

Piedmont Regional Committee
 September 11, 2019 10am-12pm

Meeting Minutes

Location: Community Shelter of Union County, 160 Meadow St. Monroe NC 28110

Regional Committee Leadership

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Introductions

Background Regional Committee

Approval June Minutes

June meetings approved by common consent.

Balance of State Update

Call each month, (1st Tuesday of each month) Call in information to be sent out by Nicole.

Email BoS team to be added to email listing. BoS@NCCEH.org

COC Competition- Project applications have been reviewed and scored

Special COC Meeting: held on 9/4 to decide on review committee- recommend all projects in PRC. Community Link and Union Co. only agencies right now applying for funds.

Review committee has recommended all our projects to be funded. (RRH and PSH housing)

For DV agencies: DV bonus money available. Look into that process now and have conversations with BoS staff.

Steering Committee Conference Call Debrief – Melissa

- NCCEH made a policy VAWA we can all use. Federal funding recipients mandatory. Melissa to send out link for what's been changed
- 10.4 m COC funds in NC – HUD grant inventory worksheet, intent to apply for funds. Helps to prepare for what agencies are asking for. Agencies in Tier 1, (safe tier that says more than likely you will get funded, Tier 2, (on the line, might not get fully funded)
- 2020 Regional Elected Positions.
- Disaster Response: 211 is the main access point. Still folks displaced from Florence, there is still assistance available for those individuals.
- PIT planning starts now. 4th Wed in January. Start thinking about who will be your county lead and regional lead.

ESG Process and Update – Nicole/Melissa

- Agencies submitted intent to apply form. Created a short list, grant writer in place. 1 Regional App from all agencies. Coordination of agencies since 2012. Applications have been turned in. Review committee met yesterday and will meet this afternoon. \$82,000 have been applied for more than we have. Extension granted for our region. Need more leadership in community, with ESG process! Community Link normally takes the lead; needs to be designated.
- ESG Funding Process Lead is the collaborator and collector of all data, sits on calls with BoS, makes sure it gets in on time -start looking for someone in your community to take this role for next year.
- Review Committee finishing up today. Goes to NCCEH by Friday, Due to the ESG office in hand in October.
- 6 applicants- all but Cabarrus.

SSO Audit and Renewal – Nicole Dewitt

-Lead person (Teresa) have a grant to support that position. Auditing- 1 finding-dates people entered into project compared to the dates of homelessness.

Homeless Verification Date vs. what date they actually enter the CE project. MATTERS.

Using the VISPDAT Date as the date they entered the project as homeless verification. -the corrective action plan

- RFP for new SSO funding came out. Finished and applied for more than we applied last year and it was awarded. 2nd year for it now. Not a lot of applicants, 3/4 regions out of the 13 applied.

PRC Coordinated Entry- Teresa Robinson

- National system that was created to support collaboration with agencies to house and improve those experiencing housing crisis. CE is constantly changing/ Over 500 people initially, moved into HMIS system that uses data to go to HUD to influence funding. Google sheets for DV/

Less than 300 that are on the “list” or community “pool”. Teresa oversees the list.

Monthly case conferencing meeting to prioritize the list and talk about agency happenings.

Meet and Greet event for communities to know each other and share ideas.

Adopt Process and Procedures from NCCEH. Edited CE plan and was sent out. Conversations to make to the plan.

Handbook or guide for CE has been created, Teresa sending out the handbook today.

HVRP – Curry Cromer

- Working in 28 counties, serving veterans through RRH and employment and training programs. Awarded 2 new grants in July now serving the Piedmont region and on east coast. Scaled quickly over the past few months.
- HVRP -dept of labor program designed to help veterans with employment. HVRP can now serve homeless within past 60 days, went through RRH, now through PSH. Serving veterans economically disadvantage.
- Types of work, employment drive, short term job training, connect to other resources. Helps with transportation, case management scattered. Statesville and Winston Salem.
- Agency contact to make the referral. Intake staff to screen for services, tracking by Teresa. NC serves partner. Can assist with workplace needs, uniforms, etc.

SSVF Program Update – Volunteers of America Carolinas- Briana Vineyard

A housing first agency.

Referral process is a 2page form. Utilizes Squares, through the VA, will sign a ROI, verifies military status and discharge status.

Diversion, Rapid Resolution, currently do not have a waitlist -picking up 3 more counties in October.

- Regional PSH/RRH Update- Nicole Dewitt

We have PSH resources in this community for those homeless with verifiable disability.

Community Link working with RRH. Units turn over, about 1 year.

Families receive CM and rental assistance to some degree, HUD's tenant rent calculation worksheet. Allows for serving more individuals when clients pay portion of rent.

Community Shelter Union provides:

- Private (outside of HUD guidelines) short term assistance
- ESG (Short-Term, 90days/extensions that make sense)
- COC RRH- hoping to start in October for HH with little to no income. Longer term, (1yr) Goal would be to increase income.

Fresh Word Outreach Ministries Salisbury- Lenny Burrison

- Facility in Salisbury. Mobile food pantry that goes out monthly, original mission to be proactive as a faith community. Stay connected with the PIT count in Rowan Co.

Point in Time Count Planning

-Rotate leadership in the PIT count. Planning starts in Oct, PIT count is end of Jan.

- Cabarrus up next in 2020. Need Regional PIT lead **and** county lead for PIT. Think about volunteer groups already in place in your agency. (students, DSS, police dept, groups working with families)

Regional Elections – Melissa

- Please think about how you and your agency can be involved. Need a bigger team and help with all of this.
If interested in applying, Nicole will send google form out. Voting in December.
Cannot have more than 2 people on one agency serving on a leadership role.

August Taskforce Reports

Thrive Union! – voting on logo today, survey created for people we serve and providers to see whats missing. Meeting monthly. Steering committee. 2nd Wed of every month, through Dec.

Family Services Davidson- Community Solutions Group/meets on the 1st Monday of the month. Get that date to Curry.

Rowan County- Planning to have one in the next 2 weeks. Send meeting notes to Nicole or Teresa to post on webpage.

Stanly county- Planning to have one next Friday. Send meeting notes to Nicole or Teresa to post on webpage.

Cabarrus- absent.

NEXT PRC MEETING WILL BE ON
WED DEC 11TH CABARRUS COUNTY