



UNI5 REGIONAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date: 10-16-19

Location: Burke United Christian Ministries

Conference Call – 704-842-6305 - Participant Code: 4076825

Name	Agency	Present/ Absent	Name	Agency	Present/ Absent
Alison Azbell	Meeting Place Mission	P	Angela Battle	Kwanzaa Family Inn	P
Jeff Burns	A Caring Alternative	P	Jennifer Clark	Family Care Center	P
Kim Duncan	WPCOG	A	Jane Earnest	Family Care Center	P
Renee Urban	VAYA	P	Stella Guido	Safe Harbor Rescue Mission	A
Bonnie Harper	GHCCM	P	Rebecca Snyder	Kwanzaa Family Inn	A
Cindy Hathcock	My Safe Haven	P	Gail Henson	CVBH	P
Aaron Kohrs	Greenway Transportation	A	Gwen Laws	Caldwell Co. Public Schools	A
Casey McCall	Hickory Police Department	A	Leila McMichael	Kwanzaa Family Inn	A
Lily Moody	Shelter Home of Caldwell Co.	A	Tonya Rathbone	Family Guidance Center	A
Sabra Rock	McDowell Mission	P	Christina Frasca	McDowell Mission	P
Dave Thomas	Easter Seals	P	Jacqueline Watson	Caldwell Co. EMS	A
Teena Willis	Partners BHM	P	Carrie Workman	Salvation Army	A
Leah Costley	McDowell Mission	A	Donaiel Allen	CVBH	A
Michael Cloy	ABCCM-VSC	A	Rebecca Smith	VAYA	A
Wade Ogle	House of Refuge	A	Bre Griffin	Partners	A

**New attendee – Karen Jacobs, Vessels of Mercy

II. Review of Sept. minutes

- **CORRECTION** – under title the word “Agenda” needs to be taken off and replaced with “Minutes”
- Approved by common consent

III. BoS (Balance of State)

1. Continuum of Care Competition

- Teena was not able to be on the call but the presentation gave this info –
 - 10.8 mil in grants with the BoS
 - BoS CoC submitted application early
 - Consolidated application (CoC application is 2 parts) can be viewed at: <https://www.nceh.org/media/files/files/e0977b26/fy2019-coc-application.pdf>
 - Things to work on within CoC
 - Income – employment and unearned income
 - **Looking for partnerships/agreements with work agencies, temp agencies, any workforce programs/agencies that will make our application stronger. Unearned income, i.e., SOAR – we want to increase unearned income advantages across our region.**
 - Racial equality initiatives – staff will present assessment at Nov. mtg – **some races more prone to being homeless and less likely to getting help. Presentation in Nov. that anyone can join in on the call. Teena will forward this info when it comes out.**

- System performance measures – length of time homeless, returns to homeless and first time homelessness – **Aren't new measures, just emphasis on reducing.**

2. ESG Competition Update – Jane

- Full applications received by ESG office
 - **Jane thanks everyone for working diligently to get turned in on time. Jane believes things went smoothly.**
- Anticipate contracts to be sent out by Jane 3rd

3. Upcoming Meeting and Reminders:

- BoS HMIS User Mtg. – Oct. 17th from 1-2:30
- Coordinated entry Council mtg – Oct 21 at 10 a.m
- Funding and performance Subcommittee Mtg – Oct 24 @ 10 am – **Call mainly for Alison (funding process lead) but open for anyone to attend and listen/participate.**

IV. Hunger and Homelessness Events?

- The Meeting Place – Give Cheese a Chance (Grilled Cheese competition) on Nov. 17th at Fonta Flora Brewery from 12-3p.
- Use SOCIAL MEDIA
 - Orange and purple, colors of hunger and homelessness
 - Highlight agency to community and our CoC
 - Can schedule posts (thanks, Teena! ;-)
 - Reach out to City Council and County Commissioners to get proclamation

V. Point in Time Planning – Night of Jan. 29, 2020

- a. PIT/HIC orientation webinar – Nov 6th @ 1 p.m.

If you are a lead, YOU NEED TO BE ON THIS CALL.

- b. PIT leads

- Jennifer Clark – PIT Regional
- Cindy – Alexander County
- Alison – Burke County
- Angela – Caldwell County
- Casey – Catawba County
- Christina – McDowell County

Important to be making calls to collaborative with agencies/organizations that can reach out to individuals that can benefit from the PIT count.

VI. 2020 Officers

- Regional Lead – **Sabra Rock**
- Regional Alternate – Gail Henson
- Webmaster – Jennifer Clark
- Secretary – Alison Azbell
- Funding Process Lead – Alison Azbell
- PIT Lead – Jennifer Clark
- Coordinated Entry Lead – Bonnie Harper
- CoC PRC Representative – **Jeff Burns**

Alison and Jennifer have agreed to take on two roles even though it is not “suggested” from NCCEH. Both feel comfortable in handling responsibilities.

VII. Coordinated Entry Update – Bonnie

- Everyone that is doing HMIS should be doing all VI-SPDAT’s on HMIS. If you are not, you need to email them to Bonnie and she will put them in HMIS.
- When VI-SPDAT done and qualify for housing program, send Bonnie the client HMIS number and VI-SPDAT score. She will put them on the by name list for the PSH and RRH programs.
- Only one list for RRH and PSH.
- If you house someone then you need to notify Bonnie so the date they were housed can be documented.
- Bonnie is the ONLY ONE who can access list.
- Prevention and Diversion – Bonnie is the only one who can do Prevention and Diversion - there was discussion and Bonnie will be clarifying this.
- Bonnie said that the current housing list needs to be UPDATED and each agency needs to review the list to update their clients. Bonnie will send out the list that needs to be updated from the current google docs list.
- **AN EMAIL NEEDS TO GO OUT TO WHOLE GROUP ABOUT UPDATING THE LIST. NO LONGER USING GOOGLE DOCS. EVERYTHING FILTERS THROUGH BONNIE! THE PRIORITY LIST ON GOOGLE DOCS WILL BE REMOVED TO PREVENT CONFUSION BY ADDING PEOPLE TO THE LIST.**
- NCCEH wants case conferencing every two weeks, not once a month.
 - Start doing Case Conferencing the first and third Wednesdays of the month. On first Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m. and on the third Wednesday, after our Uni5 meeting.

VII. Agency Updates and other Discussions

- Karen Jacobs (from Vessels of Mercy in Morganton) – under the umbrella of CCRP (establish in 2012 for men) and Vessels of Mercy is the ladies component of CCRP, established in 2016.
 - Ministry for ladies with substance issues, year-long transition program. Very intense, Christian program. 8 “comfortable” beds with room for 2 more.
 - Referrals for Vessels come from Grace Home or Bethel Colony. Wait period can be 1-3 months.
- Teena – Community Support Team definition is out for comment, a new service definition that is a “team approach” that has tenancy supports included.
- WPCOG applied for mainstream vouchers again this year, covering 4 of our counties (Burke, Catawba, Alexander and Caldwell) and they were able to change their preference without closing the waitlist or exhaust it to meet the preferences within the mainstream voucher definition.

Next Meeting: November 20th at 10 a.m. @ BUCM with call in option.

Adjourn.