Pitt County Regional Committee, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting

Multipurpose Room ⏹ Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 - 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

**Present**

Lakitra Claude, Trillium Health Resources

Tommy Cloyd, Disabilty Advocates

James Cox, United Way of PC

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Nancy Keith, Vidant Medical Center

Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads

Sally Love, United Way of BC

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

Catonnia Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Bob Williams, Community Crossroads

Talaika Goss-Williams, Trillium Health Resources

Selma Whitaker, Strive

Introductions/Approval of September/October 2016 Minutes

After introductions, the November 2016 BOS / Pitt Regional Committee meeting began

with approval of the minutes. Jim Cox asking for a motion to approve the September 2016 minutes. Linda Mandell made a motion to approve the minutes for September 2016 with

Bob Williams seconding the decision.

Jim asked for a motion to approve the minutes for October 2016. Bob motioned to approve the minutes for October 2016 with Tommy Cloyd seconding the decision motioned.

Jim announced that at the next Pitt County Regional Committee Meeting an agenda item

 will be election of new officers. Also discussed were the expectations of the Balance of

State of officers for the upcoming year.

Hurricane Matthew

Jim opened discussion for the committee to express thoughts, concerns, or activities pertaining to Hurricane Matthew. Lynne communicated of interactions between Pitt County Government and those affected by Hurricane Matthew. Of those affected some felt that they may become homeless, may not be able to return back to their homes or lack the resources in order to sustain.

Gloria Kesler informed the committed of experiences with victims of the hurricane. In comparison with previous hurricanes such as Hurricane Floyd, not as much monetary assistance is being provided. Some victims have been denied assistance due to simple application error. According to Gloria, resources and information on future monetary

assistance will not be available until a new Congress meets.

James Rhodes informed that Pitt County has funds for Transitional Housing, if individuals or families have registered with FEMA. If individuals or families have received denial letters from FEMA they can visit the Agricultural Center from 10AM-7PM in order to speak and address their concerns.

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups

Steering Committee/Conference Call 11-1

Jim sent minutes for both conference calls held in October and November and expressed the importance of reviewing summaries of those minutes. For last week's call, the BOS requested a copy of the Pitt Regional Committees ESG grant, the grant will be submitted to

The BOS.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Local Process: Update

Due to Hurricane Matthew several members of the Pitt Regional Committee were not available last month (October) to formally approve the ESG Grant and distribution/division of funds. Due to their not being a quorum, members of the Regional Committee were

updated via email and a vote was taken to approve ESG grant and distribution of grant

funds; vote passed.

Regional Restructuring (Update)

November 3rd Meeting at CCC

The BOS rescheduled the Regional Restructuring meeting to last Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Community Crossroads Center. Alongside of restructuring Coordinated

Assessment was discussed. For the upcoming year two of the first activities will be the

Regional Point in Time Count and the Regional Coordinated Assessment.

Coordinated Assessment (Update)

April 1, 2017 Regional CA

Need for Update/Committee

Beginning April 1, of 2017, the BOS is requiring all regional committees to have a Regional Coordinated Assessment. Jim expressed the importance of forming a subcommittee for the Coordinated Assessment and reviewing the assessment on a quarterly basis. Continuing working with agencies whom have assisted with the process of the Coordinated Assessment such as Real Crisis will continue to improve organization.

Jim inquired of interest for the Coordinated Assessment Subcommittee; Catonnia Pitt, Melissa Eastwood, Linda Mandell, and Lynne James volunteered to be a part of the

Coordinated Assessment Subcommittee.

Linda updated on the Coordinated Assessment conference call. One topic of discussion wascommunity housing waiting lists. Questions centered upon management of waiting lists, progression and outside funding sources. For Permanent Supportive Housing, it was discussed of transitioning individual/families out of PSH to Section 8. Currently there is no availability in public housing or Section 8. Stabilizing individuals/families in PSH may improve the possibility of transitioning from PSH to other housing placements.

Point in Time Count Wednesday January 25th/Incorporating Beaufort County into PIT/Video (Update)

PIT Count Structure/Need to Submit Name

Linda Volunteered to assist in coordinating the Point in Time Count, along with Sally Love from Beaufort County’s Regional Committee. Linda expressed the importance of communicating with the local police and strategizing a plan for assistance with the PIT Count, earlier as compared to previous years. Devinder Culver has informed the local police of dates and times pertaining to the PIT Count. It is unclear of which officer(s) may be working on the night of the PIT Count but they are aware of activities for that night.

Linda informed the group of places in which she will visit in order to conduct surveys such as Oakmont Baptist Church, Salvation Army, Hope Station and Joy Soup Kitchen.

Volunteers are needed in order to conduct questionnaires for those interested in

participating in the count. Linda plans to have a training session for all volunteers interested in conducting surveys.

Jim addressed the BOS’ request for a contact person from each regional committee. Lynne elaborated and stated that if one contact is not feasible, there may be a contact from each participating county. The contact person would be responsible for maintaining communication with other contacts from that particular region. Jim volunteered to be the contact person for the Pitt Regional Committee, members from the regional committee agreed.

**Crystal Jackson, Access East: Med Assist Event (Update)**

There were no updates with the event, Mrs. Jackson was not present.

Housing Updates

Trillium-Currently has openings for PSH

GHA/Tujuanda Sanders-Currently there is no openings for PSH

CCC/Tonette Latham- Currently TANF has prevented homelessness for 60 families

Rapid Rehousing/Deloris Farmer: Currently has no money available

SOAR Updates

1 Referral

0 Submitted

1 Approved

0 Denied

0 Still Pending

0 Closed for Other Reasons

Totals:

119 Referrals

51 Submitted

23 Approved

9 Denied

21 Closed for Other Reasons

Announcements

Bob announced the annual Honor Card event. It’ll be held at 6PM on Thursday, November 16 at St. James United Methodist Church.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2016