

Northeastern Homeless Coalition Region 11 Committee Meeting

Conference Call

August 26th, 2020

9:00 AM

Present on the call:

Teresa Forward
Betsy Kelly
Tammy Kitrell
Michelle Welsh
Monica Fiel
Carolyn Anderson
Carol Copeland
Lakitra Claude
Latori Gregory
Cheri Brunson
Jean Freeman
Keisha Darden
Brian Sikes

Lakitra Claude gave an update on the COVID Supplies. She will be in contact with the agencies that requested them. It was suggested those requesting them meet her at a central pickup location.

Brian Sike gave an update on the “Back at Home” program. They are still waiting for the full contract and additional information.

Hotels for Help reported additional funds for 1 week of assistance only. River City CDC and H4H will coordinate their services to best utilize each programs funds.

The 2021 Emergency Shelter Grant notice has been published. Applications are due in October. River City CDC will be applying. There will be training sessions on Sept. 2nd & Sept. 4th. In our region \$109,694.00 is available for housing services and housing stability funds.

Michelle Welsh reviewed purging our by-name list.

There was discussion on groups that may have travel funds for transient persons who desire to return to their original home city/state. Frequently persons arrive in Dare County with a desire to live in a beach area. Often they do not realize there is no sleeping on the beach, high housing costs, and little to no shelter assistance available. Suggestions were made to check with local police departments and Salvation Army.

A criminal background clearance requirement among the partners of the coalition was discussed. At present, it appears only EIC, Inc. has firm rules for denial of admission to the Housing Choice Voucher program for felony, drug, and violent criminal activity. The subject was discussed due to several on the

list had serious pending felony charges. Many felt utilizing funds to attempt to permanently house a person where it appeared incarceration was ahead, was not the best use of program funds.