

**Kerr-Tar Coalition to End Homelessness**

**Regional Housing Committee Community Forum Meeting Minutes**

**Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions, Five County COC**

**Halifax Community College**

**200 College Drive**

**Weldon, NC 27890**

**March 15th, 2016**

**Attendees:**

1. Alice Brinson-Hannah’s Place
2. Chester Smith-CW Counseling
3. Denise Bell-RHG
4. Francine Tunstall-Strategic Intervention
5. Heather Taylor- Strategic Intervention
6. Jeanne Variano-Cardinal Innovations Healthcare
7. Joel Rice-Cardinal Innovations Healthcare
8. Kanika Turrentine-Infinite Possibilities
9. LaCount Anderson-Union Mission of Roanoke Rapids
10. Phyllis Caine-Halifax County DSS
11. Shawn Armstrong-Freedom House Recovery

Joel Rice opened the meeting by welcoming those present. Introductions were made. He explained the change in the referral process and asked Kanika Turrentine, Coordinated Assessment Team Lead, to give a more in depth description of what the Coordinated Assessment Plan is and the process.

**What is the Coordinated Assessment Plan?**

Kanika explained the plan as a HUD mandated process to streamline to the housing referral process for the homeless and at risk of homelessness individuals in communities throughout the country. Each regional housing committee was charged with developing a coordinated assessment plan for their community. The plan would consist of coordinated efforts by providers and local agencies to screen, using the Prevention and Diversion Screening Tool, at risk or homeless individuals to see first, if the household could be diverted from homelessness by using local resources. If the household could not be diverted they would be referred to a shelter. After 15 days of stay, the household would be screened using the VI-SPADT to determine the appropriate housing referral for the household, based on the score. The VI-SPADT will also be used to prioritize households in need of housing.(Please see attachments)

Kanika explained the 2 different types of housing resources available for the Kerr-Tar Region; Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing. She described the 2 options and their criteria. Kanika reminded attendees that Targeted Units were also a good housing referral resource. Joel explained what they were and the criteria.

Jeanne explained that the screening tool outcomes would also be used to collect data to report to the Balance of State to help identify gaps and needed resources.

In cases where a household can be diverted from homelessness a community Capacity Funding Referral can be made. They are Non-UCR funds used to pay for rental or utility deposits for Cardinal Innovations members only. These referrals are to be made by a Cardinal Innovations Healthcare contracted provider.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Variano