

Northeastern Homeless Coalition
Region 11
February 10, 2021

Minutes

Present:

Lakitra Claude
Teresa Forward
Chenelle Riddick
Ciera Swain
Michele Welsh
Tammy Kittrell
Carolyn Anderson
Brian Fike
Nicole Wilson
Marti Chick-Ebey
Patricia Holley
Tim Andrews
Michael Jones

Lakitra Claude opened the meeting and introduced the committee to Mr. Michael Jones, Director of OBX Room in the Inn.

Five families were case conferenced with all being referred to the Rapid Rehousing Program.

Back@Home – housing specialists have been hired and trained. All referrals should be made by calling 211. Once the individuals do the assessment, the assessment will go to Trillium Health Resources and then a housing specialist will contact them to gather more information and discuss next steps.

River City reports that no motel funding is available at this time. ESC budget only earmarks around \$35,000 for hotel expenses. This amount has been depleted for 2021. They are hoping COVID phase 2 funds will come through this week. Many clients are currently relying on outside funding from churches, etc. As a result, many who were housed in the hotel have lost their status as homeless because they have either paid for the room themselves, or are staying with friends/family members.

River City expects to house 3 additional families from our list this week.

It was mentioned that there are no SOAR workers in Region 11. The closet SOAR worker is in Pitt County and only serves Pitt. More resources for groups assisting families is needed in our region.

Lakitra Claude reported a resource of assistance for those trying to apply for disability. An attorney in Dare County will assist. She will forward us his contact information.

Tammy Kittrell reported client calling 211 and he reported back that he was told that he could not apply because he was single. Based on knowledge from the group present, this did not seem to be accurate.

An update of families housed in the past 90 days was given by River City CDC (*see the case conference notes*).

The committee expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Forward for her hard work and dedication to the committee. This will be her last meeting because she is retiring.

Next Meeting will be February 24th at 9:00 AM