

WNC HOMELESS COALITION

Regular Meetings -2nd Thursday of the month

December 13th 10:00 am -11:00 am

Referral and Monitoring Meeting/RRH Selection Committee 11:00-12:00 pm

MINUTES

Normand Duhaime	Appalachian Community Services
Mindy Rathbone	EACH Initiative
Bob Cochran	Jackson Homeless Program, Southwestern Child Development
Marilyn Chamberlin	Jackson Homeless Program, Southwestern Child Development
Tyler Henry	Jackson Homeless Program, Southwestern Child Development
Bob Bourke	Macon New Beginnings
Rhonda Blanton	Macon Senior Center Community Resources
Toby Adams	REACH of Cherokee County
Judith Alvarado	REACH of Clay County
Sarah Martin	REACH of Clay County
Ashley Freeman	REACH of Macon County
Destri Leger	REACH of Macon County/Center for Domestic Peace
Jim Tanner	VA
Monica Frizzell	VAYA Health
Claudia Mattheiss	WNCAP
Stephanie Almeida	WNCAP

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- **Introductions/ Attendance**
- **Approval of Minutes /Review of Action Items**
 - November minutes to be circulated before January meeting
- **Balance of State Steering Committee Update**
 - **Ending Chronic Homelessness/PIT Kick Off**
 - NCCEH has decided to use this year's Point in Time (PIT) count as a kick off to their ending chronic homelessness campaign. The goal is "No County Uncounted". Last year, WNCHC was able to get sheltered count numbers in all county but one (Graham). This year we will continue those efforts while also adding Street Outreach to those living unsheltered and not interacting with the homeless services system. WNCHC will provide training, materials, and guidance for each county to conduct its count, but it will ultimately be up to contacts in the county to secure volunteers and locate those living unsheltered. January's meeting will follow up on PIT efforts and instructions.
 - Monica will conduct outreach to Appalachian for continued involvement in PIT and will reach out to My Father's House in Franklin for new participation.
- **Coordinated Assessment Update**
 - Service providers need to ensure that they are continuing to enter their VISPDATs into Google Docs even when we do not have resources or funding available because it is vital that the region show need year-round.
 - NC Balance of State will be conducting a Coordinated Assessment review in January that will mimic PIT surveying but in relation to each Region's CA/VISPDAT interactions.
- **Rapid Rehousing update**
 - RRH received their contract for the \$47,500 that they were awarded for RRH. Providers can begin bringing RRH referrals for staffing to the January meeting. Be sure that you have entered your clients 'information into Google Docs (contact Monica or Destri for assistance) and have a Release to discuss your client's case if you choose to use identifying information (a Release can be provided by WNCHC if you do not have one) **PRIOR** to bringing their referral for staffing.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing Update**

- PSH had two slots come available since last month. One person on the waiting list has a completed application. Options re: filling slots were discussed in RAMM.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- **End of Year Business**

- **Finalize elected positions for 2019**

- Destri – REACH of Macon/Center for Domestic Peace - Regional Lead
 - TBD – Alternate Lead (REACH of Macon & SWCD to consider)
 - TBD – Coordinated Assessment lead (Destri will follow up w Kristy at Meridian to confirm if she will serve as CA lead)
 - Judith/Sarah –REACH of Clay County - Regional Lead
 - Final decisions to be made by 12/31/18.

- **ESG Outcomes**

- The Coalition has not received information re: regional allotments but should receive same in the upcoming weeks when they are finalized. An explanation ESG's scoring has been circulated to ESG recipients via email; an additional copy will be attached to these minutes.

- **2019 Tentative Monthly Agenda**

- WNC Homeless Coalition wants to give each county in the region the opportunity to host a coalition meeting in their county. Additionally, Brian Alexander from North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness/Balance of State will be visiting our February meeting and Kim Crawford from the state ESG office will be visiting in June. At this time, our 2019 tentative agenda is as follows:

January 10th, Jackson County, Family Resource Center – PIT

February 14th, Jackson County, Family Resource Center – Brian Alexander visit

March 14th, Haywood County, Haywood Pathways Center – Haywood services

April 11th, Macon County, REACH of Macon County – Macon services

May 9th - TBD

June 13th, Jackson County, Family Resource Center – Kim Crawford visit

July 11th – Madison County, location TBD – Madison services

August 8th – Jackson County, Family Resource Center – ESG application prep & review

September 12th – TBD

October 10th – TBD

November 14th – TBD

December 12th – TBD

- Destri will reach out to My Sister's Place to see if they are interested in hosting Madison's meeting; Stephanie will reach out to secure contacts and

meeting locations for Graham County, Swain County, and an additional Macon County meeting; Judith will coordinate with Dawn at the Hinton Center to see what month would be preferable for Clay to host.

- VI-SDAT Scoring/Referral Update

- The group has decided to revisit its current VI-SPDAT Scoring & Referral sheet after the new year to better determine if/how needs have changed.

2018-19 ESG RFA Grant Award Explainer

Good Afternoon – We have received a number of questions regarding the ESG RFA review process. We, therefore, thought it important to give you an explanation as to how funding was determined.

We reviewed all applications based on a number of factors. As an ESG Funder, we are reviewing *for ESG requirements / criteria* - Applications, as noted in your award notification, were reviewed for your demonstrated ability *to meet and comply with HUD, ESG, and North Carolina policy and guidelines*. The review was broken down into a three-step process. All application were reviewed by a 3-person independent review committee, in the following steps::

1. Application Sections 1-15 **Returning Applicants** (Max score 140 points / minimum passing 100 points)

Application Sections 1-15 **New Applicants** (Max Score 140 points / minimum passing 110 points)

2. Application Activities **Returning Applicants** (Max score per activity 30 points / minimum passing score 20)

Application Activities **New Applicants** (Max score per activity 30 points / minimum passing score 22)

- o Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelter, Homeless Prevention, Street Outreach, and HMIS

3. Contract Performance Measures **Returning Applicants Only** (returning / renewing applicants only. Max score 30 points / minimum passing score 20)

- o Performance Measure #2 (Desk Monitoring – financial and client file)
- o Performance Measure #3 (QPR)
- o Performance Measure #4 & #5 (Requisition submissions)

Passing score in all three steps above, moves applicant to Award determination.

4. Award determination: \$\$ Amount requested x Tier status = award amount.
 - o Tier 1 = \$\$ request x 100%
 - o Tier 2 = \$\$ request x 80%
 - o Tier 3 = \$\$ requested x 50%

Returning or Previously funded organizations Exception:

- Returning or Previously funded organizations who do have Application Section scores 70-99, will have an opportunity to achieve a passing score through the “special considerations” process. Should the applicant achieve a “passing” score after submitting the requested info / docs, the ESG Office will consider funding at the Tier 2 Funding level.
- Returning or Previously funded organizations who do have Activity scores 15-19, will have an opportunity to achieve a passing score through the “special considerations” process. Should the applicant achieve a “passing” score after submitting the requested info / docs, the ESG Office will consider funding at the Tier 2 Funding level.

If funded, the grant award notification*** contained the award \$\$ along with “requirements / special considerations” necessary to submit to the ESG Office no later than Dec 14th, 12 noon. Once received and accepted, grant awards will be determined accordingly.

*** The State retains the right to reject or modify proposals that do not meet threshold criteria, negotiate program features, terms, and funding amounts. Once grants awards have been finalized, CoCs will be notified.

Should you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact our office.

