

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The BC360 Housing & Homeless Taskforce/Housing Committee met at the Beaufort County Health Department on this date (7/12/2018). The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Sally Love (Beaufort County Chairperson/Beaufort County United Way). Those in attendance were: Gabriela Gonzalez (NC Works), Greg Smith (NC Works), Linda Thornton (Zion Shelter), Marcia Norwood (Open Door Community Center), Larry McAvoy (Zion Shelter), Ken Becker (Endeavors), and Melissa Eastwood (Trillium Health Resources).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sally asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ken made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The group unanimously agreed. The committee approved the minutes for May 2018.

Region 12 Updates-

Sally thanked everyone for attending the regional meeting at Beaufort County DSS on June 13, 2018. The meeting went really well and was very informative. Sally opened the floor for feedback regarding the meeting. The group had discussion regarding the meeting. Greenville Housing Authority did a wonderful presentation. Sally reminded everyone that they have PSH for the region. They have applied for 10 additional HUD VASH vouchers. During the afternoon, Ehren Dohler (NCCEH) facilitated another meeting about Coordinated Entry at the Beaufort County Health Department. Individuals directly involved in coordinated entry attended.

Sally inquired about whether Trillium will apply for Rapid Rehousing next year. Melissa stated that Trillium has a meeting scheduled to discuss whether a Rapid Rehousing application will be submitted next year. Trillium is undecided at this time. The group discussed barriers to housing. Melissa encouraged the group to identify other agencies in the county that may be interested in applying for ESG funds.

There will be another combined regional committee meeting on December 12, 2018 in Pitt County.

Coordinated Assessment Report-Lynne James

Lynne was not present for the meeting today. Sally made everyone aware that Pitt County Planning was awarded the coordinated entry grant for Region 12 (\$30,767.00).

Case Conferencing

Melissa provided an update regarding previous referrals (ex. Referral from Zion, referral from GHA, referral from Ruth's House). Melissa staffed new cases with the group. Melissa is working with a client with 5 children. Zion has been paying for hotel stays for the family. Melissa is waiting to inspect the unit and obtain documents from the landlord. Greg made a motion to approve to move forward with

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the family. Melissa will update Zion regarding the status of the move as they are paying for her hotel currently. Melissa just got a VISPDAT late yesterday. She attempted to make contact, however was unable to reach the individual by phone. The screening indicates he is unsheltered. He scored a 7 on the VI-SPDAT. Melissa will continue to attempt to make contact.

Gabi has a family (mom with 2 children) that is being evicted. One of the children has cystic fibrosis. The family has to be out in 10 days. The court date was yesterday. The mother is a female Veteran. Gabi is trying to link with housing as soon as possible. She is not homeless yet but she will be. Ken stated that he can do a screening on her. She is on Gabi's caseload. She wants to help her obtain employment and continue her education. She will not be eligible for RRH until she is literally homeless. Gabi will provide Ken with her name and Endeavors will make contact to screen her for SSVF services today. Ken stated that they may be able to do homelessness prevention. Ken stated they may be able to get her into another housing situation. Melissa inquired about whether the parent was eligible to apply for Work First. Melissa contacted Mid-East to determine whether they have units.

Gabi expressed concerns regarding the call center doing VI-SPDATs. She stated that staff were not doing them on some individuals that she referred. Melissa stated that they will only administer the VI-SPDAT if an individual is literally homeless according to HUDs definition of homelessness. Melissa will follow up with call center staff to review concerns.

10 year plan to end homelessness-Jason Perry

Jason was unable to attend the meeting today.

Updates/Reports

Ruth's House-No updates. Valerie is on vacation.

Washington Housing Authority-No updates.

Zion Shelter-Zion is not utilizing the ESG grant any longer due to the reporting requirements. They are going to work to access funding/donations. Linda reported that they are full right now. They received a large grant from the Vidant Foundation in Beaufort County. She stated that agencies/individuals can call them if emergency assistance is needed. Zion might have funds for hotels if needed. However, they are burning through funds currently with the hotel stays.

Open Door Community Center-Marcia reported that they are moving ahead. They are putting up dry wall, painting, etc. They are completing the inside. She stated that the community support has been outstanding. Marcia stated that the target date that she is shooting for is late summer or early fall. However Dot is hoping for 9/1. They are using a lot of volunteer labor. This will be a facility for women and children who are homeless. There will be a screening process before they are admitted. They can reside there up to 6 months. They cannot stay there during the day. They can sleep 10 people per night and one of those will be the night manager. Their goal is to assist with obtaining and maintaining

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permanent housing. There will be an open house and Marcia will send out something when the date is set. Marcia will be the main point of contact for the shelter. They will be hiring a case manager and night manager.

Mid-East Regional Housing Authority- No updates.

Metropolitan Housing-No updates.

NC Works-Gabi reported that there will be a Veteran Stand Down in Beaufort County on February 15, 2019. They are still finalizing the location (ex. First Methodist Church, First Christian Church, Civic Center, etc.). Gabi is organizing a planning committee. Please call or email her if you are interesting in volunteering for the planning committee. Gabi explained what a stand down is and who usually participates. Linda stated that she knows a barber that may be willing to offer his services. Gabi will provide Linda with a write up/flyer regarding the event.

Greg stated that there will be a Garden Party at the Rose Haven House on 9/20/18. They hope to have a string quartet and will have wine and cheese. The event will last approximately 2 hours. The time has not been finalized, but it will be early evening. They are hoping to have a good turn out and raise funds needed to continue work on the home. Greg reported that volunteers have dwindled. However, they are hoping to be in operation before the end of the year.

Trillium Health Resources-We are still accepting referrals for Rapid Rehousing. Melissa spent approximately \$5,102.00 during the month of June. Melissa reviewed the referral process and eligibility requirements. Melissa talked about the wonderful partnerships and shared some success stories.

Department of Social Services- No updates at this time.

Police Department-No updates at this time.

Endeavors-Ken stated that he is accepting referrals for Veterans with low incomes that are homeless or facing eviction. He cannot assist if an individual had a dishonorable discharge. Ken reported that they are winding down for this fiscal year. The new fiscal year will start on 10/1. Ken provided an overview regarding SSVF and the services they provide. They operate 3 offices here. The goal is to serve 525 Veterans for the year (they are at 96% of their goal). Ken will email brochures to Linda and Marcia.

Greenville Housing Authority-No Updates.

Miscellaneous:

Sally stated that there will be a Power of the Purse Auction on October 2, 2018. She said it will be on a Tuesday night from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. The cost will be \$50 dollars per person or \$90 dollars for 2.

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Sally shared stuff the bus flyers. The Turnage Theatre is doing “stuff the window”. Sally is collecting school supplies as well. Please share the information and help out if you can.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Sally Love adjourned the meeting.

**Next Meeting: August 9, 2018 @ 10:00am
Beaufort County Health Department**