

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE
BALANCE OF STATE
CONTINUUM OF CARE
(Helping The Homeless)

Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2014



PRESENT: Ellery Blackstock (DSS); Curtis Pierce (RCVC), Tamisha Keith (FCRC); Tom Barbee (FCRC); Patricia Settle (CN); Melissa Galloway (HORO); DeShanna Johnson (CPHS); Tracey Boubacar (DRS); Faye Pierce (RHA); Dick Frohock (RHRC); Beverly Scurry (RCDHHS); Sharon Neville (CPHS); Marlene Harrison (Help, Inc); Jane McDaniel (JASCIL)

PRAYER

MINUTE REVIEW/APPROVAL: Beverly motioned Minutes approval for months of April and May. Patricia seconded this motion.

TREASURY REPORT: Dick reports no expenditures with a balance of \$2,308.25.

PRESENTATION BY DARRYL KOSCIAK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PARTNERS ENDING HOMELESSNESS FROM GUILFORD COUNTY: Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH) is the lead agency for CoC in Guilford County. PEH has a Board that functions as its Leadership and operates as the Conductor. The Board leads and supports those agencies that provide direct service to homeless consumers. PEH manages CoC, contracts, data (HMIS/CHIN) and additional data which can be used to gain access to Best Practices. PEH also provides training to those agencies working with homelessness on a daily basis. PEH is a 501c3 and the Board is the lead agency for policy. The Board is made up of volunteers and PEH receives funding from local trusts and foundations, local government and state contracts. PEH hired a consultant – Iain DeJong (orgcode.com). Partners Ending Homelessness include representatives from 30 direct service providers and 40 plus non-direct service providers (United Way, DSS, GPD, local government, land and property owners, etc). PEH has paid staff and committee representation as well.

PEH has been focusing on those agencies that provide specific services and are adopting Housing First to end Homelessness in Guilford County. Housing needs are met first and then other barriers to maintain housing are tackled to include MH/SA issues, vocational, financial, etc.

Darryl reports meeting with a few property owners in the beginning and requesting access to a couple underperforming residential units. PEH was able to place the right people in the units and all parties

benefitted from this transition to housing. The successfulness of the program spread by word of mouth and other property owners became interested in PEH.

Emergency shelters can be a starting point but will only be a small part of the system to end homelessness. A coordinated intake and assessment is vital. SPDAT in CHIN assesses acuity and those with the highest scores need more services and can then direct the most appropriate path to housing.

HOUSING UPDATE: Marlene reports 8 households in Rapid Rehousing consisting of 9 adults and 2 children. The average cost per household is \$1,020.90 and \$583.37 per individual. There are 2 households in the application process consisting of 2 adults and 3 children. Faye reports adding participants to their program and the total has increased from 34 to 48. Faye expects some graduations and is in the process of placing 4 more families into housing. RHA opened their new on site medical facility, the community gardens are doing well and the Children's Nutrition Program has been very successful. There is no report from RCHH.

Faye shared a **SUCCESS STORY**.

AGENCY UPDATES:

- VETERAN'S STAND DOWN will be October 31, 2014

MISC: Marlene motioned RCRC support Coordinated Assessment System as outlined by BoS and wait for further instructions. Curtis seconded this motion. RCRC will contact Leona Williams for further direction. Committee members include: Tamesha Keith, Beverly Scurry, Faye Pierce, Patricia Gilley and Asheley Cooper.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 on July 17, 2014 at the Cooperative Extension.