

Meeting called to order by Nicole Dewitt, Regional Lead.

Approval of Minutes

March minutes approved with no revisions.

1. BoS Update, Nicole Dewitt, Community Link

- a. NC BOS Supportive Services Only
 1. NCCEH issued an RFP for a Supportive Services Only grant for Coordinated Entry. Community Link submitted an application to provide support for the region's CA system. The agency has been able to do this work by utilizing funds in the housing program's budget. A successful application would mean that the agency can utilize those funds to continue housing and supporting homeless families in the PRC.
- b. Continuum of Care & Emergency Solutions Grant Update
 1. Union County Community Shelter has submitted an Intent to Apply with the NC Balance of State COC to apply for a new Rapid Rehousing grant in the upcoming 2018 COC Competition. UCCS Staff will be in touch with PRC Partners for letters of support if needed as a part of the competition.
- c. Cardinal Grants Transfer
 1. Cardinal Innovations transferred the PSH grants for their 15 counties to Community Link. Community Link will be applying for those grants in the upcoming 2018 COC Competition. Staff is working on the final transfer phase. All referrals will still come through Coordinated Assessment.

2. Union County Executive Committee Vacancy

- a. Matt Dinkins will be leaving his position at Union County Community Shelter as of June 22. A vote was taken to elect Sandra Clark, Case Manager, to serve as Matt's replacement on the committee.

3. Housing Authority Partnerships in the PRC

- a. Nicole issued a Special Invitation to the PRC Public Housing Authority's to participate in the Regional Committee. The plan was to have a deeper dialogue about their housing stock and the make the connection with the families that PRC partner agencies are serving. In theory, PSH participants should be able to 'move on' from PSH by accessing public housing thereby potentially freeing up slots for other homeless individuals. Angela Graham from the Concord Housing Authority responded via email to extend her regrets for not being able to attend the June 13th PRC meeting.

4. ESG Program Updates

- a. There is a need for awareness that money is being spent down in order to avoid being returned to the state, as agencies are tiered according to spending 1 to 3. This can decrease how much money is available to the Region the following year.
- b. ESG grant is coming soon. The establishment of goals are being developed, as they are currently in draft form, with a final decision coming in July. The due date will be September/October.

5. PRC Coordinated Assessment

6. PRC Veterans Update

- a. Community Link has a new Outreach Coordinator, Joey Williams. Joey is a retired Air Force Veteran who will be conducting Outreach to homeless veterans within the Region.
- b. Nicole encouraged members to please refer any Veterans in their emergency Shelter to Teresa so that they can be assessed and moved into housing as quickly as possible. Additionally maintaining contact with Veterans is of concern as many do not list an emergency contact. Nicole urged staff to obtain a next of kin or emergency contact for each Veterans living unsheltered so that they can be identified once housing becomes available.
- c. Lucas Vrbsky, VA Specialist, stated the importance of connecting with local re-entry councils to assist the formerly incarcerated who are re-entering society and may be homeless or at-risk.

7. NC Homeless Conference Debrief

- a. Those in attendance of the annual conference shared their thoughts on theme and any takeaways they found beneficial to their agency and/or individual programs.

8. Task Force Reports – Rowan, Cabarrus, Stanly, Union, Davidson

- a. Each agency representative provided an update on the activity that was conducted or meeting held in their county during the month of May.
- b. It was suggested that each county plan to coordinate their meeting dates at least a month prior to the Regional Quarterly Meeting. Nicole suggested that County Reps and Teresa Robinson (CA Lead) maintain good communication as Teresa needs to attend regular community meetings to conduct outreach for CA and inform community on the process for making referrals for housing.

9. Other Business

- a. The Balance of State COC will be utilizing a new HMIS system. The new HMIS will be administered by NCCEH staff. Agencies will discontinue use of NC HMIS upon launch of HMIS@NCCEH. Users should stay tuned for updates.
- b. Teresa stated that she will be adding a calendar of events to the Region's webpage.