**“PRACC”**

**Person-Rockingham-Alamance-Caswell-Chatham**

**(***Ensuring all citizens have the opportunity to live their best lives****)***

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**Meeting March 30, 2017**

**Conference Call Hosted by Rockingham County**

**Present: Ellery Blackstock, Regional Lead, Funding Processor; Marlene Harrison, Alt. Lead;**

**Amy Steele, HMIS Rep; April Allen, Help, Inc.; Faye Pierce, PIT Lead**

**Call to order and welcome by Ellery.**

**Review and approve of meeting minutes for February 23, 2017**

**Ellery:** Thanks to Thadeous for a job well done on the Coordinated Assessment and all who assisted in this effort to get it completed and turned in on time. The plan looks really good. Thanks to Faye Pierce for assisting in CA efforts on behalf of Amy Steele. Amy also thanked Faye.

**Coordinated Assessment Update and Progress** – Thadeous Carr – N/A (unable to get into the call)

**Funding Processor Meeting Comments/Recommendations** – Ellery Blackstock/Marlene Harrison

On March 23rd we met with BoS Aaron, Nancy and Denise.

1. Talked about keys to ending homelessness; **affordable housing**, **appropriate services** & **adequate income**.
2. Also said that homelessness should be **rare, brief & non-recurring**.
3. The homeless response system is made up of key program components:

Outreach – Coordinated Assessment/Entry – Prevention/Diversion – Emergency Shelter – Transitional Housing – Rapid Re-housing & Permanent Supportive Housing.

1. Balance of State uses 4 main federal sources of funding for homeless programs: **Emergency Solutions Grant** – **Continuum of Care** – **Supportive Services for Veterans** & **HUD-Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing.**
2. They gave us a list of programs in our Region see HIC Program Information for Region 6.
3. We talked about designing an Emergency Solutions Grant Process that’s **fair** and **equitable**.
4. Process should be **Competitive** – **Transparent/avoid conflict of interest** – **Promote funding to the best quality projects** & **Reflect Community Need.**
5. We had some questions we needed to answer as a community about the processes; such as priorities for the community, plan to increase funding for RRH, how we measure past performance, how will funds be used to cover the entire Region.
6. There was an Evaluation process we should follow: reporting to PRACC, submitting things timely, use of funds, etc…
7. There was also a questionnaire/self-evaluation checklist for Regional Committees.

**Outreach efforts to Person County, Chatham County and Caswell County**

**Person County** DSS Director Carlton Paylor was contacted by Thadeous and continues to network with Person County.

**Chatham County** Rev Carl Thompson meeting scheduled for April 6, 2017 for a meeting with key leaders/agencies in Chatham County. Welcomed Joan Burton (Housing Initiative) on the call.

**Caswell County:** Thankful for Brenda Day to be on the call.

Ellery explained to the group that Region 6 will assist their counties to get key people to the table and will use the lessons learned from the meeting on April 6th with Chatham to also help encourage Person and Caswell Counties.

The in-person meeting on April 27th in Alamance County will be key to get people involved and moving forward.

“**County Spotlight**” – What’s something good happening in your county. None noted.

**Other business – N/A**

**Reminders: May 8th and 9th “Bringing It Home” at McKinnon Center Raleigh NC**

**Adjournment –** Made by common consent.

**Next PRACC meeting in person April 27, 2017 in Alamance County; place to be determined.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Marlene Harrison*

*Alternate Lead*