NC Balance of State Continuum of Care

Southeast Region Homelessness Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2018

In Attendance:

Emily Locklear - Executive Director, Southeastern Family Violence Center

Hollie Oxendine - Southeastern Family Violence Center

Demetris Wright - Southeastern Family Violence Center

Sharon Armstrong - Scotland County Shelter

Janet Miller - Bladen County DSS

Rosemarie Glenn - My Refuge

LaTasha McNair - Eastpointe

Bill Atkinson - Eastpointe

Tracy Morrison - Family Endeavors

Audrey Lovette - Robeson County DSS

1. Meeting called to order at 11:05am – Emily Locklear
2. Introduction of Committee (those in attendance) and Regional updates
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2018
   1. Motion to accept by Rosemarie Glenn and second/carried by LaTasha McNair
4. Presentation by Eastpointe
   1. Latasha informed and described to the Committee about Shelter Plus care and its criteria.
   2. Latasha discussed possible Barriers due to a lack of participation from Providers and completing referrals to Eastpointe.
   3. It was discussed about the many Mental Health and Substance Abuse Providers that are in our catchment area and how they can be located on Eastpointe website.
   4. Latasha discussed how a person can get connected with a Provider or receive assistance with for a Mental Health crisis by calling the 24/7/365 hotline at 1-800-913-6109.
   5. Latasha discussed Coordinated Assessments role and function and how it can benefit the referral process.
   6. Also discussed was the use of the Assessment tool VI-SPDAT and the prioritization process and how it can make a difference in referrals for Programs such as Shelter Plus Care, Rapid Rehousing/Other programs.
   7. It was also mentioned that Committee Organizations would share Landlord Lists that can be helpful.
5. Coordinated Assessment
   1. Hollie informed that the CA has been approved for Southeast Region.
   2. Hollie informed that there will be a CA Meeting on 3/5/2018 from 10-12pm at Southeastern Family Violence in Lumberton. Hollie mentioned that the Meeting will be informational and the discussion of the implementation of the VI-SPDAT and the Prevention and Diversion Screen.
   3. Emily informed that the HMIS System may become more widely used throughout our Committee Organizations.

d. It was discussed and emphasized about our Committee Organizations utilizing the Google Doc’s System for referral purposes.

1. 2018 Point-In-Time
   1. Emily mentioned that the PIT count was completed on 1/31/2018.
   2. It was mentioned that Lakeesha the PIT Coordinator had a previous engagement today and cannot attend the meeting.
   3. Emily informed that the PIT numbers were down this year as it was more difficult locating the Homeless population.
   4. Emily informed that there was an increase in participation with the Police Departments providing ride alongs this year.
   5. It was mentioned that we will receive the PIT count numbers at the next meeting in March.
2. Homeless Outreach Project
   1. Emily informed that Pembroke conducts the PIT count all year long and is successful.
   2. It was discussed about the possibility of participating in PIT 3 to 4 times per year in all 4 counties and if it would be feasible.
   3. It was discussed about providing needed supplies to Homeless Population more often not just once per year during the count.
   4. Some of the resources for the Homeless that were discussed about providing were BP readings, Dental Checks, Mammograms and Haircuts.

1. Announcements
   1. Eastpointe will conduct Provider Training for the Shelter Plus Care Program in March of this year at Eastpointe Lumberton Location. Date and time will be announced.
   2. Eastpointe continues to accept PSH referrals for our Region. Contact Bill Atkinson at 910-272-1205 for any questions or discussion.
   3. Sharon Armstrong reported that Scotland DV has 2 Job Positions that are currently available.
   4. Demetris informed Committee that Rapid Rehousing will begin in March and more information will be provided at next meeting.

Next meeting – March 21, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Southeastern Family Violence Center

Meeting adjourned at 12:03pm