

Northeastern Homeless Coalition  
Region 11

November 4, 2021

**Minutes**

**Those Present:**

- Lakitra Claude - Trillium
- Autumn Henderson – Trillium
- Kelly Hoeltzel – United Way
- Martha Chick-Ebey – Hampton VA
- Michele Welch – Trillium
- Starr Cooper – River City
- Leah Armstrong – Tyrrell DSS
- Amy Moore – Trillium
- Cherri Brunson – ARHS
- Lillian Dance – EIC, Inc.
- Laura Sykes – EIC, Inc.
- Whitney Smith-Johnson – Daughters of Zion
- Aryjana Askew – River City
- Sonya Williams-Askew – Vidant
- Reta Blair – EIC, Inc.
- Tammy Kittrell - Trillium

- ❖ Lakitra thanked everyone for joining the call and proceeded to carry out the meeting. Everyone present introduced themselves and what agency they were representing.

**Agency Overview**

- Daughters of Zion Restoration – Whitney Smith-Johnson
  - Homeless shelter center whose mission is to provide support, guidance, and knowledge to assist young, single mothers who are homeless (pregnant women and/or women with children)
  - Will cover Gates and Hertford counties – may be able to assist other counties
  - The program will offer: 3 night hotel vouchers, gas vouchers, food stipends, toiletries and a laundry stipend
  - Provides case management
  - Therapy services will be provided, if needed
  - Referrals can be made online or over the phone
  - Official launch – January 11, 2022
- Community Care Collaborative – Kelly Hoeltzel
  - A program through Albemarle United Way that covers Camden, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties
  - Provides gap crisis funding – families in need who may be facing eviction and/or utility disconnection. In terms of homelessness, the program may be able to assist with rental deposits; they do not offer hotel stays
  - May be able to assist with handicapped ramps

**New referrals and By-name List Review**

- Three new cases were staffed. At this time no housing programs in the region have any openings and everyone was placed on the waitlist. One case is also on the by-name list for region 12. Michele will reach out to the CE Lead of that region.

## **Review and Updates**

- Updates were given on the individuals on the by-name list. Many are still in the housing search.

## **Election**

- Lakitra informed the committee that a few leadership positions had to be filled – Regional Alternate Lead and PIT Lead. Per the Balance of State, elections should take place in December, but because of everyone's schedule, elections were held today. The committee was given a copy of the roles and responsibilities for each leadership role before the meeting and asked to think about what role they would like to participate in. When it came time for volunteers and nominations, no one stepped up. Everyone said that their schedules and job duties would not allow them to fill the positions. The Regional Alternate Lead and PIT Lead positions remain vacant.

## **Program Updates**

- B@H Trillium – not accepting referrals and trying to house those on the waitlist
- B@H River City – not accepting referrals and trying to house those on the waitlist
- Rapid Re-housing – not accepting referrals at this time
- Permanent Supportive Housing – no openings at this time
- Section 8 – all waitlist are closed at this time
- HOPWA – accepting referrals at this time

## **Announcements**

- The Economic Improvement Council's Early Head Start/Head Start Program is now accepting applications along with Toys for Tots applications.

## **Adjournment**

- The next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 9:00am