County DSS

Lynne White – The Wesley Shelter

Donna Pridgen – The Wesley Shelter

Jill Tarleton – Wilson County

Valinda Belton – Wilson Housing Authority

Linda Walling – Hope Station

Ellen Blackman – Eastpointe

Lisa Council – Wilson County

Elvis Townsend – CFHC

LaTasha McNair – Eastpointe

Judy Jones – Veterans Residential Services

Diane Kriesel – Veterans Residential Services

* Welcome and Introductions.
* Reviewed Minutes and Agenda.
* Updates from BoS: There was a one time funding opportunity of ESG funding. Hope Station was eligible and she completed the application but we have not heard back yet. The amount was just under $7000. Hope Station hopes to use this for a refrigerator, furniture and a bank of lockers for residents. They are also hoping to seek a reimbursement for their fire suppressant system that had been replaced earlier in the year.

The ESG funding guidelines are now available on line. The CHIN committee was evaluating the system. There has been discussion of changing the software and/or changing the organization that runs the system. They likely will stay with the present system and our committee will be updated on any future changes.

Coordinated Assessment Took Kit: Our committee and members are being asked to give feedback on the assessment tools so that information can be provided to the BoS. The BoS Workgroup will take all information and feedback and include that information in their next meeting to create a final draft. CoC Committee members are welcome to email comments and suggestions as well as discussing today. The committee discussed the benefits of having a centralized organization to accomplish all assessments or decentralizing the process to allow each BoS/CoC organization to accomplish their own assessments. Candice walked the committee through the tool kit, 2-page emergency response screen and asked for feedback. The committee talked about the question of weather this new assessment form will replace the present CHIN form or be an additional form. The committee talked about the possibility that the questions being asked in this new assessment are too personal.

CHIN Governance Committee: The committee is continuing to evaluate the applications received as a result of the HMIS RFP. Interviews are being conducted and all information will be shared when the process is completed.

* Landlord/Community Partner Breakfast: The goal of this breakfast is to reach out to landlords and enhance the relationship with them. Two possible dates are September 17th and 25th, 8:30am-10:00am. Located at a neutral location.
* Wilson Housing Authority has opened up their leasing but there is still a waiting list. Melinda Gates is on board as the new COO for WHA. Pinnacle Point on Star mount is a new facility being opened in August to house eligible elderly people (62 years and older). This is a three- floor building where they would have to pay their own utilities.
* The Wesley Shelter: The Cloths-line store reopened at Wesley Shelter. They received a $10,000 Verizon Grant. On August 5th at DSS, there will be Prevention of Sexual Violence training. It is open to anyone in the community. Also, that evening (6:30pm-8:30pm) they will have their community forum at Wilson Medical Center on the same subject.
* Hope Station: Swamp Stomp was last week and went well. Their board also just approved funding for a part-time social worker to work with their population. They are presently dealing with how to work with hospital releases back into the shelter with various conditions. The Supportive Services for Veterans grant that is being orchestrated by Family Endeavors is placing people into rentals and only paying rent for three months with no prospects for employment. It appears that there is little to no case management being provided to the veterans.
* Eastpointe: A new apartment complex has opened in Nash County that is not only for targeted clients. They are trying to create a training session in Rocky Mount for the Targeted Program. Key Johnson will be conducting the training.
* VRS: Judy Jones attended and is a volunteer for VRS. BBT is delivering a number of backpacks and groceries for veterans. They are having a food drive on Saturday. Banana Slap Jeep Club of Eastern NC will be hosting the event at 1340 S. Wesleyan Blvd in Rocky Mount.
* Susan Parker updated the group on the fact that we will be getting CIP money in July 1st. We are looking for community partners who would want to take CIP or LIEAP applications. Hope Station noted they would be willing to take CIP applications. LIEAP starts in December with it opening up to everyone February 1st. CIP funding starts again in July.

**Next Meeting: July 15, 2014 @ 10:00am at The Wesley Shelter**