

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

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday August 14, 2019-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

**Present**

Eboni Campbell, AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina

James Cox, United Way of Pitt County

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Margaret Dixon, Community Crossroads and Pitt County Planning

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Gabriela Gonzalez, NCWorks

Willie May Hawkins, Life of NC

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, SOAR, Pitt County Planning

Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Kenneth Staton, Greenville Housing Authority

Preston, Volunteers of America

## **Introductions and Approval of July 2019 Minutes**

The August 2019 Pitt Regional Committee (Inner Banks) meeting began with introductions. No minutes were approved today.

### **Presentation: Eboni Campbell-AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina**

Eboni provided an overview regarding Medicaid Transformation and her organizations role in Medicaid Transformation. She stated that they will be teaming up with local organizations and developing partnerships to help members. There will be 4 plans. They will connect to resources in the area. The plan will roll out Feb 1, 2019. Members should receive letters starting on 10/1/2019. If members do not select a plan they will be auto assigned. She is providing education and doing outreach. Eboni is stationed in Greenville but serves all of Eastern NC. She has brochures/literature if you need it. Right now, they are focusing on Social Determinants of Health. She stated that housing is a major issue. The plan is for Medicaid members. Eboni can do table set ups and attend community events. She stated that they do sponsorships for events that address social determinants of health. They will have a wellness center that will be on Stantonsburg Road. She noted that dentists will not fall under them, they be covered through Medicaid Direct.

### **Updates/Reports:**

#### **NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 8/6/2019**

The Steering Committee call was August 6, 2019. Jim stated that he will email everyone the call summary when he receives it. He encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month.

#### **A. 2019-2020 ESG Grant**

Tujuanda Sanders is leading the ESG process for Region 12. The members of the ESG scorecard committee that will be reviewing the project applications are: KJ, Jim, Sally, Melissa, Lynn Alligood, Lorina Garrison, and Erica McCloud. The ESG timeline is very aggressive this year and there will be a short turnaround time. The application was released on 7/16/2019. Jim submitted our Funding Priorities worksheet on 8/9/2019. There will be an ESG training tomorrow at Trillium from 10:00am-2:00pm (mandatory training for ESG applicants). Kim Crawford and Chris Battle will be facilitating the training. They will go through the project and regional applications. All project applications are due to the funding committee by 8/26/19 at 5:00pm. Our committee will be using the BoS scorecards to score each project application. The scorecard committee will review the project applications on 8/27/2019 after the TriCounty Meeting at Mideast Regional Housing Authority. On 8/29/2019, we will return the scored project applications. Corrections should be made and the applications should be submitted to Jim and Tujuanda by 9/3/2019. Everything will be bundled and submitted to NCCEH by 9/6/2019. The final applications are due to the ESG office by 10/11/2019 at 5:00pm. There are no new agencies applying this year for funding. Jim reviewed all agencies that are applying for funds (Community Crossroads, Pitt County Planning, and C4FVP). Catonia inquired about updates pertaining to low barrier shelters. Jim encouraged everyone to look at opportunities to safely reduce barriers if possible.

Jim reviewed the regional funding priorities worksheet. He discussed our regional coverage. He asked for a motion to approve the regional funding priorities plan. Sally Love made a motion to approve and Lynne James seconded the motion.

**B. 2018 CoC Grant update and 2019 CoC Grant**

Lynne stated that renewal grantees were supposed to submit all required information by Monday at 6:00pm. Pitt County Planning submitted a renewal application for their RRH project that will have regional coverage. Lynne reported that half of the funding will be used to fund a position. They are requesting \$112,526.00. Lynne is hoping that they will be able to start the current CoC RRH grant on 10/1/19. She brought their application to the meeting in case anyone wanted to review it. She stated that the fair market rent in Pitt County has decreased slightly. Greenville Housing Authority and Trillium Health Resources will be renewing their PSH grants. Gabi is on the CoC review team.

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

The Project Safe Shelter grant has been renewed (\$8,500.00) and they can carry over funds left from the previous grant cycle. Lynne reported Project Safe Shelter has housed a number of families. They have been full. Lynne stated that they have had another referral from DHHS for the Governor's office. Lynne provided an overview regarding the grant. The grant is being utilized to fill gaps and offer 24 hour coverage. 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 (must be willing to go to the shelter when a bed opens up). She hopes we can eventually apply with Vidant Foundations throughout the region so that we can roll it out across the region.

**D. 2019 and 2020 PIT Count**

Jim stated that he will send out Point in Time Data for the region. He discussed the need to plan and work on this year around. Jim discussed the need to identify a Point in Time lead now. Jim asked for a volunteer to act as the PIT lead. Linda Mandell volunteered to be the Point in Time lead. Jim would like a lead for each county. The group discussed the need to do more outreach this year.

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

Lynne provided an overview regarding the SSO-CE grant. She stated that they are renewing the grant. She informed the group that they are having a monitoring visit next week (8/22/2019) by NCCEH. She stated that the monitoring is scheduled to last approximately four hours. Lynne noted that Margaret is doing a great job.

**Beaufort County-**Sally provided information regarding the Power of the Purse fundraiser. It will be at the Civic Center in Washington. She brought information regarding the event.

**Tri-County Meeting-** No updates at this time.

## **Housing Updates**

**CCC/Tonette Latham**-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported they assisted 6 families in July (7 adults, 19 children). The total amount of assistance was \$4,991.22.

**GHA**-Tujuanda stated that they are accepting applications. She stated that they are applying for additional HUD Vash Vouchers and they will probably apply for mainstream vouchers as well.

**Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning**- Deloris reported that there is still money and she is still housing clients. She encouraged everyone to keep sending referrals.

**SOAR Updates**-Linda reported that she is working with a couple of clients right now. One person left the shelter. She has had 160 referrals. Linda recently assisted a Veteran with obtaining disability benefits.

**Trillium Health Resources**-Trillium is submitting 3 renewal grants (PSH), a new COC RRH grant for Region 13, a SSO CE grant for regions 11 and 13, and we are offering support to housing authorities applying for mainstream vouchers (apps due 9/5).

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

**C4FVP**-Catonnia stated that the shelter is currently full and that they have been full most of the summer.

**Community Crossroads Center**-Jim stated that Devinder is the new board chair for Community Crossroads. Ken Becker has been hired as the new executive director for Community Crossroads. He will start on 9/16/2019.

**Life of NC**-Ms. Hawkins stated that they will be hosting a gala on 9/19/2019 and she would like to see everyone there. They are still looking for sponsors for the event.

**Veterans Activities**-Gabi stated that the Pitt County Stand-down will be on 10/25/2019 at St. James Church. The DAV will be hosting the event. She will send out fliers and vendor sign up information.

**Next Meeting: September 11, 2019 @ 9:00am**  
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