

BC360 Housing & Homeless Task Force/Beaufort County Housing Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

The BC360 Housing & Homeless Taskforce/Housing Committee met at the Beaufort County Health Department on this date (8/9/2018). 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), Sheila Caraway (Metropolitan), Linda Thornton (Zion Shelter), Larry McAvoy (Zion Shelter), Stacy Drakeford (City of Washington Police Dept.), and Melissa Eastwood (Trillium Health Resources).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sally asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Sheila Caraway seconded the motion. The group unanimously agreed. The committee approved the minutes for July 2018.

**Region 12 Updates-**

The Region 12 Emergency Solutions Grant process is going on now. There have not been any agencies that have expressed an interest in applying in Beaufort County. Sally requested that the group get the word out to see if there are agencies that are interested in applying for ESG funding. Trillium Health Resources will not be applying for Rapid Rehousing for the upcoming grant year. We discussed the ESG process and timelines. The group reviewed requirements for eligible agencies. The group discussed barriers to housing. Full applications are due to the ESG office on 10/26/2018.

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

**Coordinated Assessment Report-Lynne James**

**No updates**

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 (2). Melissa staffed new cases with the group (3 new cases). Two cases were approved for Rapid Rehousing and 1 case was approved for Permanent Supportive Housing. The group offered suggestions regarding resources for the new referrals. Greg stated that Charity Davenport with Telamon is available at NC Works on Wednesdays. Greg also suggested contacting Vocational Rehabilitation. Sally stated that Literacy Volunteers does GED prep (Jane Weaver-Monday through Thursday from 9am to 1pm).

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Melissa noted that there have been an increase in calls where people are residing in their vehicles in Beaufort County.

Gabi asked if there is a way that Veterans can be identified. Linda is going to have her intern build a spreadsheet that can be shared. Gabi went to the shelter today to do outreach, but was unable to meet with any Veterans. Gabi would like to identify them when they enter shelter so that she can link them with services quickly. Greg noted that identifying Veterans will help us to plan for the stand-down as well. Linda stated that they can put a board/flyer up to assist with providing information to Veterans. They will send Gabi a picture of the board. Gabi noted that she works parallel with Alex with the VA in Greenville.

**10 year plan to end homelessness-Jason Perry**

Jason was unable to attend the meeting today.

**Updates/Reports**

Ruth's House-No updates.

Washington Housing Authority-No updates.

Zion Shelter-Zion has been awarded significant grants from 3-4 funding sources. They requested bridge money until Open Door Community Center opens. They had an increase in referrals for women for hotel stays. Linda reported that she has 2 additional families in the hotel currently. Shelter hours are from 9pm to 7am. They are closed during the day except for lunch.

Open Door Community Center-The target date to open is 10/1/2018. The Blue Hats are doing the insulation and working on the walls. Open Door has a capacity of 9 (not including staff).

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. The stand down will be at the First Christian Church. 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 (ex. Cosmetology students, food services, screenings, etc.). Gabi reported that they are planning a job fair in March. Greg stated that they are in transition with Ross coming in. There are lots of job opportunities currently. Almost every employer is requiring a high school diploma or GED. They recently had a pilot program from probation (10 were contacted, 9 were a part of it, 4 completed it), four offenders completed the program. Greg hopes to target the Work First program next. There will be a job fair next Tuesday at IDX from 10am-2pm. There will be plant tours at 11am and another at 1:00pm. They manufacture countertops and displays/shelving.

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Trillium Health Resources-We are still accepting referrals for Rapid Rehousing. Melissa reviewed the referral process and eligibility requirements. Columbus County disengaged from Eastpointe and joined Trillium on 7/1/2018.

Department of Social Services- No updates at this time.

Police Department-Stacy reported that everything is fine currently. No updates at this time.

Endeavors-No updates at this time.

Greenville Housing Authority- No updates at this time.

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. Stacy has some tickets for sale.

Sally shared informed regarding the stuff the bus program. This will take place on 8/18/2018 from 9am to 12pm at Walmart and at the Turnage Theatre. 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: September 13, 2018 @ 2:00pm  
Beaufort County Health Department**