

**Region 12 (Inner Banks) Minutes
Regional Meeting NC Balance of State,
Continuum of Care
February 9, 2022- 9:00 AM**

Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19

Attendance

Tijuana Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority (Host)
Naomi Anderson, Community Crossroads Center
Sally Love, United Way of Beaufort
Phoenix Hinson, City of Greenville
Devinder Culver
James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning Alt
Lynne James, Pit County Planning
James Cox, Community Partner
Angela Bates, Green Lamp
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
Brian Fike, Trillium Health Resources
Kim Anderson/Erica Palmer, Pitt County Schools
Erica Palmer, Pitt County Schools
Bridgette Moore, Green Lamp-Pitt County
Laura Coleman, Center of Family Violence Prevention
Lakita Claude, Trillium Health Resources
Stephanie Elliott, Greenville, Housing Authority
Angela Ellis, Martin County Department of Social Services
Myra Felton, Trillium Health Resources
Brian Fike, Trillium Health Resources
Mitch James, Trillium Health Resources
Tammy Kittrell, Trillium Health Resources
Bridgette Jones, Greene Lamp
Amy Modlin, Trillium Health Resources

Welcome

Tijuana Sanders opened the meeting and called for introductions.

Consideration of January 2022 Regional Meeting Minutes

Minutes were presented to the group by Tujuanda Sanders. Mr. James Rhodes offered a motion of approval and a second by Mrs. Lynne James.

Updates/Reports

Point In Time- Stephanie Elliot thanked everyone for participating in the 2022 PIT count for the unsheltered in region 12. The unsheltered access team, community partners, and many volunteers made many phone calls that included three cycles of calls to the phone numbers listed. However, the

effort was tremendous, but volunteers couldn't make much in-person contact due to the COVID precautions. The unsheltered access team/volunteers completed the unsheltered count on February 28, 2022, by 3 PM. The PIT count isn't ready to present to the group. However, Lynne James confirmed the report is still running and will report the finding to the group at the next meeting on March 9, 2022. Mr. James Rhodes acknowledges the hard work of all the participants and a job well done!

Emergency Solutions Grant- Lynne James (No Updates)

BOS Steering Committee- Tijuanda informed the group that the BOS Steering committee met on February 1, 2022, and discussed the COC Dashboard. This Dashboard will give participating agencies access to data such as Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and Demographics for applicants. This advancement will allow live updates of individuals being served by homeless programs. The meeting also included the discussion of PIT count for purposes of the group. Deloris Farmer reports that she has completed the housing inventory reports and will inform the SOARS report at the next meeting. Tijuana thanks Deloris Farmer for a job well done! Tijuana informed the group that HUD has a Coordinated Entry Equity Initiative (Racial Equity Sub Committee) Presentation from the BOS Steering Committee; she will send the presentation to the group for review.

Referral Process for NC Commission on Indian Affairs Emergency Housing Voucher Program- Lynne James states that the NC Commission on Indian Affairs will allow housing agencies to apply for emergency housing vouchers. GHA has a second opportunity to get emergency housing vouchers for this region. NC Commission on Indian Affairs was awarded 441 vouchers for participants; however, this is too many vouchers to distribute in their area. The BOS was notified of the abundance and is open to all 79 Counties. The referral process is done through the electronic program "smartsheets". The portal to process requests opened Monday, February 7, 2022. Lynne reviewed the By-Name list and identified possible clients' eligibility for the Indian Affairs emergency vouchers. There are applicants on the by-name list that had a voucher through GHA but has recently expired; these applicants are candidates for referral along with candidates on the list that have been homeless the longest. When any agency encounters homeless candidates, Lynne James is the POC for referrals; the candidates will go on the by-name list and assess their situation to move forward. The process is competitive because most counties do not receive any emergency homeless vouchers, which is an opportunity for them to apply. Tijuana added that the candidates'/Families must be in a lease for at least 10month to step up from Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing. Tijuana has informed the Center of Family Violence Prevention shelter and the VA about this opportunity for emergency vouchers. Stephanie and Tijuanda have done a presentation about Emergency Housing Vouchers. Also noted an individual or family can only transfer from Housing Authorities using the Emergency Housing Vouchers. Also noted from Lynne James, when referring a candidate for the Emergency Vouchers, Balance of State & Coordinated Entry, must sign off for authorization.

Community Resources & Agency Updates

Greene Lamp- Angela Bates expressed to the group that the agency is still accepting applications in Pitt & Beaufort County for CSBG, Cares program (funds are for those affected by COVID). Bridgette Moore (252.933.0716) & Ms. Brown (252.414.6982) are POC for the agency.

Eviction Diversion- Tijuanda will lead the next meeting set for February 16, 2022, to work on future action items.

Trillium Health Resources- No updates

Coordinated Entry- Lynne James stressed the importance of candidates being considered for the Emergency Housing Grant; the candidates must go through the evaluation process to determine the best housing placement. Funding for the Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing requires Coordinated Entry for candidates to be listed on the by-name housing list for prioritizing housing. Margeret Dixon, Outreach Specialist for the region, will assess referrals; also, most shelters can do the assessments (CCC, GHA, Zion, Open Door, Ruth House, Beaufort DV shelter, Center for Family Violence Prevention). This process is critical for the PIT count to address the vulnerable unsheltered. Eviction Diversion Programs through Pitt County DSS and the City of Greenville have ended. The HOPE Program has ended for North Carolina.

TANF- Naomi, funds are still available for housing.

Legal Aid- No updates

Pitt County Schools- No updates

Housing Program Updates

Trillium Health Resources- No updates

Community Crossroads Center- Naomi, shelter is still at half capacity, no word on hotel funding.

Greenville Housing Authority- No updates

Pitt County Rapid Rehousing Programs (ESG & COC)- Deloris states the program has available funding.

Center for Family Violence Prevention- Laura, the safe house is at capacity. The center is working with a developer in Greenville and the City of Greenville to build housing units. The hope is for there to be 18 transitional housing units designated explicitly for domestic violence victims: possibly ready by December 2023. The center is also applying for a transitional housing grant.

Announcements- Angela, Martin County DSS, funding available for the LIAP and Crisis Intervention Program for heating and cooling and individuals who qualify for repair and connection of heating systems. Some funding is available for rental assistance (a small pot of money). Jim confirms Pitt County has some of those funds available to the citizens.

Adjournment- Motion by Lynne James and seconded by James Rhodes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2022