

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday May 9, 2018-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Joseph Beach, Volunteers of America

Wayne Bray, NC Works

Tommy Cloyd, Disability Advocates Resource Center

James Cox, United Way of Pitt County

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Lorina Garrison, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority

Gabriela Gonzalez, NC Works

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

Liz McDowell, Catholic Charities

Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

Approval of April 2018 Minutes

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

Updates/Reports:

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 5/8/2018

The Steering Committee call was yesterday. The summary is not available yet. Jim will email everyone the Steering Committee call summary when he receives it. He encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month. Jim reviewed the information discussed on the call.

A.) 2018 CoC Grant Competition

We are in the beginning stages of the CoC grant competition. The NOFA has not been released. It may be released in July. We have identified representatives for the scorecard committee and the project review committee. Bob Williams volunteered to represent Region 12 on the Scorecard committee. Ken Becker volunteered to represent Region 12 on the Project Review Committee. Jim discussed new programs. He stated that they may be graded more on their merit this year. HUD would like to see existing programs performing well and using all their funds. Pitt County Planning has applied for funding for the past two years and they have been denied each time. New projects are ranked lower (placed at bottom in bonus category). However, our score was higher than some of the renewals. The Balance of States new project (Coordinated Entry grant) was the only one that was funded. The group discussed whether we should submit again this year. Jim stated that the BoS would like for us to apply. Pitt County Planning will apply for CoC Rapid Rehousing. 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 stated that they will apply for PSH in Region 11.

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

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 ESG or CoC funding. Jim will be watching the webinar at Community Crossroads. He will set up the conference room there to view the webinar. He invited anyone interested to attend.

C.) HMIS Update

The Balance of State still plans to launch the new HMIS site beginning June 2018 (HMIS@NCCEH). There will be two information systems in the state beginning in June. The BoS staff are in the process of consulting with agencies/CoCs that will have to utilize more than one system. Jim stated that everyone was reminded to submit their Signature Authorization form. Community Crossroads has submitted theirs already. The BoS is supposed to be reaching out to agencies individually regarding this.

D.) Veterans Plan Updates

Wayne provided an update regarding his concerns about Veterans being sent to the hospital in Ahoskie and then sent to various shelters (ex. Zion in Beaufort County). He provided examples to the group (homeless vet from MHC that was sent to Ahoskie, he was discharged but did not return to MHC because he did not want to go via police car, 2 additional veterans were sent to Ahoskie and discharged to Washington via bus, they ended up at the Zion Shelter). Wayne met with the CEO and Director of Nursing at the hospital on 4/17/2018. He reported that the meeting went well. Wayne stated that they were not aware of all the options/resources available. He provided them with his card and gave them some information regarding resources for Veterans. Wayne reported that they were very receptive to the information that he provided. There is a Veterans group meeting each month at Vidant in Pitt County. Gabi will be part of this group.

Gabi reported that NC4ME and NC Works will host a hiring event on 6/5/2018 at the Greenville Convention Center. She provided fliers for the group.

Joseph stated that there needs to be additional wrap around services and resources. He noted that there is a lack of shelters in the area that he covers. He is going to set up meetings to attempt to develop additional resources. Wayne offered to share some resources with Joseph. He stated that many of the Veterans that he has been working with recently are unemployed and are not interested in working. He expressed concerns regarding system barriers (Rapid Rehousing verses Prevention). The group agreed that there is not enough funding for prevention. Joseph reported that he is continuing to work on getting the By Name List in order.

Coordinated Assessment Updates-Lynne James

Lynne stated that the Coordinated Entry plan needs to be reviewed at least annually. She stated that she has been reviewing the plan and it needs to be updated. Lynne stated that she will call the CA subcommittee back together for review so that we can update our plan. She said that they are considering a mini coordinated assessment council for the region. Lynne noted that she will need volunteers to assist with regional coverage and data entry (HMIS). Regionally we will need individuals that have access to HMIS that can manage and enter information into HMIS. As we move forward, we need to combine our Coordinated Entry list. The DV shelter will provide unidentifiable data. Lynne will send out more information about this soon. Jim reminded everyone that Ehren Dohler from the BoS will be at the meeting on 6/13/2018. There will be an afternoon session/training with him regarding Coordinated Entry.

Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry Grant

Pitt County Planning will be applying for the Coordinated Entry grant for Region 12. They are already the CE lead. They will continue to serve as the CE lead and will serve the entire region. They will be applying for \$40,000.00. There will be an emphasis on case management and some outreach. With this grant, individuals that are unsheltered with no services or case manager in place could receive some case management temporarily until they are linked with someone else. They can assist with outreach in counties that aren't active. The grant is due on 5/23/2018. Funding will be awarded in July.

Beaufort County-Sally reported that they are renovating the new Women and Children's shelter (Open Door Shelter) in Beaufort County. She stated that they redid the inside of the house. The Blue Hats have assisted with renovating the home.

Tri-County Meeting- No updates at this time.

Miscellaneous:

Point in Time Count-Chronic homelessness and youth homelessness increased significantly while Veteran homelessness decreased (down by 17%). 23% of counties did not participate in the Point in Time count. We had activities in 4 out of 5 counties. There was no info from Bertie County. How can the BoS better support the regions? How can they assist in next year's Point in Time count? Jim noted that the Balance of State mentioned on the call that some forms were not filled out correctly. The group discussed potentially having a resource event or a Veterans Stand down during the time of the count next year. Gabi stated that the Beaufort County projected stand down is scheduled for February 2019.

Jim stated that the Hurricane Matthew long term recovery group is having a resource fair at the new Salvation Army in Pitt County in June.

Jim provided info regarding an upcoming webinar on Section 8 vouchers: FUP/Mainstream Vouchers Webinar on May 11th from 1:00-2:00.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported that they assisted 4 families in April (6 adults, 6 children). The total amount of assistance was \$2,569.57.

GHA-No updates at this time.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- No updates.

SOAR Updates-The last two clients that Linda worked with were approved. Linda reported that she hasn't had any new referrals. She needs referrals. She will periodically go to the respite room at the shelter to see if she can assist anyone. Jim talked with the group regarding how we can expand our SOAR services regionally. Linda stated that to become a SOAR worker, you must attend a two day in person training. Linda will talk with the group regarding SOAR at our June meeting.

Trillium Health Resources-Need Rapid Rehousing referrals.

Mid-East Regional Housing Authority-Lorina reported that they have vacancies right now (Grifton, Fountain, Beaufort).

C4FVP-Catonia reported that she has openings right now.

Community Crossroads Center-No updates at this time.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2018 @ 10:00am
Beaufort County Department of Social Services
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