

Region 12, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting
Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority
1103 Broad Street, Greenville
Wednesday February 8, 2017-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Mayreni-Santos Castro, Greenville Housing Authority
Lakitra Claude, Trillium Health Resources
Tommy Cloyd, Disability Advocates
James Cox, United Way of Pitt County
Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department
Margaret Dixon, Community Crossroads Center
Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
Crystal Jackson, Health Assist
Lynne James, Pitt County Planning
Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville
Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center
Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way
Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning
Elizabeth McDowell, Greene Lamp
Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention
Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority
Ken Morris (Major), The Salvation Army
Maudia Ahmad, Health Assist

Introductions/Approval of January 2017 Minutes

After introductions, the February 2017 BOS/Pitt Regional Committee meeting began with approval of the minutes for January 2017. Jim Cox asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Lynne James made a motion to approve the minutes for January 2017 with Linda Mandell seconding the motion. The committee approved the minutes for January 2017.

Hurricane Matthew

Jim inquired about updates in reference to Hurricane Matthew. Margaret reported that there will be a big conference call from the state today at 11:00am regarding money coming down to Pitt County. She will provide the number for anyone that would like to participate. The unmet needs committee is evolving into a recovery group. They are registered now as a COA. The United Way will manage funds that come down to Pitt County if we are approved for it. Case managers will be hired to work with flood survivors. Margaret will keep us updated regarding progress with this.

Ken Morris provided information regarding Charity Tracker (website/program). This can be used as a resource. A group will meet at least monthly to look at cases and determine how funds available will be dispersed. There will be training about Charity Tracker on February 17, 2017 at 10:00am.

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups

Steering Committee/Conference Call 2/7/2017

Jim has not received the Steering committee call summary yet. He will distribute once received. There was a new staff person hired with the Balance of State (Ehren Dohler, project specialist). Jim made everyone aware that there is a Webmaster training on 2/9/2017. Melissa Eastwood has registered to participate. There will be a Coordinated Assessment Webinar on 2/14/2017. Lynne reported that she will not be able to be on the call and requested that individuals from the CA subcommittee participate. Melissa has registered and will participate. Linda will be unable to be on the call due to a scheduling conflict. The Balance of State will be holding an In Person Funding Workshop on Tuesday March 21, 2017 at 10:00am in Greenville. The meeting targets leadership of our group and those involved with funding. The event will take place at Trillium Health Resources (201 West 1st Street Greenville, NC 27858). Jim reminded everyone that we still need a funding coordinator for our regional committee. The individual will facilitate and oversee the ESG process within our regional committee. Elizabeth from Greene Lamp offered to assist the individual nominated to be lead.

Jim has been asked to be on a workgroup to look at revamping the steering committee. He stated that there is a request for individuals to participate in another workgroup (COC committee) to look at COC funding. Lynne stated that she was told that we were not funded for the COC grant that we applied for due to a lack of funding. However, on the call, they stated all the COC funds were not applied for. There will be a focus on the quality of our projects moving forward. There is money left to apply for within the COC. Lynne is unable to participate in the workgroup due to involvement in the development of our coordinated assessment plan; however she stated that she feels that we need a voice on the workgroup.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Local Process: Update

Sally reported that she has not received her contract from the ESG office. Beth Bordeaux, who is working with Michael Leach, offered to assist with the ESG grant in Beaufort County. She is coming tomorrow to participate in the monthly meeting. Pitt County has not received their contract either. The Center for Family Violence prevention has not received their contract, but they should be receiving it soon. There was a mandatory workshop for ESG recipients in Rocky Mount on 2/1/2017. Catonnia attended and reported that she enjoyed the fair housing information. She noted that it was interesting and informative. Catonnia stated that there is a lot of new information for the domestic violence programs. There are new forms that they are required to use since they are not using HMIS. There will be a 3rd training offered because the initial trainings filled quickly.

Regional Restructuring (Update)

We are continuing to reach out to other counties to invite representatives to participate in the regional committee. Martin County did some PIT surveys. Jim will speak with commissioners (Mid East Housing). He sent them information and they were very interested in what we are doing and would like to learn more. He reported that he may invite Balance of State staff to attend when he meets with them.

Coordinated Assessment (Update)

April 1, 2017 Coordinated Assessment Plan Due

Lynne made the group aware that a coordinated assessment planning team has been formed. The first meeting was last month following our regional meeting (included Brian Alexander). There has been 1 meeting since (1/31/2017). She has scheduled several meeting dates. Lynne asked that anyone that would like to be on the committee contact her. She reported that the template has been given to us and we need to work through it. Revisions have been made to the template because there have been changes by HUD that pertains to fair housing and eliminating barriers. The group discussed the overlap between the plan for Veterans (also due 4/1/2017) and the coordinated assessment plan. The plans must address issues of access for all 5 counties in our region. The next CA subcommittee meeting will be Thursday 2/16/2017 at 10:00am at the Community Crossroads Center. Lynne reminded everyone that there will be a Coordinated Assessment webinar on 2/14/2017 at 3:00pm.

Veterans plan due 4/1/2017-There is a template available. SSVF providers in the area will lead this.

PIT Count (Update)

Linda reported that the Point in Time count was successful. She stated that this was due largely in part to the Salvation Army. Devinder provided information regarding potential sites for the groups to go out to. Groups did not go out the night of the count (1/25/2017). Groups went out the 7 days after. Jim Pastor Coles, and Candace Parker (VA) went out to some of the suggested sites. We had groups that went to the Salvation Army, Joy Soup Kitchen, Hope Station, etc. We exceeded our count from last year. Community Crossroads donated book bags and items for individuals that participated in the count. Sally reported that she got 6 surveys and the Health Department completed 1 survey in Beaufort County. She will assist with getting numbers from Zion Shelter and Ruth's House (DV program). Point in Time

information should be sent to Jim Cox by Friday 2/10/2017. The final report is due to the Balance of State by 2/17/2017.

Over the Counter Medication Distribution/Update from Health Assist

The OTC medication giveaway will be March 25, 2017 at Koinonia Christian Church from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Crystal passed out flyers for the event. She stated that they are still in need of volunteers for Friday evening (7:00pm to 8:30pm) and for Saturday (prior to and during the event). Crystal stated that volunteers can sign up online (medicines.org). This event is for anyone. Crystal stated that they can assist anyone that can get there.

Maudia Ahmad (Social Work Case Manager) from Health Assist was present for the meeting today. She provided information regarding 3 free clinics in the community (Health Department, Oakmont Baptist Church, and the Shelter). Maudia reported that her program works to ensure continuity of care. They assist with helping individuals acquire quality healthcare and support services, either at no cost, or at a reduced fee. Maudia stated they are working on updating their brochures and she will bring some to our next meeting.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-Tonette reported that she has assisted 6 families with TANF funds during the month of January. They spent approximately \$2,600.00.

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

Rapid Rehousing/Deloris Farmer-Currently has no funds available; they are waiting for the new funding. They are still waiting for their contract.

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that there are no updates currently. Linda made the group aware that someone requested that she participate in the upcoming CIT training for local law enforcement. She will be talking with them about speaking with individuals that are mentally ill.

Trillium Health Resources-The Balance of State will hold an In Person Funding Process meeting at Trillium on 3/21/2017.

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