

Northeastern Homeless Coalition
Region 11

July 14, 2022

Minutes

Those Present:

- Lakitra Claude – Trillium
- Michele Welsh – Trillium
- Kisha Darden – Trillium
- Victoria Gray – River City
- Tammy Kittrell – Trillium
- Jessica Williams – Access East
- Reta Blair – EIC, Inc.
- Nicole Wilson – Durham VA
- Cherri Brunson – ARHS
- Marti Chick-Ebey – Hampton VA
- Nicole Walker – Albemarle Hopeline
- Shaneika Smith – Daughters of Zion
- Whitney S. Johnson – Daughters of Zion

Roll Call/Introductions

- Everyone on the call introduced themselves and stated what agency they were from.

ESG Funding – Lakitra Claude

- The purpose of the Emergency Solutions Grant is to provide assistance to rapidly rehouse individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness, assist with the operating costs of emergency shelters, and decrease homelessness through preventive programs and activities
- The RFA will be released on July 19th and it is a reimbursement grant
- Region 11's allotted fair share is \$109,622; \$65,773 (60%) max can be used towards emergency shelter and \$43,658 (40%) can be used towards housing stability
- The funding can be used for street outreach, emergency shelter (including hotel stays), rapid re-housing and homeless prevention
- All applicants must attend the webinar on July 20th at 2:30pm hosted by NCCEH and the ESG office will have 3 webinars – July 26th, July 28th and August 2nd
- The Project Application is due to NCCEH by 6pm on August 12th for review
- Other important dates: Review of Project Applications - August 15th – 23rd; Project Review Committee Selection Meeting – August 24th, Steering Committee Project Application Recommendation Approval – September 13th; Appeal Due – September 16th; Project and Regional Applications Due to NC DHHS – October 3rd

Unsheltered CE Workbook – Michele Welsh

- Each region is supposed to have an Unsheltered Access Coordinator. The position should be the regional point person for providers on unsheltered access. The coordinator will also work with the CE Lead, connect people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to the CE system and BNL, evaluate monthly progress on connecting people living unsheltered to the BNL, ensure data

collection happens on all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, engage all providers/organizations/stakeholders to understand the process, and provide additional training to providers/organizations/stakeholders

- All counties must have outreach and follow-up providers that cover basic services, CE Assessment (VI-SPDAT) and referrals
- The workbook is to include:
 - Street Outreach Section
 - Who is doing the on the ground outreach in a particular county?
 - How often will the provider be doing outreach activities in the county?
 - How is the provider getting the data collected into HMIS?
 - What specific activities is the provider offering to the household?
 - Follow-up Section
 - Who is doing the follow up work with unsheltered folks in that part of the community?
 - How often will that provider be doing follow-up activities for that part of the community?
 - How is the provider getting the data they collect into HMIS?
 - What specific activities is this provider offering to household?

Regional Leadership – Lakitra Claude

- The Regional Alternate Lead position needs to be filled since Cara has resigned. Victoria Gray has agreed to fill the position.
- The floor was open to see if anyone else was interested in the position and no one else expressed interest in the position.
- A vote was taken to have Victoria become the new Regional Alternate Lead and she won unanimously

Case Conferencing – Michele Welsh

- Updates were given on individuals that were conferenced during past meetings
- New cases were presented for housing programs

Agency Updates

- The Economic Improvement Council still has CARES funding available until September 30th 2022. The funds will be used to assist families affected by COVID-19

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2022

*****Due to confidentiality, case conferencing notes are not included with the minutes*****