

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday July 11, 2018-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Joseph Beach, Volunteers of America

Ken Becker, Endeavors

Wayne Bray, NC Works

Charles Brown, RI International

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

Kianna Forbes, Pitt County Planning

Gabriela Gonzalez, NC Works

Ashley Gray, Greenville Housing Authority

Khrecia Holley, Port Health Services

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville

Kevin Krisher, Department of Social Services

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

Catonia Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Bob Williams, Community Crossroads Center

Alston Wilson, Trillium Health Resources

Introductions and Approval of May 2018 Minutes

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

Updates/Reports:

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 7/10/2018

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

Lynne stated that Pitt County Planning will apply for CoC Rapid Rehousing again this year. This will be the third application attempt. The Balance of State encouraged us to apply again. The application was strong. The funds will be used to expand the current Rapid Rehousing program. They hope to offer additional case management. The deadline to submit the Intent to Apply forms has passed. There are two upcoming deadlines. The first deadline is 7/26/2018. Preliminary documents are due. The application deadline is 8/9/2018. The project review committee will review from the 12th to the 22nd of August. The ranked list will be finalized on 8/29. Applicants will be notified on 8/30 and 8/31. The final edited applications are due on 8/31/2018. Appeals are due 9/6/2018 and considered on 9/7/2018. Everything will be submitted to HUD by 9/18/2018 (for the 79 county CoC). There is bonus money for DV programs this year (RRH). There are two statewide organizations that have submitted an intent to apply (NCHFA and NCCADV). They will sub grant the funds if it is awarded to either of them. Only 1 project per CoC. Our region plans to submit the following: Pitt County Planning will apply for CoC Rapid Rehousing (\$110,000), Greenville Housing Authority will renew their existing Permanent Supportive Housing Grants (4 projects), and Trillium Health Resources will renew their existing Permanent Supportive Housing Grants. James Rhodes made a motion to approve with Linda Mandell seconding the motion.

B.) Project Safe Shelter (PSS); Vidant Foundation Grant

Lynne announced that Pitt County Planning was awarded the Vidant Foundation grant for Project Safe Shelter. The grant is for \$7,000.00. The funds will be utilized to assist when individuals and families are in unsafe situations and cannot access shelter (ex. Outside of normal hours, full, etc.). The grant will pay for hotel stays. They will pilot the program for one year. The program will be advertised once all the details are worked out. Advertising will be geared towards the police, Real Crisis, and DSS. She hopes to develop a cheat sheet for law enforcement. The grant agreement has to be taken to the commissioners for review/approval. The budget has to be amended. It should start in September. If this goes well, Lynne would like to expand throughout the region.

C.) Supportive Services Only, Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE); Balance of State Grant

Pitt County Planning was awarded the SSO-CE grant for region 12. They are hoping to start implementing the grant 9/1/2018. Pitt County Planning is waiting on their contract. The BoS is waiting on their contract from HUD. The grant totals \$30,767.00. The grant will be utilized to promote the existing coordinated entry system. It will be used to do more outreach and can be utilized to help households access services. There will be some case management until people are connected to appropriate services. The grant will overlap with Project Safe Shelter and will be used to assist with filling gaps in the Coordinated Entry System.

D.) 2018 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The Balance of State has released a timeline in regards to the ESG grant. Jim Cox will be the funding process lead for the region. There will be a funding committee that will consist of Sally Love (Beaufort County), Lynn Alligood (Tri-County), and Tujuanda Sanders (Pitt County). The RFA should be released in Mid-July. The grant applications are due 10/26/2018. There have been two conference calls with the BoS. The applications have to be submitted to the Balance of State one month in advance. They will review everything and send back edits/info that needs to be corrected. Jim stated that he has a call this Friday with the BoS. Jim has to provide a time line to the Balance of state. Our region needs to identify a lead agency. The lead agency will have to sign off on the application. There was discussion regarding who will write the regional application. Jim stated that he will write the regional application and that Amy Modlin would assist. Our committee will need to spread the word regarding the grant to determine who is interested in applying in the region. A needs assessment needs to be completed by early August.

E.) Family Unification Program (FUP) & Mainstream Voucher; HUD Grants

Jim reported that Mid-East Regional Housing Authority considered applying for the Family Unification Program & Mainstream Voucher. However, they decided not to apply. Greenville Housing Authority will apply. They will partner with Pitt County DSS on this. Kevin talked with the group regarding the vouchers. He stated that this program/vouchers will assist with 3 groups: Families at risk of having children removed, families where children have been removed, and foster children who are aging out of foster care who are at risk of becoming homeless. If the grant is approved, they could receive up to 50 vouchers. DSS and Greenville Housing Authority are requirement to work together. Greenville Housing Authority will do the application and they will issue the vouchers. DSS will make referrals to Greenville Housing Authority and follow up with the individuals that have been referred. The program will have to be integrated into our existing coordinated entry system. The committee will have to meet with DSS and Greenville Housing Authority Representatives on a regular basis (quarterly). Greenville Housing Authority will complete the inspections and recertifications. Tujuanda and Kevin stated that the grant is partly done. The grant needs to be submitted by 7/26/2018. Kevin developed a draft MOU and provided it to Jim for review. Jim will send out the MOU to the committee for review. Kevin, Tujuanda and Jim will set up a call with Ehren with the Balance of State to determine whether the regional committee needs to vote on this or the Steering Committee. The group had questions regarding how this would fit into our regular meetings (HSC).

F.) December Super Regional Meeting, Wednesday 12-12-18

Jim thanked everyone who attended the regional meeting in June in Beaufort County. He provided an overview regarding the meeting for the group. Ehren Dohler was there from NCCEH and Chris Battle (DHHS) attended. The meeting went very well. The next super regional meeting will be 12/12/2018 at 10:00am. Jim requested that Melissa see if we can use the training room at Trillium for that meeting.

Veteran Updates

Ken reported that October 1 starts a new grant year for Endeavors. Currently, they are at 95% of their goal (525 served is the annual goal). They need to assist 25 more Veterans to hit their goal.

Gabi reported that a date has been set for the Beaufort County Stand-down. It will be held on 2/15/2019 (location has not been determined yet).

Joseph stated that they are currently assisting 441 Veterans (Durham/Rocky Mount offices). Most of them are housed. Rocky Mount has 106 enrolled.

Wayne informed the group about a gentleman that he met that was in the National Guard for five years. He was staying in the Armory in Williamston. He stayed in a hotel for a while. He is currently residing at the AMVET House. He stated that he needs to do a referral to a SSVF provider.

Beaufort County-None at this time.

Tri-County Meeting- No updates at this time.

Miscellaneous:

Khrecia Holley attended our meeting today. She is a new Peer Support Specialist with Port Health Services (Methadone Clinic). She provided information regarding the program. Many individuals in the program have housing needs.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported that they assisted 5 families in May (5 adults, 14 children). The total amount of assistance was \$5,838.25.

GHA-Tujuanda stated that they are accepting applications. GHA has applied for ten more HUD VASH vouchers.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Deloris reported that they still have funds and she is accepting referrals.

SOAR Updates-Linda has posters regarding the SOAR program. Please let her know if you would like a poster for your office. She has had some referrals that did not develop into cases recently.

Trillium Health Resources-No updates at this time.

Mid-East Regional Housing Authority-No updates.

C4FVP-Catonnia reported that the shelter is full right now. She has approximately 19 currently.

Community Crossroads Center-No updates at this time.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2018 @ 10:00am
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