

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE
BALANCE of STATE CONTINUUM of CARE
(Helping the Homeless)

MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2015



Members Present: Faye Pierce, Chair, Ellery Blackstock, Vice Chair/Past Chair, Beverly Scurry, Secretary, Marlene Harrison, Regional Lead, Tabitha Cox (Treasurer), Amy Steele (Help for Homeless), Patricia Gilley (Congregational Nursing), Linda Clodfeller (Home of Refuge), Jane McDaniel (JASCIL), Patricia Settle (Congregational Nursing)

Welcome – Chair, Faye Pierce thanked and welcomed everyone for attending. Introductions were made.

Prayer – Ellery said a prayer to begin the meeting.

Meeting Minutes Review/Approval of last meeting – Motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2015 meeting minutes was made by Ellery Blackstock and seconded by Tabitha Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report & Coordinated Assessment Report – Treasurer, Tabitha Cox reported that there were no checks written in August and the balance remained \$2,116.46. Please see the housing report in Attachment A.

Old Business:

Bylaws: Need to be updated because of the importance of the Coordinated Assessment. The bylaws will also need to be uploaded the state website so that other people can see them.

PIT Committee: Ellery Blackstock reported that he spoke with Sharon Neville (Division of Social Services) who agreed to chair the PIT Count Committee. Marlene will help in any way needed and Sharon will be added to the listserv.

Nominations: The Executive Board will appoint a nominating committee during their September meeting and then the committee will have the month of October to present the nominations that came up with. A minimum of three people will be on the nominating committee.

No further discussion on Old Business.

New Business:

Coordinated Assessment Presentation: The committee presented a NC BoS Coordinated Assessment Training Part 1 of 3 to everyone in attendance which covered the Emergency Response Screening of the Coordinated Assessment process. To view all three training please visit <http://www.ncceh.org/bos/coordinatedassessment/>.

It is the Regional Committee's goal to establish a permanent shelter in Rockingham County. Without the shelter, the county has to refer out of the county to other counties. The Coordinated Assessment tool is showing us that there is a need for a permanent shelter. Many individuals that we come in contact with that are homeless are in need of basic necessities such as toilet paper, laundry detergent, bus passes, etc, but the current available resources does not provide for such items. It is possible to find grants or to get donations from places such as Walmart, Lowes Food, or churches, but then becomes the issue of having a place to store the supplies and providing efficient access to those items.

It was suggested that churches set up donation programs or Home of Refuge could apply for grants because of their 501c(3) status or even store supplies.

Faye read an article in support of decriminalization of homeless individuals. In support homeless across the state and country our Regional Committee can submit letters to our legislators to advocate for this issue. There are some who are unaware of the seriousness of the homeless situation even in Rockingham County. The Regional Committee can remain strong and visible by presenting to various groups and County Commissioners on the homeless issues and the work of the committee. The committee can also continue to invite vital organizations such as law enforcement and the legal system to participate on our committee as well as inform and educate them of the Coordinated Assessment tools and the importance it serves for our county.

Regional Lead Reporting:

- Rockingham County's Coordinated Assessment Plan as well as two other regions' plans was approved by unanimous vote at the last steering committee call on August 4th.
- Plans must be implemented within 30 days of approval date
- Everyone conducting assessments must complete BoS training for that assessment tool. Must complete all 3 trainings, if staff turnover, new staff must complete; see links below:
- **Prevention & Diversion screen (10 minutes):**
http://prezi.com/q5gxammz2mij/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share
- **VI-SPDAT (1 hour 15 minutes):**
http://prezi.com/v2egqy7u8ucn/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share
- **Case management tool (14 minutes):** https://prezi.com/hsau1ja5v5-8/case-management-tool/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=email
- All programs implementing Coordinated Assessments must provide quarterly outcome reports for BoS. The reports will be due as follows:
 - Oct 15 – July through September
 - Jan 15 - Oct through Dec
 - April 15 – Jan through March
 - July 15 - April through June
- Online training for Outcome Reporting: <http://bit.ly/1Mi8WqZ>
- Outcome Reporting Form: <http://goo.gl/forms/8CgVgqbK3Z>
- Monthly Tally Sheet: <http://www.ncceh.org/files/5741/>
- (Monthly tally sheet is not required but should be helpful)
- Expectations: The BoS would like regular feedback from all regions. C.A. Dialogue calls will be held the 2nd Tuesday in each month from 3-4pm. The last call was on August 11
ncceh.org/events/916
- Coordinated Assessment Leads should begin to tack aggregate data for outcome reporting; training and forms: ncceh.org/bos/coordinatedassessment/

CoC Applications

- NOFA expected any day
- NCCEH created a document outlining all CoC grantee responsibilities
- CoC Intent to Apply form is actively receiving submission for NEW projects with one year contracts: <http://bil.ly/1LEJDzO>
- Renewals do not need to complete this form
- BoS needs current APRS for all CoC grant applications
- Has some questions for 5 agencies, and will be in touch

Regional Committee Structure and Surveys

- Regional Committee Structure surveys should be completed by Sept. 30
- Only one survey per Regional Committee
- Should gather input from region; Please look over the survey and fill out scan and send to me or just email your thoughts to specific questions
- Please turn your surveys in no later than September 1st, as the Executive Board meets on September 2nd, and would like to review your responses and then designate a person/s to input the information

Migration Trainings

- All agencies must attend one training
- Rockingham County providers attended the migration training in Burlington on August 11
- Need to review Agency Administrator Meeting slides: ncceh.org/files/5528
- Five trainings need to be completed prior to migration:
 - Initial Privacy
 - Securing the Record
 - Using unnamed records
 - Establishing visibility
 - Provider Training
- All Agency Agreements must be turned into NCCEH right away.

Housing First

The Housing First Model has been tried and proven to be very successful. Housing first simply suggests that stipulations such as sobriety are kept from housing requirements. This concept is a person centered model that eliminates the prevalent problem of homelessness and then allows case managers to work with participants to address underlying issues, without forcing requirements on the participants.

Homeward Bound of Western NC found an 89% retention rate using this model. The link to view the webinar is: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/1891733213616389121>.

Success Stories

Help, Inc. had 65 year old client who was referred by RC Help for Homeless. The client was living at Colonial Inn in a domestic violence situation. Her husband is a veteran suffering from PTSD. Help, Inc. was able to get her in the shelter. They worked with her and was able to get her in a program with Help for Homeless because of her disability.

Announcements:

- Home of Refuge is planning a Motorcycle Ride Fundraiser on September 26th. The ride will start and end at the Wentworth National Guard Armory; the route will mimic that of the pickup route for the homeless. There will be tables to rent to sell your items. They are hoping that those selling items will donate a portion of their sales to Home of Refuge. There will be activities for the kids, music and bands, and hopefully Same Page will make some remarks.

Registration is \$25 per biker and \$10 for an extra rider. There are plans to also have a bake sale and silent auction. The Regional Committee will post the event on their website and FB page and have Mable sends out an email for county employees.

Motion for Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Amy Steele and seconded by Patricia Gilley. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting date will be September 17th at 10 am.

ATTACHMENT A

Housing Report – August 2015

Reidsville Housing Authority

Total number of 40 slots.

Total number of 40 slots taken.

Total number of 13 family slots taken.

Total number of 27 individual slots taken.

Total number of 51 adult clients.

Total number of 23 child clients.

Total number of 0 slots available.

Total number of 0 clients in process of entering program.

Total number of 0 clients graduated or left the program this month.

Total housed – 74

Households on Waitlist – 8 households with 13 people

Help, Incorporated: Center Against Violence

Total number of 2 slot.

Total number of 2 slots taken.

Total number of 1 family slots taken.

Total number of 1 individual slot taken.

Total number of 2 adult clients.

Total number of 1 child clients.

Total number of LIMITED slots available.

Total number of 3 families in process of entering program.

Total number of 1 families (1 adults & 3 children) that graduated or left the program this month.

TO DATE: Total number of 13 households (13 adults & 14 children) served throughout this program.

Rockingham County Help for Homeless

PERMANENT GRANT PROGRAM

Total number of 20 slots.

Total number of 19 slots taken.

Total number of 11 family slots taken.

Total number of 8 individual slots taken.

Total number of 26 adult clients.

Total number of 21 child clients.

Total number of 1 slots available.

Total number of 1 clients in process of entering program.

Total number of 0 clients that graduated or left the program this month.

TRANSITIONAL GRANT PROGRAM

Total number of 14 slots.

Total number of 13 slots taken.

Total number of 5 family slots taken.

Total number of 8 individual slots taken.

Total number of 14 adult clients.

Total number of 11 child clients.

Total number of 1 slots available.

Total number of 1 clients in process of entering program.

Total number of 0 clients that graduated or left the program this month.

Households on Waitlist – 1 households with 1 person