

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

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

Present

Joseph Beach, Volunteers of America

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

Ashley Gray, Greenville Housing Authority

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Nancy Keith, Vidant Medical Center

Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Bob Williams, Community Crossroads Center

Introductions and Approval of September 2018 Minutes

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

Updates/Reports:

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 10/9/2018

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.) 2019 Emergency Solutions Grant Competition

Jim stated that we are at the end of the ESG grant application process. Jim reviewed the ESG process so far. The RFP was released in July. Jim put together a funding committee. The funding committee consisted of Sally Love (Beaufort County), Lynn Alligood (Tri-County), and Tujuanda Sanders (Pitt County). The process was much more difficult this year. We had to do a regional priority statement this year. The committee reviewed the first list and approved it. The BoS recommended changes/additions. Jim made the requested changes and returned the priorities statement. Jim has been sitting in on regular calls with the BoS regarding the ESG application. Our region was allowed \$146,486.00 this year (ESG). Jim noted that we were allotted \$6000.00 less in funding this year for the region. There are three project applicants this year. The applicants are Pitt County Planning, Center for Domestic Violence Prevention, and Community Crossroads Center. There are two projects that decided not to renew their grants this year (Trillium Health Resources and Zion Shelter). The applicants submitted their applications and supporting documentation to the funding committee for review. The funding committee reviewed the applications and provided feedback/recommendations to the applicants. The funding committee used the Balance of State's scorecard to score the applications. The final applications (regional and project) were submitted to the Balance of State for review. The BoS will review the project and regional applications. Jim has a conference call scheduled with the Balance of State tomorrow morning to go over the application. They will provide feedback and Jim will make the project applicants aware of feedback. The applications are due to the ESG office by 10/26/2018.

Jim reviewed the budget breakdown: Community Crossroads Center (\$68,850.00), Pitt County Planning (\$60,000.00), and Center for Family Violence Prevention (\$17,636.00). Jim asked for a motion to approve the applicants and budget breakdown. Linda Mandell made a motion to approve the budget breakdown with Gloria Kesler seconding the motion. The group unanimously voted to move forward with the recommended applicants and budget breakdown.

The goal for next year is to have additional regional opportunities. We need a regional rapid rehousing project next year. We need to start identifying potential agencies to assist with this. We will not have regional coverage for 2019.

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

Lynne James was not present for the meeting today. Jim reminded everyone that this grant will be used to assist individuals that are homeless and that are in unsafe situations. He stated that they want to partner with DSS on this because DSS has on call social workers.

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

Pitt County Planning was awarded the SSO-CE grant for region 12 (only 5 agencies in the state were awarded this grant). The Pitt County Planning 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 household's access services. There will be some case management until people are connected to appropriate services.

D.) Point in Time Count 2019

Jim stated that a large portion of the Balance of State conference call yesterday was about the Point in Time Count. The count will take place the last Wednesday in January (1/30/2019). The Balance of State wants us to be more involved. They would like for the regions to look at underutilized shelter beds. Jim reported that the unsheltered homeless population has increased. Jim is currently listed as the Point in Time lead for region 12. Jim requested that we have volunteers to serve as county leads.

Recommendations for leads were as follows: Martin County-Wayne Bray, Beaufort County-Sally Love, Washington/Bertie County-Lynn Alligood, and Pitt County-Linda Mandell. Devinder suggested that we distribute flyers and market the event more in the months leading up to the count. Gloria stated that she feels the committee is doing a phenomenal job and that this committee has been very organized.

Veteran Updates-Joseph stated that VOA assisted 570 Veterans this fiscal year. They are assisting with emergency housing for those displaced by the hurricane. They are assisting with Back@Home. Volunteers of America is opening an office in Fayetteville. They are hiring in that area. Joseph reported that he needs a case manager and an outreach person. He stated that VOA is taking over some areas that Endeavors used to cover. He reported that they plan to do ESG rapid rehousing in Region 9.

Beaufort County-None at this time. Sally was not present today. She had to attend a Disaster Recovery Meeting in Beaufort County.

Tri-County Meeting- No updates at this time.

Miscellaneous: Nancy Keith (Vidant) reported that they plan to do upgrades in October. This will assist with identifying individuals that are homeless. She stated that hopefully the upgrades will help with flow.

Jim reminded everyone that the Inner Banks combined meeting will be held on December 12, 2018 at Trillium Health Resources.

Guest Speaker-Point Source Youth-Will attend the meeting in December and do a presentation.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported that they assisted 10 families in September (12 adults, 24 children). The total amount of assistance was \$5,437.88.

GHA-Tujuanda stated that they are accepting applications. Tujuanda reported that they received 13 additional HUD VASH vouchers. She reported that they applied for the FUP vouchers. They hope to find out soon about whether they will be awarded the additional housing vouchers.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Deloris reported that they still have funds and she is accepting referrals. She wants to spend all of the funds by 12/31/2018.

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that she has one active case right now. She has been receiving lots of calls with questions.

Trillium Health Resources-Trillium continues to assist with households that have been displaced by the hurricane. Trillium is assisting with the Back@home program.

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

C4FVP-Catonnia reported that the shelter is full right now.

Community Crossroads Center-No updates at this time.

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