

Northeastern Homeless Coalition - Region 11 Committee Meeting

Ahoskie Housing Authority
200 Pierce Avenue, Ahoskie, NC

March 14, 2017 – 10:00am

Attendance

Agency	Representative(s)
Hertford County DSS	Allison Cotton Avis Murphy Glenda Simmons
NC Works	Derrick Armstead
Trillium Health Resources	Melissa Eastwood Talaika Williams Lakitra Claude
Volunteers of America/SSVF	Tina Rodgers
Roanoke-Chowan Community Health Center	Nicole Boone Erin Storie
Roanoke-Chowan Community College	Shellie Saxby
Gates County DSS	Phyllis Parker Dominique Williams
*Hertford County Public Health Authority	Cherri Brunson
*Veteran Affairs	Jennie D. Haddock

*Agencies marked with an * used the call in option*

Minutes

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Nicole Boone.

Introductions

- Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves and told what agency they were from.

Approval of Minutes

- The committee reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. After reviewing the minutes, it was noted that a correction needed to be made on page 1, under Attendance. The agency represented should read “*Volunteers of America*”, not “*Veterans of America*”. A motion was made by Glenda Simmons to accept and approve the minutes of the last meeting with the necessary corrections and it was seconded by Derrick Armstead.

Balance of State Updates - (Nicole Boone)

- Nicole gave a brief summary of the BoS Steering Committee Meeting.
- Highlights from the meeting:
 - There will be an in-person funding workshop for the Regional Committee leadership in Greenville (Trillium’s First Street office) on March 21, 2017 from 10am – 3pm

- Each Regional Committee that work with SSVF agencies must develop regional plans to end Veteran homelessness and it is due April 1st
- The Coordinated Assessment Plan is due April 1st.
- Outcomes from the first quarter of 2017 are due April 15th
- The next Steering Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 10:30 AM

Coordinated Assessment Plan (Nicole)

- Nicole explained the purpose of the Coordinated Assessment plan to those that were attending the regional meeting for the first time. *“The Coordinated Assessment operates as a portal of entry process that aims to connect individuals and families who are homeless, or those at imminent risk of becoming homeless, to an existing available shelter/housing resource within region 11”*.

North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH) Update (Nicole)

- Nicole and Derrick received an email from Brian Alexander (*Balance of State*) and he wanted to reiterate that they (*Balance of State*) are here to help us. Brian plans to be present at the next meeting (*either via phone or in person*) to discuss with us our Point in Time numbers, the next step for the region and Veteran homelessness.

Moving Region 11 Forward after “RESTRUCTURING” (Nicole)

- There was a discussion about who to invite to our regional meetings. A handout was given to show the agencies that have attended the regional meetings in the past. Below is a list of agencies that the committee decided to reach out to, to invite them to participate in the regional meetings.
 - Local DSS agencies (Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Tyrrell) – Glenda and Phyllis
 - McKinney Vento Social Workers - Melissa
 - Housing Authorities – Derrick
 - Section 8 – CADA – Avis; EIC – Trillium
 - Law Enforcement Agencies – Phyllis and Dominique (Gates)
 - Health Centers – Erin and Nicole
 - CADA (covers Hertford County) – Avis
 - EIC (covers all counties except Hertford) – Talaika
 - Habitat for Humanity – Nicole
 - American Red Cross – Erin
 - Vocational Rehab
 - County Veteran Service Officers – Derrick
 - Salvation Army
- The committee also discussed rotating the meetings (ex: one month the meeting will be held in Gates, the next, Hertford, etc.) and having a call in option. Other agencies will be contacted via face-to-face contact, mailing letters, phone calls and sending emails. It was suggested that the committee could also come up with a logo and letterhead.

Values of the Region 11 Committee – Moving Towards a Shared Vision (Nicole)

- The committee took a vote on the new name for the Region 11 committee. The options on the table were “*Alleviating 11*” and “*Northeast Coalition to End Homelessness*”. After a brief discussion and a vote, the committee decided to rename Region 11 “*Northeastern Homeless Coalition*”.
- The committee had a discussion about the values of the committee and its purpose. The committee came up with the list below:
 - Resources/sharing between the counties
 - Identification of the homeless population
 - Unite the 10 counties
 - Identifying community needs and gaps
 - Defining “homelessness”
 - Prevention
 - Communication
- At the next meeting, the committee will come together to work on the Mission Statement for the regional committee.

Agency Reports/Updates

- Trillium will be hosting a funding process workshop on March 21, 2017 and a Landlord Forum on April 6, 2017 at the Chowan Arts Council at 10am.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am and the next meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at the Ahoskie Housing Authority.

Submitted by:

Lakitra Claude

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