

**Region 12 (Inner Banks) Minutes  
Regional Meeting NC Balance of State,  
Continuum of Care  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022- 9:00 am**

**Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19**

**Attendance**

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority (Host)  
Naomi Anderson, Community Crossroads Center  
Phoenix Hinson, City of Greenville  
Lakitra Claude, Trillium Health Resources  
Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department  
Lynne James, Pit County Planning  
Angela Bates, Green Lamp  
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning  
Bridgette Moore, Green Lamp-Pitt County  
Ashley Justesen, Trillium Health Resources  
Kim Anderson, Pitt County Schools  
Lori Ellyn Guttman, City of Greenville  
Stephanie Elliott, Greenville Housing Authority  
Renee Joyner,  
Janet Parks,  
Shalakee Edwards,  
Catonnia Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention  
Shirley Mitchell, Center for Family Violence Prevention

**Welcome**

Tujuanda Sanders opened the meeting and called for introductions.

**Consideration of December 2021 Regional Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were presented to the group by Lynne James for review. Bridgette Moore offered a motion of approval for minutes and seconded Devinder Culver.

**Updates/Reports/ NC Balance of State Action Items**

**Unsheltered Access/Point in Time-** Stephanie reports the unsheltered assess team met yesterday, 9/13/2022, at 10:00 am. The BOS requires the Unsheltered Access team to provide a workbook that outlines the path for the unsheltered individuals who are entered into the coordinated entry system. The team has now found designated locations for meeting the unsheltered individuals in the community. Open invites to any group member interested in joining the Unsheltered Access team.

**Emergency Solutions Grant-** Applications advanced are due October 3, 2022, to the ESG office at DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services). The BOS Steering Committee sent out information through

email regarding if or how to change information on the application. The NC ESG Office is now accepting requests for additional funds through a reallocation process. There is approximately \$3,169,736 available for reallocation. Of this, \$400,802 is additional funds reallocated from HUD, and \$3,169,736 is a reallocation of funds from our original award (ESG-CV). If you are awarded additional funds, the NC ESG Office will determine which source of funds you will receive. Requests do not guarantee that additional funds will be awarded. To request additional funds, please email [ncesg@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:ncesg@dhhs.nc.gov) by noon on Friday, September 16, with the following information. You would not be considered for additional funds if you did not meet the 50% expenditure deadline by 6/16/22. If your current expenditure rate is not 65% or more, you will not be considered for additional funds.

**BOS Steering Committee-** A topic of discussion during the Steering Committee meeting was the Coordinated Entry Surveys given to RRH & PSH clients. 17% of the participants' responses indicated that the Vi-SPDAT accurately reflects the needs of the individuals the agencies serve. 73% suggests that half of the time, the individuals are served through participating agencies. Tujuanda will send out the results to the group via email. The BOS is considering adding additional questions to the scorecards regarding COC & ESG, organization participation in the survey process, and evaluation of applicants on the Coordinated Entry Surveys. Lynne responded, "she did not think it was necessary to add that all of the regions are attempting to administer the surveys but are not required for participants to participate; there is no leverage to require them to ."Response from COC- participation in Coordinated Entry is a requirement, which is why BOS will add the questions. The group is aware of the possibility of a low rating; if the participation is low, this may affect funding for agencies. The group will collaborate on ways to encourage individuals to participate in surveys.

**2022 COC Grant competition update-** All project renewals are in Tier-1 (guaranteed funding) for the upcoming year. Trillium Health Resources, Greenville Housing Authority, and Pitt County Planning projects are renewed for the next grant cycle. Greenville Housing Authority "Project Life" is in the Tier-2 phase. Green Lamp was not funded in this year's grant cycle. The competition was challenging this year; congratulation to all the agencies that participated, whether money was awarded or not. Great Job! The ESG has put in a new matrix to evaluate applications. This year the COC is holding agencies harmless due to agencies not knowing the COC changed the matrix system. No funding is guaranteed next year because of the new matrix; if agencies don't score high, regardless of being former grantees for years, the COC may not renew projects. Please, **ALL** agencies, pay attention to the "Score Cards ."Pheonix Hinson encourages the group to join the Score Card Committee. Congratulations to Pitt County Planning on scoring above the threshold regarding Score Cards.

### **Community Resources & Agency Updates**

Greene Lamp- The COVID grant funds are exhausted. The grant was able to serve 700+ individuals with rental assistance, utilities, etc. Green Lamp is accepting applications for the CBSG grant to assist with finding full-time employment.

Greenville Housing Authority's Housing Stability Counseling Program Grant- This grant provides Tech Assistance, Housing Search, and Budgeting Counseling. Section-8 voucher tenants dismissed from the Pecan Grove housing community are assisting with the housing search.

Eviction Diversion- No update. GHA has an upcoming landlord forum on 9/16/2022.

Coordinated Entry- Satisfaction surveys are due on 9/16/2022.

TANF- Funding available. Remind applicants that a minor must be in the home or meet the kinship rule (court-ordered custody). Applicants must have a source of income to support rental obligations.

### **Housing Program Updates**

**Trillium Health Resources-** PHS slots are available; please forward the referral to Lakitra Claude.

**Community Crossroads Center-** Space availability is limited. No male beds, one female bed.

**Greenville Housing Authority-** Opening the PSH list. GHA has received their Emergency, Food, and Shelter funds. These funds will aid in paying rent arrears, mortgages, and utility payments; rent arrears are up to 3-month or \$1,500. The applicant must have a valid Lease, Income (SSI, SSDI, unemployment, etc.) Birth Certificate, valid ID, SSC, and a specific crisis. The grant allows DHA to pay rent arrears, and for the current month, the grant will not pay any fees (late fees, court fees, pet fees, etc.) and no security deposit. GHA is currently working from a waitlist and accepting all referrals.

**Pitt County Rapid Rehousing Programs (ESG & COC)-** Money is available and still accepting referrals. COC Coordinated Entry will refer names off the by-name list to Trillium for PSH availability.

**Center for Family Violence Prevention-** At capacity.

**Announcements-** Kim Anderson- Pitt County Schools says the school will support collaboration to support individuals from birth-21 experiencing homelessness. The school has monies to support family projects such as study and calming corners, supplies, and tutoring. Ms. Anderson will stop at different agencies with flyers for needy families.

**Adjournment-** Motioned by Lynne James and Seconded by Naomi Anderson.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 9 am (Virtual)