

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

Present

Ken Becker, Family Endeavors
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
Lynne James, Pitt County Planning
Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center
Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way
Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning
James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning
Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority
Bob Williams, Community Crossroads Center
Ken Morris (Major), The Salvation Army
Candace Parker, HUD/VASH, Veterans Administration
Gloria Taylor, Winfield Properties
Lorina Garrison, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority
Lynn Alligood, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority

Introductions/Approval of March 2017 Minutes

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

Hurricane Matthew

Jim inquired about updates in reference to Hurricane Matthew. Margaret reported that the long term recovery group is moving forward. The group is looking at what duties and responsibilities they will have. They are communicating regarding resources and having discussion regarding how we can support those experiencing buyout and those who need assistance with home repairs. Margaret will continue to keep us updated regarding progress with this.

Margaret provided information regarding Charity Tracker (website/program). She encouraged everyone to check out the website (charitytracker.net). The program was developed after the hurricane in New Orleans. Margaret reported that the system is user friendly and that over 1000 communities use it. The system is web based and HIPPA approved. There are different levels of access. The cost is about \$20 per user per month. Charity Tracker can be used to maximize resources. There will be a presentation about Charity Tracker on April 27, 2017 at 9:00am at the Salvation Army. Ken reported this will be a general overview. Beyond this, there will be more specialized training. They have sent out letters regarding the event. Please let Margaret know if you are interested in attending.

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 4/4/2017

Jim emailed everyone the summary from the Steering Committee call on 4/4/2017. Jim briefly reviewed the information discussed on the call. He stated that Ehren reviewed information regarding policy and federal funding. There is still uncertainty regarding the budget. There was a lengthy update regarding HMIS during the call. Jim continues to participate on the Steering Committee workgroup to look at revamping the composition of the steering committee. The group was put together about 6 weeks ago. He reported that there has been 1 face to face meeting and 1 phone conference. The workgroup would like to bring in other organizations/agencies on the state level to participate in the Steering Committee.

Balance of State representatives held an In Person Funding Workshop on Tuesday March 21, 2017 at 10:00am at Trillium Health Resources in Greenville. BOS staff came and reviewed information regarding the ESG process. The meeting targeted leadership of our group and those involved with funding. BOS staff encouraged us to start the ESG process early and to develop a committee to review applications. Jim would like for us to start thinking about a grant funding review committee. This year we will have to submit applications as a region. He requested that anyone that would like to serve on the committee contact him (this will exclude grantees).

COC funding process

Letters of Intent are due. The BOS is gearing up for the next round of COC funding. Last year, the county submitted an application that did not get funded. We submitted an intent to apply form again. Our region is looking at supplementing our existing Rapid Rehousing ESG grant. We would like to utilize COC funding for additional personnel to work with households placed in housing to stabilize them long term. We would like to supplement additional financial assistance as well because the assistance we receive does not last through the calendar year. COC funding would offer supplemental financial assistance. Lynne reported that she has a conference call with the Balance of State staff in May to discuss deficiencies in our previous application. We do not want to repeat the same mistakes this year. She reported that Ehren will talk with us about program design in general. The COC competition is becoming more competitive. The BOS wants to offer us support and they want to maximize dollars used. They need strong proposals. She encouraged anyone interested in applying for COC funding to submit a letter of intent.

Our Regional Committee does not have a name yet. Jim asked for proposals for a name for Region 12. No suggestions/recommendations were made. We will move forward as Region 12 for now.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Local Process: Update

Sally reported that Beth Bordeaux continues to assist with the ESG grant in Beaufort County. Beth is coming tomorrow to participate in the board meeting at the Zion Shelter and to participate in the monthly Homeless/Housing taskforce meeting. Beth will help Zion with their Rapid Rehousing program. Sally reported they may have identified their first person to house. No paperwork has been done. James reported that Pitt County has received their ESG contract. The contract was late getting executed. He reiterated the need for additional COC funding because Pitt County was out of money for 3 months. They have clients pending and Delores is working to get them housed.

Regional Restructuring (Update)

Jim reported that a representative from Bertie County reached out to him this week. The individual is looking at a grant to address rural homelessness. They may start participating in our regional committee. Mid-East will represent us in areas we can't reach, as they are providing services in all 5 counties in Region 12. We are continuing to reach out to other counties to invite representatives to participate in the regional committee.

Coordinated Assessment (Update)

Jim recognized Lynne and thanked her for her efforts in regards to completing the CA plan and leading the CA subcommittee. Lynne made the group aware that the Region 12 CA plan was submitted on 3/31/2017. She brought a copy of the plan to the meeting so that those interested could review. The Balance of State completed an initial review of the plan. There are a few minor corrections that need to be made to our Coordinated Assessment plan. Lynne discussed the plan for coordinated assessment for the region. There are agencies in the plan that are participating and agencies that we hope will

participate in the future. We hope to have 5 mini plans that feed into Region 12. Each county will know their resources best and most households will want to stay in their home counties. Cross county referrals will be made as needed. Lynne will email the finalized plan to everyone once it is approved.

Lynne thanked everyone that participated on the Coordinated Assessment subcommittee.

Linda participated in the BOS Coordinated Assessment call yesterday and provided an update regarding information discussed on the call. She reported that VI-SPDAT scoring was discussed and reiterated that the VI-SPDAT is used as a tool; however the committee has some discretion regarding referrals/placement.

Veterans' plan-Tina and Ken completed the Veterans' Plan. They are making changes to the appendices. Lynne reported that they will submit the CA plan/Veterans Plan back to the BOS tomorrow. Ken reported that the plan has come a long way. It will take everyone working together to ensure that Veteran Homelessness is rare, brief, and nonrecurring.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-This program assists families with children under 18 to secure housing if facing eviction or if displaced. Tonette and Margaret are planning to do outreach to add on services and stabilize the families. Tonette reported that she has assisted 93 families since last March to avoid homelessness. Jim reported that he received an email from Terry with NCCEH who inquired about someone doing a presentation about TANF during a breakout session at the upcoming conference in May.

Bob reported that the recent fundraiser at CCC did not go as well as they had hoped. He reported that they raised 1/3 of the funds they were hoping to raise.

GHA-Accepting applications, but currently no slots are available. Tujuanda reported that HUD changed the rules for APRs. HUD has a new website (Sage) and APRs must be submitted in Sage. There are a couple of trainings on this next week. You can sign up on the HUD exchange if interested.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning-Pitt County has received their contract. Delores has referrals and she is currently working with them. She was not able to attend today's meeting due to scheduled appointments with 2 individuals who have been referred. James discussed the 10 year plan. He reminded everyone that it is time to update the plan and that the updated plan should include all counties in Region 12. The group discussed whether there is funding available for updating the plan. We need to look into whether funding can be obtained. Lynn from Mid-East wants to be involved in the Regional Committee and the 10 year plan. Mid-East covers all 5 counties in Region 12 (plus 2 counties in Region 11).

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that she has 1 referral and 2 cases pending.

Trillium Health Resources-Trillium held a Landlord Event on 4/7/2017 in Pitt County. Melissa thanked everyone who presented at the event and all of the individuals that attended.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2017 @ 9:00am

