NC Balance of State Continuum of Care

Southeast Region Homelessness Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2018

In Attendance:

Emily Locklear - Executive Director, Southeastern Family Violence Center

Demetris Wright - Southeastern Family Violence Center

Hollie Oxendine - Southeastern Family Violence Center

Harrison Locklear - Southeastern Family Violence Center/B@H

Jordyn Roark - Southeastern Family Violence Center/B@H

David Edmunds - Lumberton Christian Care

Dr. Ruth Woods - Sacred Pathways

Latasha McNair - Eastpointe

Lakesha Robinson - United Way

1. Meeting called to order at 11:07am – Emily Locklear
2. Introduction of Committee (those in attendance) and Regional updates
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2018
   1. Motion to accept by Dr. Ruth Woods and second/carried by David Edmunds
4. ESG Competition
   1. Applications have to be in by October 26, 2018.
   2. Although it was announced that Robeson County Church and Community Center plans to apply, Emily Locklear announced that after communicating with Drew Collier they will not apply. Instead, they will be Southeastern Family Violence Center will apply and they will be more involved in 2019 to get more familiar with the Rapid Re-Housing process.
   3. Because Bill Atkinson was absent, Latasha McNair took over the voting process. As of today, two agencies have shown interest in applying for ESG funding. Dr. Woods made a motion to Approve Southeastern Family Violence Center and Scotland County DVRC’s applications to go before Bill Atkinson for review and a second/carried by David Edmunds.
5. Back@Home North Carolina
   1. Jordyn Roark explained Back@Home
   2. It is a program funded by Governor Cooper to assist individuals who were homeless prior to Hurricane Florence find housing. The program will provide six months rental and utility assistance, housing navigation to find suitable housing and case management for six months after finding housing.
   3. Right now the program is operating in Phase I. Phase I is for the individuals that were assessed at the evacuation shelters.
   4. Phase II will be for individuals that were in the shelters but found somewhere else to go prior to the shelters closing. A 211 component will be imperative for the Phase II process, however there hasn’t been much guidance at this point. As soon as directives are sent from the State, information will be sent out to the group via email and addressed at our monthly meeting.
   5. For now, United Way will continue to administer P&D screenings and VI-SPDATs and will keep a list and then call and inform the clients about 211 when Phase II opens.
6. PIT Count
   1. Southeastern Family Violence Center will be the lead agency.
   2. The PIT Count Committee team will consist of; Lakesha Robinson, Jordyn Roark, Dr. Ruth Woods, and Emily Locklear.
   3. The date for the 2019 PIT Count has not been announced.
   4. Jordyn Roark will reach out to Lynn Fuquay the McKinney Vento Liaison for assistance with homeless families with school aged children.
7. Coordinated Assessment
   1. Quarterly Reports are due, so all agencies were encouraged to make sure all screenings have been entered on the Google Docs waitlist.
   2. We will continue to Case conference at the end of monthly meetings or via email if needed.
   3. Latasha announced that ½ of the PSH grant funds were reallocated to Region 10 and there is a possibility that Region 8 could access those funds. This means the PSH program for our region only has seven (7) slots now instead of the original 17 slots.
8. Hurricane Florence Resources
   1. United Way Hope 4 Home Disaster Relief Services has six Case Managers. In order to receive services you must have a Government issued picture ID, proof of a Robeson County address where the disaster occurred if the address is different that their NCDL, printed copy of FEMA application, and a printed copy of all FEMA decision letters. Sharon Hines is the lead Case Manager.
      1. 302 N. Chestnut St. is United Way’s Distribution Center that is giving away cleaning supplies, toiletries, and furniture for at least 10 families.
9. Announcements – N/A

Next meeting – November 21, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Robeson County Church and Community Center

\*\*\*Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the meeting was moved to November 28, 2018 at 11:00am\*\*\*

Meeting adjourned at 12:06pm