

Region 12, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting
Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority
1103 Broad Street, Greenville
Wednesday September 13, 2017-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Wayne Bray, NC Works
Mayreni Santos Castro, Greenville Housing Authority
Tommy Cloyd, Disability Advocates Resource Center
James Cox, United Way of Pitt County
Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department
Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
Gabriela Gonzalez, NC Works
Ethel Higgins, Catholic Charities
Bobbie Jo Hopkins, Catholic Charities
Lynne James, Pitt County Planning
Nancy Keith, Vidant Medical Center
Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville
Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center
Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way
Elizabeth McDowell, Catholic Charities
Al Norwood, Zion Shelter
Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention
James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning
Tina Rodgers, Volunteers of America
Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority
Meegan Strickland, Vidant Medical Center
Bob Williams, Community Crossroads Center

Introductions/Approval of August 2017 Minutes

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

Hurricane Matthew (updates)

Jim inquired about updates in reference to Hurricane Matthew. James stated that the county is still applying for different grants. The city and the county have been working together on a couple. Things have been progressing slowly with the buyout. They are still seeking replacement housing funds. Hopefully that will be available in the upcoming months. James reported that there was a meeting in Bethel last week and there was a huge turnout. The mayor advertised housing programs. Most of the people present were interested in current rehab with flood recovery efforts. There are strict qualification requirements. Many may not meet the criteria and will fall into the unmet needs category. Individuals may be referred to the long term recovery group and Catholic Charities.

Gloria reported that two households qualified for buyout with the city. The city has two rehabs in the system and they are already working on one.

Catholic Charities reports that one challenge they have had is identifying households. They have started a case management committee.

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 9/5/2017

Jim emailed everyone the Steering Committee call summary. He encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month. Jim reviewed the information discussed on the call.

The Steering Committee workgroup will begin meeting again. Ehren with the BOS is leading this. They will look at supplementing the steering committee with community/state wide regional partners.

COC funding process

Lynne updated the group regarding the CoC competition. The competition started in July and the deadline will be 9/28/2017. 8.6 million in grants were submitted. There were 37 projects on the scorecard (33 renewal applications and 4 eligible new projects). There was a special Steering Committee call yesterday to announce project rankings. She reported that two renewal grants got a 25% reduction in funding and one project did not get funded. All of that funding will be reallocated. These were grantees with ongoing performance issues. 4 new projects were put through. Our new Rapid Rehousing project scored well (2nd highest of new projects). The new projects are not guaranteed (comes from supplemental funds). The Pitt County project will allow us to do more extensive case management and outreach work. Our committee has identified these as gaps. This will help us to be more effective.

The steering committee voted to implement an appeal process (for projects that were not approved or that were recommended for decreased funding). There will be a tight turn around. Jim recognized Lynne for her hard work and all of her efforts in regards to the CoC application process.

We are unsure when announcements will be made. Lynne believes it may be early spring.

Jim updated the group regarding the Coordinated Assessment call yesterday. Our housing stabilization committee was recognized during the call. Jim did a presentation regarding our committee and the policies/procedures that we have put in place. The Balance of State requested a copy of our housing referral form to share with other regional committees.

Project Review Committee-No updates. Ken was not present for our meeting today.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Local Process: Update

The ESG application was released yesterday. There will be no webinar today. There will be webinars scheduled for 9/19/2017 and 9/25/2017. Jim stated that he has reserved a room at Community Crossroads for the group to watch the webinar together on 9/19/2017 at 11:00am. We will roll into discussion following the webinar.

Jim was elected as ESG funding lead. He has developed a subcommittee to assist during the ESG process. Tujuanda Sanders (GHA) will represent Pitt County, Sally Love (United Way) will represent Beaufort County, and Lynn Alligood (Mid-East Regional Housing Authority) will represent Bertie, Martin, and Washington counties. The deadline for the ESG application will be 10/30/2017. Pitt County will move forward as the lead in regards to the application process. There will be one regional application. Project applications and information will be supplied to the committee. The dollar amount for the region is \$152,819.00. The ESG office sent out one lump sum for the region. No more than 60% can be used for Emergency Services. Our first step will be to notify the region that funds are available so that those interested can apply. Jim encouraged everyone to review the information that was sent out.

HMIS update

There are still issues/concerns with HMIS. The Balance of State has hired a consultant to assist.

Coordinated Assessment (Update)

No updates today.

Veterans' plan-No updates at this time.

Tri-County Meeting-Lynne and Jim went to the last meeting. There was good discussion. Lynne will continue to attend the meetings and assist with Coordinated Assessment. The next meeting will be 9/26/2017 at 10:00am.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported that they have funds again. In August they assisted 2 families (3 adults, 2 children). They spent a total of \$1,714.50. Bob encouraged the group to refer individuals that may qualify for assistance.

GHA-Accepting applications, but currently no openings are available. WCTI (Channel 12) did an interview about Honor Ridge and HUD VASH. The news station interviewed a veteran. The segment aired on 9/12/2017. The interview is online also (<http://www.wcti12.com/news/local-news/pitt/program-in-area-helps-put-veterans-into-homes-after-service/619849747>). The groundbreaking went well for Honor Ridge.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Deloris stated that they still have Rapid Rehousing funds. There is a waiting list of individuals with no income. Deloris reported that they have money to utilize. She encouraged everyone to continue sending referrals.

SOAR Updates-Linda was not present, no updates at this time.

Trillium Health Resources-No updates at this time.

Mid-East Regional Housing Authority-No updates at this time.

C4FVP-Catonnia reported that they have approximately 18 in shelter currently. She has a few rooms/openings available.

Miscellaneous

The group recognized Mayreni Santos Castro with Greenville Housing Authority. This will be her last meeting with us. The group formally thanked her for her hard work and service.

Nancy from Vidant reported that they continue to need resources. They have pockets of needs that come through every month. They are seeing a lot of unique complex needs. Bob stated that he is working on setting up a respite room at the old 2 story building. Vidant is involved with this. Hopefully once this room is set up, individuals with medical needs can go from the shelter to the respite room during the day.

We have been offering housing consultation to community agencies at the HSC meetings. So far, Easter Seals and CCNC have staffed cases.

Disability Advocates & Resource Center is gearing up for the annual fundraiser at Rock Springs (8th Annual Shagging for a Cause). Tommy will provide a flyer to Jim to distribute to the group. He encouraged everyone to spread the word and attend if possible. The date will be November 8, 2017 from 6:30pm to 10:30pm. The money goes to The Disability Advocates & Resource Center.

There will be an open house for Beaufort County United Way on Sunday 9/17/2017 from 300pm to 500pm (address-113 East 15th Street Washington NC 27889).

Wayne reported that there will be a Veterans Stand Down on 10/20/2017 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at St. James Church. This event takes place annually. They have numerous resources for Veterans there. The flyer for the event will be distributed to the group.

Gloria stated that there will be a public hearing at city council tomorrow night (9/14) at 6:00pm for the assessment of fair housing. The assessment is part of the consolidated plan. The city has identified 7 areas that they want to address: Segregation, racial and ethnic concentrations of poverty, disparities in access to opportunity, disproportionate housing needs, publically supported housing location and occupancy, disability and access issues, and fair housing enforcement/outreach capacity and resources. The public hearing is tomorrow night. She encouraged everyone to look over the draft and invited anyone interested to attend the hearing. There will be a public hearing for the CAPER. She will send all of the information to Jim and he will distribute the information to the group for review.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2017 @ 9:00am

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