

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday August 8, 2018-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Marie Atkinson, NC State

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

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Kianna Forbes, Pitt County Planning

Gabriela Gonzalez, NC Works

Khrecia Holley, Port Health Services

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

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

Introductions and Approval of July 2018 Minutes

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

Updates/Reports:

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 8/7/2018

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. She has made some revisions to the grant application. They have added some money for transportation assistance. The fair market rents changed since last year as well. The grant will be used for rental assistance (rent, security deposit, etc.). The total for rental assistance will be \$54,876.00. The total for supportive services will be \$49,796.00. The total grant will be \$104,672.00. There will be 10% administrative costs. They will provide a match in the amount of \$29,519.00. The total will be \$144,658.00 (with match). The money for supportive services will be used to fund a case management position. This will be a backup for Deloris. Lynne would like to have superior outcomes. Jim requested a motion in support of the revisions to the grant. Linda Mandell made a motion with Sally Love seconding the motion. 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). 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.

D.) 2018 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The Balance of State has released a timeline in regards to the ESG grant. They have taken a larger role in the process this year. The BoS developed a regional priorities list. They requested that we do that on a local level as well. We need to complete a worksheet for Region 12 priorities. Last year was the first year that we submitted a regional application. Jim Cox will be the funding process lead for the region. He has been participating on weekly calls. There will be a funding committee that will consist of Sally Love (Beaufort County), Lynn Alligood (Tri-County), and Tujuanda Sanders (Pitt County). The grant applications are due 10/26/2018. 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 has to provide a time line to the Balance of State. Jim stated that he will write the regional application with support from others. He stated that we have to complete an outreach plan for the region. How do we get the word out? The HUD allotment for region 12 decreased this year. Jim stated that the region will be getting \$6,000 less than last year. Pitt County Planning will be the lead agency for Region 12. We

will use the Balance of State scorecard. Everything is due to the balance of state by 9/28/2018 for review. The applications are due to the ESG office by 10/26/2018. Jim requested a motion for the Region 12 funding priorities worksheet to be approved. Bob made a motion to approve the document as written. Tommy Cloyd seconded the motion.

The group discussed the movement towards low barrier shelters. Bob stated that Community Crossroads Center is totally against not checking IDs, not doing sobriety checks and they are against being open 24 hours and allowing people to come and go as they please. He stated that they have to ensure the safety of women and children that are there. He has to ensure the safety of his staff. They need to ensure that individuals are not entering shelter and fleeing law enforcement. Bob noted that he has been at Community Crossroads for 6 years. He stated that they have to have rules and guidelines to keep everyone safe. Lynne noted that our shelter relies on the community for donations. We have to fall in line with the philosophy of the community to continue to receive donations. Our community wants the shelter to have rules and guidelines in place. Lynne suggested that we question when meetings regarding low barrier shelters will take place (currently in draft stages). Tommy stated that they are a small center for Independent Living. They will do background checks for their program. This is extremely important to ensure safety. Several group members indicated that we should push back on low barrier shelters.

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

Lynne stated that Pitt County Planning was awarded the Vidant Foundation grant for Project Safe Shelter. It went to the commissioners this week. They are not cleared for spending yet. Lynne stated that she needs a small group to assist with procedural issues involved with that grant. She suggested Catonnia, Deloris, someone from Community Crossroads, and Tracy from Real Crisis. She stated they (Real Crisis) had a similar program in the past. 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.

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

Pitt County Planning was awarded the SSO-CE grant for region 12. There will be a training on the SSO-CE grant on 8/21/2018. Deloris and Lynne will attend. Lynne stated that 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 and will run for twelve months. 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.

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

Jim reported that Greenville Housing Authority applied for the Family Unification Program & Mainstream Voucher. The BoS completed the MOU. They partnered with Pitt County DSS on this. The 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. Greenville Housing Authority will issue the vouchers. They will complete the inspections and recertifications. 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).

Veteran Updates

No updates at this time.

Beaufort County-None at this time.

Tri-County Meeting- No updates at this time.

Miscellaneous:

Marie Atkinson is doing a research study for NC State. They are doing an asset map of Pitt County. She is focusing on Greenville right now. Marie is doing research for the state and she might need information from group members regarding programs and needs. She will do an asset map for Hyde County in the future. Please share your contact information with her.

Today is Kianna's last day with Pitt County Planning. She will be finishing up her senior year. The group wished her well and thanked her for everything.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported that they assisted 14 families in July (16 adults, 32 children). The total amount of assistance was \$8,785.04.

GHA-Tujuanda stated that they are accepting applications. GHA might apply for another grant (Jobs Plus Initiative).

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Deloris reported that they still have funds and she is accepting referrals. She stated that referrals have picked up over the last month. They have about 20 clients enrolled right now.

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that she has three new cases that she is working on.

Trillium Health Resources-Columbus County has joined Trillium (now 26 counties). Melissa reported that approximately \$16,889 has been spent of the RRH grant. We are getting lots of referrals, however we are still only getting referrals for Beaufort and Martin County.

Mid-East Regional Housing Authority-No updates.

C4FVP-Catonna reported that the shelter is full right now. She has approximately 21 currently.

Community Crossroads Center-No updates at this time.

**Next Meeting: September 12, 2018 @ 10:00am
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