

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

Present

Ken Becker, Family Endeavors
Wayne Bray, Martin County Job Link Center
Mayreni Santos Castro, Greenville Housing Authority
Lakitra Claude, Trillium Health Resources
James Cox, United Way of Pitt County
Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department
Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
Kianna Forbes, Pitt County Planning
Lorina Garrison, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority
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
Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention
James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning
Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority
Bob Williams, Community Crossroads Center

Introductions/Approval of June 2017 Minutes

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

Hurricane Matthew (updates)

Jim inquired about updates in reference to Hurricane Matthew. Gloria reported that they recently received a list of households that were approved to be passed to FEMA. They had 2 with the city and approximately 11 with the county. The City and County submit information to the state and the State forwards the information to FEMA. They should receive a response from FEMA in October. If approved by FEMA, the money should be here in February of 2018. Pitt County and the City of Greenville chose to do buy out only. The city had 14 apply for buyout. Gloria reported they had their first approval for Rehab funds from NCHFA. They can combine that money with the flood situation to do a complete overhaul. They got first reservations submitted and approved. They can do total home rehabs. She stated that they are moving forward. Lynne reported that the county will have an informational meeting because they received over 70 applications for the buyout and 80% did not get approved. Pitt County does have disaster repair money. They want to make sure that those who didn't qualify for the buyout apply for these funds. Those displaced get first priority. James reported that they are sending out their denial letters tomorrow (buyout). James stated they are waiting for CDBG component/funds.

Jim spoke about the long term recovery group. They submitted 2 grants and both were approved. One grant was from Red Cross for \$7500.00 and the other was a Governors grant through United Way for \$82,000. The city gave the long term recovery group \$10,000.00. Margaret Dixon is leading the unmet needs group. They wrote their first check last week.

Gloria informed the group that there will be an event coming up in the next month regarding fair housing. Additional information will be dispersed to the group. Gloria encouraged stake holders to participate.

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 7/11/2017

Jim stated that he will send out the summary from the call yesterday when he receives it. Jim reviewed the information discussed on the call. He reported that there was a packed agenda. The committee restructure is on hold due to everything that is going on (ex. CoC applications, upcoming ESG cycle, etc.). Ehren Dohler was leading this subgroup.

COC funding process

Lynne updated the group regarding the CoC application process. It's not too late to present a new project. The BOS is still asking for intent to apply forms. The BOS will set up a conference call with agencies after the intent to apply forms are submitted to them. Lynne stated that PSH is still the top priority. Rapid rehousing is behind that. Region 12 was no priority for PSH based on our housing

inventory/count. Rapid Rehousing scored priority 2 for our region. Lynne stressed that they are looking at compliance with Coordinated Assessment and housing first. The competition is becoming more standardized. There is a threshold this year that all applicants have to meet to move forward in the application process. We are still planning to submit a new project. The NOFA is not out yet. It should be released at any time. The turnaround time is standardized.

Tonette Latham served as our representative on the score card committee. Jim thanked Tonette for serving on the committee and representing Region 12. Tonette reported the last meeting was on 6/7/2017. The scorecard was finalized and approved. The final draft is posted online on the NCCEH website.

Ken Becker will be our representative on the project review committee. They have not had a call or meeting yet.

Point in Time Count-Jim reminded everyone that it is never too early to start preparing for the count. The count will be done as a region this year and we have good opportunities. He stated that we will pick a PIT lead soon to start planning how we will do this across the region.

Follow up on the June 14, 2017 Regional meeting-Jim thanked Mid-East for hosting the meeting. Lorina Garrison with Mid-East Regional Housing Authority thanked everyone for attending. She reported that she will participate in the Pitt County meeting each month moving forward. Lorina reminded everyone that the first Tri County meeting for Bertie, Martin, and Washington Counties will meet at Mid-East Housing in Williamston on 7/25/2017 at 9:00am.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Local Process: Update

There will be webinars coming up for ESG recipients on 7/14/2017 and 7/21/2017 (2 call options on 7/21). Participation is mandatory. James Rhodes nominated Jim Cox to be our ESG Lead. Lynne James seconded the motion. The group unanimously voted in favor. Jim Cox will be the ESG Lead for Region 12. Jim would like to have a representative from each county to serve on an ESG subcommittee. We will have to submit our application as a region this year (was optional last year). As we move into the ESG season, we need to be aware that the processes will be more complex because we are looking at 5 counties. In the past, each county has been allotted a certain amount of money based on size, etc. We are unsure about what that will look like this year. We need to identify where the needs are. What are the common needs across our region? We all share the need for emergency shelter. There are only 2 shelters in our region. Community Crossroads get referrals from all counties in the region. Beaufort County has a 12 bed men's shelter. They are in the process of developing a women and children's shelter in Beaufort County. They plan to be open Jan 1.

Sally reported that the Zion Shelter has decided not to do Rapid Rehousing this year. They got \$10,600 for Rapid Rehousing. They felt that they did not have the capacity to do Rapid Rehousing. She stated that the new board at Zion will be more active. Sally spoke with Ruth's House (DV program) to ask if they are interested in the RR. They are not at this time. Jim inquired about whether anyone else expressed an interest in applying for Rapid Rehousing in Beaufort County. Kim Crawford is coming to

the meeting in Beaufort County next Thursday 7/20/2017. We would like to be creative and keep that money in the region. James reported that we are not sure if we will receive supplemental funding this year (Pitt County RR).

Coordinated Assessment (Update)

Lynne is working on the quarterly Coordinated Assessment report for Region 12 (due 7/15/2017). She sent out notices/requests for information. The report will encompass the entire region. Lynne could not be on the CA call yesterday. Melissa shared that they did presentations from regions 1 (Monica) and 5 (Ginny) about how to make CA work across large area/regions. They are both using Google Docs. The presentations will be posted online. Melissa has a call scheduled with Ginny Rainwater with Region 5 next Friday at 11:00am to review how they are utilizing Google Docs. Jim discussed how 211 is being utilized for the Coordinated Assessment process in several regions. There was no discussion on the CA call yesterday about 211. However, they discussed 211 on the Steering committee call yesterday. Charlotte is using 211 for Coordinated Assessment (only access point). Region 9 has expressed an interest in utilizing 211 during off hours. Ehren would like to gauge interest to see about approaching 211 to see if they are able to assist in other areas. Lynne reported that they are still approving some CA plans (ours was approved last month). She reminded everyone that the region should not be accepting referrals outside of the CA system. Jim reported that volunteers are needed for the Coordinated Assessment Council. Anyone interested can email the Balance of State.

Veterans' plan-Ken informed everyone that the Veteran plan was approved. They want to take the plan and move forward with it. Ken reported that they hope to utilize Google Docs to manage their waitlist. They are depending upon community partners to provide referrals. They would like to compile information and track Veterans by name. He is developing a referral document. Ken will send it to Jim to review and send out to everyone. Ken reminded everyone that Family Endeavors is in Beaufort and Pitt County. Volunteers of America cover the other counties.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-In May, Tonette assisted 2 families (mom with 6 kids and mom with 2 kids). They spent \$640.00. As of last month (June), Tonette reported that they helped 2 families with a total of \$1523.77. The group commended Tonette and Margaret for doing a wonderful job with the TANF program.

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

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning-Deloris reported that she is still accepting referrals. She noted that she is working on several cases and that she has met with lots of homeless men. James noted that he received a letter from Kim Crawford about being behind in spending. However, they received the contract late. They reported that they have spent about 15% of the money they were awarded (April-July). James introduced Kianna Forbes who is an intern with Pitt County Planning. She graduated from the Early College program in Beaufort County. She has her high school diploma and Associates degree and will be going to college in Raleigh in the fall. James noted that she does a great job and she will be missed next month.

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that she currently has no new referrals, 0 submissions, 1 denied, and 2 pending.

Trillium Health Resources-Trillium is officially serving Nash County. We now serve 25 counties. No updates regarding Healing Transitions.

Mid-East Regional Housing Authority-Lorina reported that they had a housing fair on the 27th of June. They are trying to increase housing stock. They started with Pitt County. They have 5 complexes in Pitt County. They want to keep them full. They processed 150 housing applications that day. They are going to hold housing fairs in all the counties they cover. The Section 8 application will be open online only starting tomorrow (<http://merha.org>). They haven't opened up for applications for section 8 in 5 years.

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

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