**Pitt County Regional Committee, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting**

Multipurpose Room ⏹ Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday, February 10 - 9:00 AM

**Present**

Shawnda Cherry, Pitt County Schools

Darone Dancy, NC Works

Tommy Cloyd, Disability Advocates

Amber Bird, Strive

Michelle Martin, Strive

Peter Peedin, Strive

Selma Whitaker, Strive

Talaika Goss-Williams, Trillium Health Resources

Amy Modlin, Trillium Health Resources

Sue Butler, Trillium Health Resources

John Hoover, Trillium Health Resources

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Gloria Leak, Vocational Rehabilitation

Daphne Drew, Trillium Health Resources

Greg Gauss, Gauss Haus Enterprises

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Sharon Alexander, Pitt County DSS

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Debra Edwards, Community Crossroads

Devarus Smith, RI International

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

Ken Becker, Family Endeavors

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

**Introductions/January 2016 Minutes**

After introductions, the meeting began with Jim Cox, making a motion to approve the January 2016 minutes. Linda Mandell motioned to approve the minutes, with Lynne James seconding the decision.

**NC Balance of State Committee & Work Group Representation: Updates**

**-Steering Committee/Conference Call 2-2**

**Regional Lead and Alternate Lead Meeting in Raleigh 3-4**

Jim informed the group of an upcoming meeting in Raleigh on March 4th, for all Regional and Alternate Leads. Both he, the Regional Lead for the Pitt County BOS and Darone Dancy the Alternate Lead, plan to be in attendance.

**Ending Veterans Homelessness in BOS**

Jim discussed that Terry Allebaugh from the BOS’ will be serving as the Ending Veteran Homelessness Coordinator working directly with the Division Affairs.

**CABHI Grant Opportunity (SAMHSA)**

Jim updated the group on a possible grant opportunity; CABHI (Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals)-(SAMSHA) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) The submission date for the grant is March 15th with a funding period of 3 years. The grant focus on Substance Abuse treatment, Permanent Supportive Housing, Peer Support Initiatives, among other types of services.

**211 agency update report**

Lynne updated the committee, on the NC 2-1-1 directory. All corrections and additions have been submitted to NC 2-1-1. Anyone with concerns pertaining to homelessness can use the directory, to obtain information specific to our region.

**-Regional Restructuring Work Group**

**Conference Call 2-4 & Meeting in Raleigh on 2-22**

Jim updated the group on the BOS restructuring committees work. The BOS is looking to restructure existing regional committees into larger regional groups which will reduce the total number of regional committees. Some topics of discussion will be the location and frequency of regional committee meetings and engaging counties that do not have active groups.

Talaika Goss-Williams announced the BOS’ objective, to begin meeting sometime later, in March, in regards to the proposed plan of restructuring work groups. The proposed plan will be drafted and presented to the Steering Committee, hopefully, around the date of April 1st. The counties of Pitt to Hertford, are potential counties which may be grouped together to form regional committees, within the BOS. Pitt County will more than likely, serve as a lead county, within the regional committees.

**-Coordinated Assessment Work Group**

**Quarterly Coordinated Assessment submitted 1-15**

Linda informed the group of the Coordinated Assessment discussion held on yesterday, February 9, 2016. The group’s discussion focused on the utilization of the coordinated assessment, amongst different agencies. Emphasis was placed on utilization of the VI-SPDAT and the consideration of agencies and committees’ individual opinions, in addition to the VI-SPDAT, when assessing clients.

**Restructuring of the Wednesday Housing Stabilization Meeting: Feedback from BOS**

Jim shared feedback received from the NCCEH Project Specialist, pertaining to forms developed for assistance within the housing stabilization committee. The Project Specialist found the forms proficient and commended us for reaching out to them for feedback. Lynne elaborated on thoughts of the Project Specialist and discussed with the group of concerns with the VI-SPDAT. According to Lynne and other members of the housing stabilization committee, the VI-SPDAT appears to sometimes produce scores which are lower, than expected. In communication it was discussed that it is acceptable to use additional factors in addition to the VI-SPDAT when prioritizing individuals for housing placement.

Lynne discussed suggestions made by the project specialist which encouraged that the Housing Stabilization Committee seek other avenues for supplemental money, for when Rapid Rehousing money is exhausted.

**2016 Point-in-Time Count: Updates**

**-HMIS Forms not available/Unsheltered Count Data due 2-19**

Unsheltered forms are due on February 19th.

Forms for reporting the sheltered homeless in HMIS are not available, at this time. The system is still being updating for the purposes of reporting, the sheltered homeless.

There are currently no updates, for when forms will be available, for the purposes of reporting the sheltered homeless.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) & CoC Permanent Housing Grant: Grant Updates**

Jim announced that there are no major updates with the ESG and COC PH Grant. From speaking with key individuals (grant recipients) the contracts have been received and are being handled by the appropriate individuals.

**Housing Updates**

Trillium/Talaika Goss-Williams-Currently No Openings

GHA/Tujuanda Sanders-Currently Has Openings for Shelter Plus Care; the HCV

(Housing Choice Voucher Program/Section 8) will be accepting applications beginning on February 15th ; interested applicants can apply online.

CCC/Tonette Latham-Currently One Opening in Project Stable Solutions

Rapid Rehousing/Deloris Farmer/Jim Cox-Currently has no monies available

**SOAR Updates**

Linda reported that for the month of January 2016, there were:

1 Referral

1 Submitted

None Approved

None Denied

3 Pending Approval

None Closed for Other Reasons

Totals:

111 Referrals

50 Submitted

21 Approved

8 Denied

20 Closed for Other Reasons

**Announcements**

Deloris-An Meeting will be held at the Third Street Community Center’s Auditorium for the Landlord Breakfast on tomorrow, February 11, 2016 at 9AM.

**Next Meeting: March 9, 2016**