

Pitt County Regional Committee, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting

Multipurpose Room ■ Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 - 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Sharon Alexander, Pitt County DSS
Kim Anderson, Pitt County Schools
Ken Becker, Family Endeavors
Mayreni-Santos Castro, Greenville Housing Authority
James Cox, United Way of PC
Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department
Debra Edwards, Community Crossroads
Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
Lynne James, Pitt County Planning
Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads
Sally Love, United Way of BC
Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning
Catonnia Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention
Tina Rodgers. VOA, SSVF
Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority
Bob Williams, Community Crossroads
Brian Alexander, NCCEH
Margaret Dixon
Tracy Kennedy, REAL Crisis
Ken Morris (Major), The Salvation Army

Introductions/Approval of December 2016 Minutes

After introductions, the January 2017 BOS/Pitt Regional Committee meeting began with approval of the minutes for December 2016. Jim Cox asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Lynne James made a motion to approve the minutes for December 2016 with Bob Williams seconding the motion. The committee approved the minutes for December 2016. Note: Brian Alexander, NCCEH staff member, joined us today for our meeting.

Hurricane Matthew

Jim opened discussion for the committee to update any information in reference to Hurricane Matthew.

The FEMA deadline was extended to 1/23/2017 for anyone who wants to apply for FEMA funds.

Brian Alexander made the group aware that there would be a Hurricane Matthew feedback call on 1/19/2017 from 10:00am to 11:00am for areas affected by Hurricane Matthew. The BOS call in number is (218) 895-9693 and the pin for the call is 805232#. The call will be with HUD. HUD would like feedback on what happened and how we can better prepare in the future. They want input on things that went well verses things that can be improved upon. HUD would like to obtain information regarding community needs also.

This will be an ongoing agenda item.

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups

Steering Committee/Conference Call 1/10/2017

Jim noted that the Steering committee call summaries are helpful. In reviewing minutes from the Steering Committee/Conference Call, Jim informed everyone that HUD announced both Tier 1 and 2 CoC grant awards on December 20th. The BoS CoC received 46 of 47 grants applied for, including all renewals, two new PSH grants for Eastpointe, and the CoC planning grant. The new Pitt County RRH project was not funded in this year's competition.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Local Process: Update

Lynne elaborated on the ESG Process and informed the committee that we got awarded renewals of our existing grants. There were a limited number of special conditions listed in the award letter. They have all been addressed and submitted. Lynne reported that Michael Leach indicated that contracts would be issued this week or next week. The county has to go back to the Board of Commissioners and obtain a budget amendment after the contracts are approved and awards are made. The goal is to present at the 2/6 board meeting. The new project was not funded. Lynne gave a brief overview regarding the new

project (hiring a case manager, more funds for housing). She will explore other options (community benefit funds, Vidant grant). Lynne will request a debriefing meeting and obtain feedback from HUD. Brian A. informed the group that they have not received the COC score for our application. However, our COC did really well. He suggested that we look at the scorecard to work on improving scores in the future. He suggested that the determination was most likely made due to ranking (the new Pitt project was ranked last). The Pitt County Rapid Rehousing project did not meet core components for new projects.

Sally Love reported that the grants for the Zion Shelter (utilities) and for Rapid Rehousing were approved in Beaufort County.

There are scheduled trainings on 2/1/2017 (Rocky Mount) and 2/8/2017 (Winston Salem) for grantees. All grantees must attend one of the training dates.

There will be 3 in person funding process meetings for the BOS. They will touch on ESG. They want to examine projects and evaluate the most effective projects for each community. The meeting will address things to look for, how to put grants/funding requests together, how to implement fair conflict free funding processes, etc. The dates are not set for this this event (there will be 3 meetings). There will be a meeting in Greenville the week of March 20th. Details will be made available once finalized.

Regional Restructuring (Update)

Jim updated the committee in regards to regional restructuring. Jim reviewed officers as we had our elections at the last meeting. Jim Cox will be regional lead for region 12. There will be individual county chairs. He will also be the chairperson for Pitt County. Sally Love will be the chairperson for Beaufort County. Lynne James will be the coordinated assessment lead for our region.

Jim went to Bertie County this week and participated in a meeting with NC works. Participants expressed that they were excited about participating in the upcoming PIT count this year. There was an individual with a soup kitchen that was especially interested in assisting with the count. Jim went to Martin County last Friday and individuals want to participate in the PIT count there as well. He reached out to Washington County and received no response. Jim would like to bring individuals from those areas into the meeting and establish a chair in those counties.

In regards to our regional committee, Brian Alexander stated that our region is on the right path. Brian thanked everyone for their efforts. He urged us to continue to use our contacts and resources to strengthen and grow our Regional committee. Anything we do at this point moving forward is a good thing. There are lots of requirements from HUD and smaller, less active regional committees struggle to meet requirements. He stated that the BOS staff would like to be in the community more. They want to be at the table as much

as possible with the new regional committees moving forward. Brian reported that NCCEH has hired a new BOS staff member who will start next week. Brian requested that regional committees share challenges and celebrations regarding things happening in the communities.

Coordinated Assessment (Update)

April 1, 2017 Coordinated Assessment Plan Due

Lynne James (Coordinated Assessment Lead) and Linda Mandell participated in the webinar/conference call held on yesterday, January 10, 2017 for the Coordinated Assessment. Documents and the new planning template were reviewed to provide guidance regarding requirements/expectations. Lynne encouraged everyone on the CA subcommittee to go to the NCCEH website and listen to the recording from the meeting.

The CA subcommittee is scheduled to meet immediately following the regional committee meeting. Brian Alexander will attend.

The housing stabilization committee will reconvene next Wednesday at 1:15pm.

Point in Time Count Wednesday January 25th

PIT Count Structure/Update

Linda shared updates as it pertains to the PIT Count. She reported everything is going well. Currently, there are 4 identified locations that volunteers will go to. Those are as follow: Hope Station, Oakmont Baptist Church, Salvation Army, and Joy Soup Kitchen. We need to coordinate which volunteers will go to each site. Linda has a poster that will be posted in these locations and possibly a few others. Linda reported that book bags will be packed next week with toiletries, towels, canned foods, etc. The book bags will be distributed as a thank you for participating in the survey.

Linda stated that this year volunteers will carry coats and blankets for those in need.

The surveys have been printed. They were printed on yellow paper and they will be distributed.

Linda will be conducting a PIT training at the Beaufort County Health Department tomorrow at 100pm.

Devinder (GPD) will get potential locations from officers that will be on duty the night of 1/25/2017. Our volunteers will make an effort to go out to the campsites. However, we have not had a lot of success the night of the count in the past. Our committee will primarily focus on the service count.

The Salvation Army will be participating in the count this year. The address is 150 Maxwell Street. We will go to the Salvation Army Breakfast feeding program on the 27th and the 30th. This occurs from 6:30am to 8:45am.

We need to nail down which volunteers will be at each location. There should be at least 2 volunteers at each site.

Jim is the lead contact person for count, Linda will serve as the chair person and Sally Love is the lead person for Beaufort County. Sally reported no updates for Beaufort County. She stated most of the planning will take place during tomorrow's meeting.

Veterans plan due 4/1/2017

Each Regional Committee must have a regional Veterans Plan. Primary SSVF providers for the area will lead this. Volunteers of America will be the primary provider for our region. The primary SSVF provider will be leading this charge. We need to meet benchmarks for ending veterans homelessness by 2017. The Veterans template was approved yesterday. It is very similar to the coordinated assessment plan. It is very detailed and directive.

The identified SSVF providers for our area are Family Endeavors and Volunteers of America. There are 5 SSVF providers across the Balance of State. NCCEH staff started meeting with Veterans groups over the summer. A VA subcommittee has been developed. The criteria: make sure there is an offer of shelter to every veteran encountered, house veterans within 90 days, etc. Balance of state staff will be doing a planning call to help put the plan template together.

Over the Counter Medication Distribution

Crystal Jackson was not present for our meeting today. The OTC Giveaway will take place at Koinonia Christian Church. The date will be on March 25, 2017.

Housing Updates

Trillium-Currently has openings for PSH. Debra (CCC) made 2 referrals to us recently and they have both been housed.

GHA/Tujuanda Sanders-Accepting applications, but currently no slots are available.

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF program assists families with children. Tonette reported that they have assisted 16 families with TANF funds during December. She reported that they have spent \$15,000 to \$16,000. Since March, they have prevented approximately 75 families from being homeless. Contact Tonette if there are questions about her program or about program eligibility.

Rapid Rehousing/Deloris Farmer: Currently has no money available for RRH; We are

waiting for funds.

SOAR Updates

Linda reported that there are no updates currently. She stated that she needs referrals. Linda has had some questions from the hospital. She provided a new flyer to the shelter and will provide her contact information during the Point in Time count. Brian encouraged Linda to talk with partners and remind them about her services.

Announcements

Bob Williams reported that CCC plans to build a resource center (17,000 to 34,000 square feet). The resource center will offer access to dentists, physicians, speech and occupational therapists, DSS, Strive, NC Works, etc. there will be a billing office as well. They have developed a tentative floor plan. They are in the process of writing a \$250,000 grant. A letter of intent has been submitted. They are obtaining information about another grant for \$250,000 which they may apply for as well. Bob reported that they hope to break ground next year.

Tracy Kennedy with REAL Crisis reported that 486 veterans have made contact through the veterans' crisis line last year. 98% successfully accessed referrals. Tracy will attempt to break this down by county for the committee. REAL Crisis currently serves 100 counties. They have offices in Pitt, Beaufort, Martin, and Washington counties. 1-800-273-TALK.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2017 @ 9:00am