

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

Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19

Attendance

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority (Host)
Phoenix Hinson, City of Greenville
Ashley Justesen, Trillium Health Resources
Kisha Darden, Trillium Health Resources
Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department
Lynne James, Pitt County Planning
James Cox, Community Partner
Lori Guttman- City of Greenville
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
Bridgette Moore, Green Lamp-Pitt County
Phoenix Hinson- City of Greenville
Laketra Claude- Trillium Health Resources
Stephanie Elliott- Greenville Housing Authority
Catonnia Pitt- Center for Family Violence Prevention

Welcome

Tujuanda Sanders opened the meeting and called for introductions.

Consideration of September 2022 Regional Meeting Minutes

Minutes were presented to the group by Tujuanda Sanders for review. Lynne James offered a motion of approval and a second by Phoenix Hinson.

Updates/Reports/N.C. Balance of the State Action Items

Point In Time/Unsheltered Access-Stephanie reports no updates currently. The Unsheltered Access Team is not doing the 3rd round of calls; the team is coordinating ways to reach the unsheltered in the community. The Unsheltered team is preparing for the 1st round of calls, starting at the beginning of the year. Lynne asked the group for all HMIS users to please update contact information as it is received. The Unsheltered is having difficulty contacting individuals, and removing names from the By-Name list is exhausting.

Emergency Solutions Grant- Pitt County Planning and the Center for Family Violence Prevention submitted their application on time to the Balance of State, and the applications are currently under review.

BOS Steering Committee- Greenville Housing Authority submitted a letter of support for the “Special NOFA” project. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a first-of-its-kind package of resources to address unsheltered homelessness and homeless encampments, including funds to address homelessness in rural communities. GHA currently has 25 vouchers for assisting the unsheltered homeless, who are identified by the Unsheltered Access Team and listed on the By-Name List. Lynne discusses with the group that the working poor, families with no voucher, and non-homeless individuals are not receiving any assistance and are struggling to remain in their homes. Tonya Foreman (CARES Program) is concerned about effectively reaching this population and restructuring the programs to close the GAP. Lynne informs the group about the shortage of housing and the lack of or little income the unsheltered population makes; it is becoming tough to remove names when added to the By-Name List. Most individuals are desperate for housing and are looking to the housing program to provide services. There needs to be a straightforward solution to assist with housing and shorten the By-Name List. Some of the background barriers make the housing search harder and harder.

Discussion regarding Elections for 2023 COC Leadership (Due to N.C. Balance of State by December 15, 2022). Positions: Regional Lead, Regional Alternate, Coordinated Entry Lead, and Project Review Committee Representative. The group agrees to hold the election at the November 2022 Regional meeting.

Community Resources & Agency Updates

Greene Lamp- “The POP-UP GIVEAWAY” at North Pitt County Improvement was successful, with over 225 people receiving hurricane kits, children’s bookbags, and shoes for (children, women, and men).

Eviction Diversion- The group is concerned with the duplication of services and trying to figure out ways to track rental assistance. Suggestions of different software to utilize to track service (NC CARE 360, HMIS).

Trillium Health Resources- No updates

Coordinated Entry- Opportunity to reapply for a grant (25k), BOS grant cycle starts in December.

TANF- No updates

Housing Program Updates

Community Crossroads Center- No updates

Greenville Housing Authority- The Housing Authority of the City of Greenville (HACG) will receive funding for \$2,085,540 for the construction of "ARISE" which will consist of twenty (20) apartments for youth and young adults between the ages of 18 - 24 who are transitioning out of foster care and have no place to go. The Housing Authority of the City of Greenville is seeking to fill the housing gap by developing affordable units specifically for this population to prevent and end youth homelessness in Pitt County and surrounding counties. GHA is actively leasing up 20 vouchers, with 12 available openings. Staff is actively working on opening slots for PSH and Mainstream vouchers by contacting individuals on the By-Name List but is having a difficult time due to needing contact information.

Pitt County Rapid Rehousing Programs (ESG & COC)- Available funding, accepting clients

Center for Family Violence Prevention- No updates- beds are available.

Announcements- The landlord forum went well, the new landlord had questions, and GHA provided them with accurate information regarding Section-8 voucher requirements.

Adjournment- Motion by Deloris Farmer and seconded by Lynne James.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 9 am (Virtual)