

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

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

Present

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

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Lorina Garrison, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority

Gabriela Gonzalez, NC Works

Ashley Gray, Greenville Housing Authority

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Approval of February 2018 Minutes

The March 2018 BOS/Pitt Regional Committee (Inner Banks) meeting began with approval of the minutes for February 2018. Jim Cox asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Tommy Cloyd made a motion to approve the minutes for February 2018 with Gloria Kesler seconding the motion. The committee approved the minutes for February 2018.

Updates/Reports:

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 3/6/2018

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.

A.) 2018 CoC Grant Competition

We are in the beginning stages of the CoC grant competition. Our committee has applied the past few years, however we have not been awarded that particular grant. The Letter of Intent has been posted. Agencies that are interested must complete the Letter of Intent to move forward with the application process. There was a webinar recently regarding the process. It was recorded and posted. The Letter of Intent can be submitted up to 1 week after the notice of funding is released. Lorina noted that Mid-East Regional Housing Authority is interested in applying for funding this year.

B.) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Transfer Policy

The Steering Committee approved an Emergency Transfer Policy and related changes to the CoC's written standards for all NC BoS CoC housing programs. HUD requires CoCs to have an emergency transfer policy to allow people fleeing domestic violence to move quickly while receiving housing assistance. The policies are online. There will be a webinar on May 17, 2018 from 11:00am to 12:00pm regarding VAWA. The webinar is required for all agencies receiving funding. Refer to the NCCEH website if you have questions.

C.) HMIS update

The Balance of State is developing their own information system. Our CoC will use the new system beginning June 2018 (HMIS@NCCEH). There will be two information systems in the state beginning in June. The NCCEH test site will launch in May. The site should go live in June. The transition should be seamless. Everything is supposed to look the same. Software will remain the same. Trainings should be better (will be provided by NCCEH). There will be new agency and user agreements.

D.) Veterans Plan Updates

Wayne Bray stated that several Veterans have been sent to Northside Hospital in Ahoskie. Two veterans went to the Zion Shelter in Beaufort County after discharging from the hospital. Wayne asked the group why Veterans were being sent there. Jim noted that they were probably sent there due to bed availability. Melissa inquired about whether Veteran agencies receive calls from hospital social workers when they encounter veterans that are homeless. Gabi stated that they do not receive calls. Sally provided the contact number for Linda (Zion Board and also an administrator at the Vidant Hospital in Ahoskie) so that Wayne can reach out to her about Veterans there. Ken reported that there are no

updates from Family Endeavors. Jim inquired about the status of the By Name list. Volunteers of America is supposed to be managing our By name list. Ken is unsure about the status of the list. Ken will reach out to Joseph with Volunteers of America this week to follow up.

Coordinated Assessment Updates

Lynne stated that April 1, 2018 will be the one year anniversary of having our Coordinated Assessment plan in place. The Coordinated Assessment plan needs to be reviewed at least annually. Lynne stated that she will call the CA subcommittee back together for review. She is working to ensure all of the MOUs are in place for all participants in the plan. The next Coordinated Assessment quarterly report for the region is due by April 15, 2018. Lynne will send out an email to everyone that participates in the CA process as a reminder. The Coordinated Assessment Council has recently made changes. Coordinated Assessment leads will be added to the Coordinated Assessment Council.

Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry Grant

The Balance of State received a CoC grant from HUD for Coordinated Entry. They will sub grant to some of the regions for implementation of Coordinated Entry. The RFP will be released in April. There will be a webinar after the RFP comes out. Grant applications will be due in May. There will be a competitive competition and the BoS will award the funding to 3-8 agencies (\$15,000 to \$40,000). They will only fund one agency per region. We can have more than one agency apply. Pitt County Planning may apply for the grant. Agencies applying must obtain letters of support from the committee (regional leads). Agencies must be willing to assume the role of Coordinated Assessment lead for the region and assume all of those responsibilities. The agency must serve the entire region. Funding will be awarded in July.

Vidant Foundation Grant-Lynne

Lynne provided information regarding a grant Pitt County has applied for through the Vidant Foundation. The name of the project is Project Safe Shelter. Lynne thanked everyone for the letters of support that were submitted. The grant is intended to provide 24 hour coverage for our region eventually. The project is being piloted in Pitt County. This grant will allow us to provide motel vouchers and transportation for individuals that are unsheltered after hours. This will fill a huge gap in our system. The household must be willing to enter into a shelter once a bed becomes available. The decision regarding the grant will be made in late May or early June. Funding will be available on July 1, 2018.

Beaufort County-Sally reported that the next Inner Banks meeting for the entire region will be held at Beaufort County DSS on June 13, 2018 at 10:00am.

Tri-County Meeting- No updates at this time.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Jim reported that Tonette assisted 2 families in February (3 adults, 7 children). The total amount of assistance was \$1719.00. Tonette and Margaret have been doing outreach recently.

GHA-Tujuanda reported that they are accepting applications for public housing and permanent supportive housing (regionally). Veterans will start moving into Honor Ridge tomorrow. Two Men and a Truck have donated their services to assist the veterans with the move. Tujuanda stated that there will be an open house on March 21, 2018 at 2:00pm. There will be a ribbon cutting and guest speakers. Everyone will be able to view the units.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Deloris reported that there are no updates at this time.

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that she obtained one approval since the last meeting. There is one case that is pending. Linda provided an update regarding Nationwide SOAR results. North Carolina is in the top 10 states for positive SOAR results (#4 in the country). NC averages 96 days for approval. There have been 40,311 people approved for SOAR.

Trillium Health Resources-Things are going well with VI-SPDAT in the call center. There has been one for this region (Beaufort County).

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

C4FVP-No updates at this time.

Community Crossroads Center-No updates at this time.

**Next Meeting: April 11, 2018 @ 9:00am
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