

Piedmont Regional Committee  
 Virtual Meeting- ZOOM  
 Wednesday September 9 2020

Attendees

Melissa McKeown- Community Shelter Union County
Alicia Broadway -City of Concord
Tiffany Weaver Turning Point
April Lawson- Family Services
Kristina Fausel- City of Concord
Laura Tolbert – Opportunity House
Samantha Hall- Fam Crisis Council
Andrea Merriman (Regional Alternate) Rowan Co.
Erin Kyle – Veteran Services of Carolinas
Marina P – UCCAM
Sarah/Sherry/ Andrea – Rowan Helping Ministries
Teresa Robinson- Community Link
Community Shelter Union County- RRH and Emergency Shelter Case Mgt Team
Tiara McDonald – Homes of Hope Stanly Co
Nicole Dewitt- Community Link

**Approval June Minutes:** Add Alicia Broadway in attendance to last months meeting  
 Passed with Common Consent

- **BACK AT HOME**  
 ESG CV has been awarded and divided into two streams  
 Crisis Response- Emergency Shelters / Street outreach  
 Back at Home Prevention and RRH
- Competition happened in July/Aug- DHHS released 2.2M in Crisis
- In our region 4 agencies were awarded funding : Crisis Min David. Turning Point/Community Shelter of Union and Rowan Helping Ministries  
 Back at Home across BoS -5.8 mil among 16 agencies. Our region included Comm. Link/Rowan Helping/Comm Shelter Union
- ESG CV funding will run through June of 2022 and will come out in 3 different allotments-  
 7/2020 -12/2020: 1/2021-12/2021 : 1/2022-6/2022
- ESG CV \$- COVID RESPONSE/ part of CARES ACT. – having extra resources will help us meet the growing need.
- 211/Unite US/ NC CARE 360. – not live yet. The intention would be if someone should be able to call 211 to triage to see what program they are eligible for and then refer them to that program.
- CDC released nationwide eviction moratorium – not sure what this will mean just yet.  
 If people were affected by COVID, they need to get affidavit that states behind in rent was due to COVID, without the eviction moratorium, would become homeless. Tenant is responsible in getting that affidavit to the LL. Certified mail with sig attached.  
 \*\* NCCEH.org- sign up for updates and information

- Eviction- NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency awarded CDBG to be used for eviction prevention.
- NCORE- Back @home agencies/reach out to the 16 agencies to partner, prevention would be more flexible. Have to be late as of Sept 1 but this funding would be different from ESG prevention. Up to 6 mos rental assistance. Funding could pay late 3 mos and/or fwd 3 mos if income affected by COVID- (ex: fams quit working to do online school,)

### **ESG COMPETITION UPDATES**

-Regional competition that have worked together to rank projects/priorities- all volunteering time to do this, hasn't been an easy process. BoS level came up with a committee to look at ESG process to make changes.

-This year significant changes-. BoS staff responsible for 1 giant application and budget, takes it off this committee!

-Renewal certificate- if you haven't rec'd it , reach out to the ESG office

-Annual grant app timeline :

-RFA released in Aug/webinars last week released last week. Project apps/renewal apps due to NCCEH on **9/15@6pm**. HMIS agencies need to pull CAPERS/reporting/look at data, no more than 8% error rates- forms needs to be notarized and board signed.

**Priority and Recommendation Sheet due: 9/29**

**Final Deadline 10/16 by 5pm**

-Submit through a smartsheet- BoS staff and project committee will review apps-

-Regional Committee priorities and recs due 9/29. – same process/ 10/6

- BoS steering committee will present applicants and steering committee votes. Appeals due 10/8.

-Annual Allocation is based on the PIT count, annual reporting, determines the need in our region and then allocates money based on formula. If agency receives awards, but doesn't spend it, that amount can be reduced the following year.

-Lot of \$ being sent to us now, ESG message- still responsible in spending annual allocation, will last longer than any CV funding. Spend annual first in order to spend it down.

-As of 9/1 – 50% of funds awarded have not been spent for 2020. Spend your annual money down!

### **COC COMPETITION UPDATES** (COC is a reimbursement-based grant/ federal money in our region)

- CoC receipts are Community Link and Community Shelter Union
- Released grant inventory worksheet/what we need to continue to cover our region.
- If your agency is interested in applying, reach out to BoS staff at NCCEH.

### **RACIAL EQUITY ASSESSMENT-** Teresa (representing our CoC)

-Subcommittee that id's disparities and recommends trainings. Looking at policy and having conversations with agencies/staff members.

-Subcommittee has finalized contract with C4 innovations. – 11/10 and 11/17 1230-2pm. Invites to be sent out. Most recently had a dialogue series, 8/26- talked about systemic racism and its impact on homelessness and how shelters can reinforce or challenge systemic racism.

-Racism and Homelessness in Justice Reentry system next dialogue discussion  
-Racial Eq Assessment- Assessment is available on steering committee webpage.

Racial Equity Cabarrus- [www.racialequitycabarrus.org](http://www.racialequitycabarrus.org)

### **COVID 19 PREPARATION DISCUSSION**

Rowan Helping Ministries- needing COVID testing as they come in- exception: people coming from a residential program or coming from prison/jail.

UCCS : over 65 and those with co-morbidity going to hotel/decreased shelter capacity

FEMA is helping to pay for hotel rooms for those who are exposed

### **EMERGENCY SHELTER LEARNING COLLAB-**

Our region was selected to work with NAEH and NCCEH and agencies in region. Learning collab for 8months. 4 agencies still active:

HOMES OF HOPE- CRISIS MIN DAVIDSON- FAM CRISIS COUNCIL ROWAN- COMM SHELTER

100 Day housing challenge-goal is to increase exits to permanent housing

### **PRC COORDINATED ENTRY UPDATE- – Teresa Robinson**

85 on byname list, number is constantly changing.

Why that number is so low- exiting ppl that are housed via RRH immediately.

Not counting people in shelter less than 14 days. Counting those that left shelter with unknown destination. VI SPDAT in system- not active on bi-name list.

Numbers are slowly increasing.

Veteran agencies working to provide job support.

Everyone is working to house and prevent evictions – Transitional housing clients need VI SPDAT. ROI expires for CE. Need a VI SPDAT to verify homelessness.

No current openings with Comm Link RRH or PSH. Please make sure you have documentation.

Last March, annual assessment of CE system, including feedback from PSH, RRH and ES.

Providers feedback was to happen in March, NCCEH reached out to HUD for a waiver, but if eval is determined by HUD, we could need to do one before the end of the year. (Surveys to be done by residents)

### **AUG TASKFORCE REPORTS**

**ROWAN COUNTY** (Sherry) haven't had a taskforce meeting, but meeting individually, starting to do more street outreach- (similar to PIT) created a survey to reach folks.

**CABARRUS COUNTY-** (Laura) Ben Carson tour area, talk about what HUD is doing- Meetings have been on hold. MH taskforce developed that works on peer support, employment, education.

**DAVIDSON COUNTY-** (April)- meetings on hold right now

**STANLY COUNTY-** (Tiara)- on an individual levels been meeting with different folks, working with Nehemiahs project.

**UNION COUNTY-** Thrive Union- working on a lot of initiatives in Union Co/ meeting virtually has been a benefit. Continue to meet monthly.

**NEXT PRC MEETING IS DEC 9 2020  
PLATFORM WILL BE VIRTUAL**