

Region 12, Inner Banks, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday February 14, 2018-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Joseph L. Beach, Volunteers of America

Ken Becker, Family Endeavors

Wayne Bray, NC Works

Lakitra Claude, Trillium Health Resources

Tommy Cloyd, Disability Advocates Resource Center

James Cox, United Way of Pitt County

Margaret Dixon, Community Crossroads Center

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Dayna Farrington, Wellness City Greenville

Gabriela Gonzalez, NC Works

Ashley Gray, Greenville Housing Authority

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Bob Williams, Community Crossroads Center

Approval of December 2017 Minutes

The February 2018 BOS/Pitt Regional Committee meeting began with approval of the minutes for December 2017. Jim Cox asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Lynne James made a motion to approve the minutes for December 2017 with James Rhodes seconding the motion. The committee approved the minutes for December 2017. The regional meeting minutes for the meeting that was held on January 11, 2018 will be sent out to everyone via email for approval.

2018 Point in Time Count

The Point in Time count took place on January 31, 2018. There was 7 days post to do the service count. Jim provided an overview regarding the Point in Time count. He reported that they identified 14 unsheltered individuals. There were 11 additional surveys done, however they could not be counted for various reasons (ex. In the shelter, survey was not completely filled out, not unsheltered etc.). They identified 3 chronically homeless individuals and 1 veteran. The service count was done at Wellness City, the hospital, the Joy Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army, and Oakmont Church. They reached out to the Farmville Soup Kitchen this year also. Jim stated that he and Candace went out Thursday and located some individuals, however they were not interested in talking with them and completing surveys. We know where individuals are. Jim discussed the need to plan for the count in advance and work towards making it a year around activity. There were 12 volunteers this year. There was a group from the School of Public Health. Last year, 16 unsheltered individuals were identified. Jim stated that there was a small article in the Daily Reflector regarding the count this year. Wayne provided an update regarding Martin County. He stated that he reached out to DSS and local law enforcement for assistance with the count. The sheriff's department was very helpful. They allowed 2 volunteers to ride with them. There were volunteers from Mid-East Regional Housing Authority. The AMVETS assisted with the count also. Wayne, Lynn Alligood, and John went to several sites identified by the police department. The night of the count, they identified one veteran. The Veteran Service Organization referred someone to Wayne that had been homeless since last September. DSS helped put the individual up in a hotel. Wayne discussed the potential benefits of doing a count during the summer months. Sally Love provided an update regarding Beaufort County. She stated that they did not go out the night of the count, however they did the service count for the seven days following. They went to the Zion soup kitchen and completed several surveys there. She thinks there were 6 unsheltered. She said that they found out people are sleeping in the laundry mat. She reported that 29 backpacks were collected. The backpacks were given out during the count. Backpacks that were left over will go to the Zion Shelter and Ruth's House. Jim noted that someone went out in Washington County this year. The forms were at Washington County DSS. There were 3 unsheltered people in Bertie County. We had representation in all five counties this year. All survey forms should go to Jim Cox. Jim will compile the data and submit it to the Balance of State. Data is due to the Balance of State on February 21, 2018. It takes the BoS awhile to compile all the data, they will send the data out to the regional committees once everything is done. Jim noted that our committee will try to advertise more next year prior to the event.

Updates/Reports:

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 2/6/2018

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 "Bringing it Home: Ending Homelessness in NC" conference will be held April 30 and May 1st 2018 in Raleigh.

Veterans Plan Updates

Joseph stated that they are continuing to work on housing a few veterans in the region. They are in process. They have housed 4 Veterans since January. He is meeting with Alex today regarding a Veteran in Pitt County. Ken reported that he has been receiving referrals from NC Works. He hopes for more referrals in the future. He stated that he will work closely with Joseph to continue to develop and maintain the By Name list for the region. Zion shelter just submitted confirmation that they will participate with By Name List. Gabi reported that she has been working closely with Jonathan at the Zion Shelter.

Coordinated Assessment Updates

Lynne reported that she submitted the Coordinated Assessment quarterly report for the region. She noted that it was about a month late. It took a while to obtain and sort everyone's data. Lynne noted that she still needed data regarding the rapid rehousing program at the Zion Shelter. She received data for the shelter. She will present the summary report when it is available. Our region still needs to work on move on programs/plans for Permanent Supportive Housing. We need to open slots so that we can house households that are on our waiting list. We should have some placements for the new quarter that we are currently in. Tujuanda and Melissa have been reviewing the lists regularly. We need to be looking at our system as a whole and frequently updating our lists. Individuals can be removed if there is no activity for a 90 day period. She reported that everyone is not doing Prevention and Diversion Screenings and VI-SPDATS. We need to work towards closing the gap. Gabi stated that she is getting staff with NC Works to complete the prevention and diversion screening tools. They will send updates to Lynne. Melissa announced that Trillium will be administering the Vi-SPDATS through the call center (effective 2/12/2018). Coordinators will complete the tool and submit it to Talaika and Amy. They will check to ensure accuracy and forward to the appropriate housing coordinator. The housing coordinator will take these to the appropriate regional committees for review. Melissa clarified that Trillium will not administer the Prevention and Diversion Screening.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Local Process (Updates)

James reported that the annual report in HMIS is complete. The CAPER is done. The money is in for this round of ESG for Rapid Rehousing. Supplemental funding is available now for agencies that are interested. The due date is 2/26/2018. We need to respond quickly. Catonnia inquired as to whether we need to respond as a committee. Bob stated that each entity needs to submit their own request, however the committee/regional lead should sign off. The group discussed who would like to request additional funds. Pitt County Planning, the Center for Family Violence Prevention, and Community

Crossroads expressed an interest in supplemental funding. James stated Pitt County Planning may ask for an additional 15,000.00. Sally reported that the Zion Shelter has not received reimbursement for the Rapid Rehousing requisitions they submitted. She stated that they did not submit statements for months they didn't assist anyone. They submitted the wrong forms for the months they provided assistance. Sally inquired about whether they can still be reimbursed. Jim offered to contact Kim Crawford to follow up regarding reimbursement.

CoC Grant

Lynne reported that announcements came out in December. No new projects were funded. Tier 1 projects (renewal projects) were funded. The Balance of State was awarded a planning grant (supportive services only grant) to help with training and planning for Coordinated Assessment. There has not been a final announcement from HUD. There are a few jurisdictions that received an extension.

Lynne made everyone aware that she submitted a letter of inquiry to the Vidant Foundation. The LOI has been selected to advance through the grant process. She will submit a completed grant application. There are technicalities that have to be worked out. They applied to the Pitt County Vidant foundation. There may have to be agreements between the hospitals in the other areas. This is a grant that will offer 24 hour coverage for the entire region when people present after hours. This will be for hotel stays until the household can be linked with someone in our coordinated assessment system (ex. Local shelter).

Beaufort County-Sally reported a representative from Beaufort County Schools contacted her and stated that they had 17 homeless children present during the month. She stated that Open Door Community Center is going before the Board of Adjustment tomorrow at 7:00pm to obtain permission for the home they purchased to operate as a shelter. Sally discussed the need for a county resource list.

Tri-County Meeting- No updates at this time.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported that during the month of January they assisted two families (3 adults and 6 children) with \$1,272.00.

GHA-Tujuanda reported that they are accepting applications for public housing and permanent supportive housing (regionally). Veterans will start moving into Honor Ridge in March. Tujuanda stated that there will be an open house. She will send out invitations to the open house.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Deloris stated that she is finishing reports. She will start intakes for Rapid Rehousing next week.

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that one of her cases was closed. She has two cases pending. She reported that things were backed up at the Social Security Administration due to the weather during the month of January.

Trillium Health Resources-The Trillium call center began administering the VI-SPDAT on 2/12/2018. Rapid Rehousing should start on 3/1/2018.

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

C4FVP-Catonna reported that they have bed space for one family.

Community Crossroads Center-Homeless Nights event will be held Friday March 2nd, 2018 at the Greenville Convention Center Emerald Ballroom and Outdoor Terrace 5:30PM to 8:00PM for a dinner to benefit the homeless citizens of Pitt County. The evening will feature food, beverages, a guest speaker, music, and a live auction.

Next Meeting: March 14, 2018 @ 9:00am
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