

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday April 10, 2019-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Kim Anderson, Pitt County Schools

Lauren Anzelone, LAMB's Place

Wayne Bray, NC Works

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

Gabriela Gonzalez, NC Works

Ashley Gray, Greenville Housing Authority

Willie Hawkins, Life of NC

Khrecia Holley, Port Health Services

Ushonika Jackson, Life of NC

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

Bennie Manning

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Bob Williams, Community Crossroads Center

Introductions and Approval of March 2019 Minutes

The April 2019 Pitt Regional Committee (Inner Banks) meeting began with approval of the minutes for March 2019. Jim Cox asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Deloris Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes for March 2019 with Sally Love seconding the motion. The committee approved the minutes for March 2019.

Updates/Reports:

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 4/2/2019

The Steering Committee call was April 2, 2019. Jim emailed everyone the call summary. He encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month.

A. Unsheltered Homeless Community Resource

Bennie Manning (local pastor) came to talk with the group about community needs. He would like to bring a shower trailer for individuals and families that are unsheltered in the community so that they can take showers. He would like to come into the community about once a month. He stated that volunteers would also provide hygiene and clothing items. He inquired as to whether the group thought that this would be beneficial. Linda stated that it is a great idea. Ashley suggested that the Point and Time count would be a great time to use the shower trailer.

B. Youth Homelessness

Lauren Anzelone did a presentation regarding LAMB's place (Loving All Members of the Body of Christ). She is a clinical supervisor with Youth Villages. They support young people aging out of foster care and transitioning into adulthood. DSS has a Voluntary Placement agreement, if young people choose to participate, they get a 634 dollar stipend (extended through age 21). She has seen many young people bounce from place to place and felt that she needed to do something. This is how she got the idea for LAMB's place. Lauren stated that they are in the process of getting things established. They are finalizing IRS forms currently. They are not up and running as of yet but hope to be within a year. Lauren stated that they are still grant seeking and working on fundraising. She stated that LAMB's place is a faith based organization. There will be a home manager that will work to establish relationships with youth in the home. She is unsure as to whether the unit would be a house or apartment. There will be three youth in the home and they would rent a room. LAMB's Place would provide furniture for common areas. Youths will furnish their rooms so that when they leave they will have their own items. There will be a weekly meeting in the home to offer support. They are establishing their mentor program called Journey Partners. They would like to extend to age served to 25 years old. She stated that their program will serve and support everyone. Gabi offered to provide contact info for a nonprofit in Wayne County that has a similar program. Lauren's contact info is l.anzelone@gmail.com.

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

Lynne reported Project Safe Shelter has taken off. The shelter has been full recently and they have spent over \$5000.00 of the grant. She reported that the grant is small (\$7000). She is hopeful that they will have enough funds to make it until the end of June. She stated that the grant has not been without

challenges. Lynne reported that she submitted the renewal application. She stated that they requested more money this time. She stated that she might facilitate a roundtable to work out some kinks (ex. Open ended situations, hard to manage cases, etc.). Lynne stated that they are trying to figure out the most effective way to spend the money. Lynne reminded everyone that this can be utilized when someone is in an unsafe situation and cannot access emergency shelter. In order to be eligible, households must be homeless according to HUDS definition of homelessness. She is currently looking at our ability to move households along in our region/system.

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

Lynne provided an overview regarding the SSO-CE grant. She stated that there were only 5 regions were awarded the SSO-CE grant. The grant is data driven. Data is not easily collected. There will be an APR for the SSO-CE grant this year. Lynne is starting to work on the APR and the volume of data is high. She reported that we are close to having everything in the system. We have not referred out to programs yet. She is working on completing reports and making sure that everyone that has a VI-SPDAT is on the By Name list. There is a By Name list for Veterans. The committee will review this list at the beginning of some Housing Stabilization Committee meetings (about 20-30 minutes at the beginning of HSC meetings). The group had discussion on whether we should do this once or twice per month. The Balance of State has applied for and been awarded continuation for this grant. They have also been awarded a new grant that will hopefully fund SSO CE projects for the entire region.

E. CoC Grant

Jim reported that the NOFA will come out around May or June. Linda Mandell serves on the scorecard committee. She stated that there was a call last week and a call tomorrow. Linda stated that last week's call was an overview/orientation. The Balance of State sent out criteria for scorecards (new and renewal projects). Gabi will be on the project review committee. Jim reminded everyone that agencies that are interested in applying for CoC funds need to submit an Intent to Apply form. Pitt County Planning was awarded a CoC Rapid Rehousing Grant. Lynne stated that they are already in the renewal process even though they haven't started the new grant yet.

F. 2019-2020 ESG Grant

Tujuanda reported that there are no updates regarding the ESG process currently. Jim stated that Chris Battle will attend our Regional Committee meeting in June. He encouraged the group to come with questions.

Beaufort County-No updates at this time.

Tri-County Meeting- No updates at this time.

Miscellaneous The Bringing it Home annual conference will be May 21, 2019 and May 22, 2019.

There will be a child abuse awareness festival at the Town Common in Greenville on 4/28/2019. The event starts at noon.

The retirement celebration for Wayne Bray will be on 4/24/2019 from noon until 2:00pm. Gabi requested that everyone RSVP for the event to ensure that there is enough food.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Jim reported they assisted 2 families in March (2 adults, 6 children). The total amount of assistance was \$2,210.00. Bob stated that they assisted 99 families last fiscal year. They have used 83% of their funds and assisted 86 families so far this fiscal year.

GHA-Ashley and Tujuanda stated that they are accepting applications. Ashley reported that they attended a Fair Housing event yesterday. Ashley reviewed the information that was discussed. She stated that there will be another event on 4/23 targeting tenants.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Deloris reported that she is working with approximately 25 clients right now. She stated that they are doing okay with funds currently.

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that she has 2 new referrals. She has 1 individual that was denied and she is trying to decide whether to appeal.

Trillium Health Resources-Melissa informed the group that the Back@HOME program has housed over 200 households (over 400 individuals).

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

C4FVP-No updates at this time.

Community Crossroads Center-No updates at this time.

Life of NC-There will be a resource and job fair on 4/23/2019 from 2:00pm-400pm. Please share this information and attend if you can. They are currently out of Re-Entry/housing funds (can usually assist with housing up to 3 months). Linda inquired about referrals for sex offenders. Ms. Hawkins stated that sex offenders cannot come on their campus due to the location of the facility. However, you can call the office and schedule an appointment with Peter.

**Next Meeting: May 8, 2019 @ 9:00am
Greenville Housing Authority
1103 Broad Street
Greenville NC 27858**

**Region 12 Super Regional Meeting: June 12, 2019 10:00-12:00pm
Martin County/Mid-East Regional Housing Authority**