

Uni5 Meeting – January 18, 2023

In Attendance: Teena Willis, Partners Behavioral Health; Rachel Heck, Family Care Center; Casey McCall, Hickory Police Department; Tonya Freeman, Burke United Christian Ministries; Angie Repass, Salvation Army; Lauri SoJourney, Mission Ministries Alliance; Treshella Ross, Bonnie Harper, Amber Story, Ashley Von Hatten, NCCH; Lori Watts, Leila McMichael, Kwanzaa Family Inn; LeAnne Greer, Kwanzaa Family Inn; Alexis Hasson, Family Care Center; Laura Gilmore, Mission Ministries Alliance; Vanessa Austin, Burke Recovery HARBOUR Program Coordinator; Renee Moriarty, The Cognitive Connection; Beverly Carlton, Olive Hill Community Economic Development Corporation, Inc.; Priscilla Jenkins, The Bridge Community, Inc. Alexander County.

Welcome – Amber Story. Introduction of new minute keeper(s)

Agenda Overview

Review of December Minutes -

No opposed – December Minutes approved.

Code of Conduct/UNI5 Expectations

NC Balance of State Continuum of Care Code of Conduct

Slide deck will go out in the email before next weekend. More information can be found in the slide deck

Code of Conduct Outline – Important to remember 'Abide by the NC BoS CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy.

Balance of State Steering Committee Update – Teena Willis

- Nothing major. Meeting held on January 10th 2023. Introductions were made. Conflict of Interest form was gone over.
- PIT Count 2023

These meetings are open to the community. If you are wanting to learn more and get more information from the state level you are welcome to join. Especially if you're interested in learning about funding. Always on a Tuesday at same time. They send detailed minutes & an agenda

Upcoming NCCEH Events:

- These are virtual meeting events.

Coordinated Entry Update – Ashley Von Hatten

Still meeting bi-monthly for CE list. Last week's meeting 6 or 7 referrals. Good feeling moving forward through the list. The only highlight is that moving forward that everyone is keeping HMIS updated so that Case Conferencing is smoother with having the most updated information in there.

Coordinated Entry minute taker is needed. Amber is currently filling that role and she would love to pass that along to another participant.

If you would like to be added to any of these committees email list contact Ashley to be added to these lists.

PIT Count – January 25th

- A lot of updates to be provided in each region.
- Updates for each area:
 - o Tonya (Burke County)
 - Address this by forming smaller sub-committees. Tonya is doing Burke, Amber is Catawba, Priscilla is Alexander Leeanne and Chasity is Caldwell, hoping to make a connection at Mission Alliance in McDowell to handle that.
 - Tonya said in Burke coin the term '#burkecountseveryone' when it's called a count or survey it causes a negative reaction from the unsheltered people they are hesitant to participate. Good feedback so far.
 - Set up a landing page for #burkecountseveryone so that folks can go online and learn more
 - John Mally and Christine Gillmore were identified as the point people for McDowell (from McDowell Mission)
 - Hand out cards – opens up and have been passing them out to the community asking them to participate. Explains the reason behind the count so we can get an accurate picture of homelessness in the community. Has been well received. Law enforcement has been helpful in passing that out.
 - Planning an event on January 26th (Th) opportunity for people who are unsheltered to participate in Health Fair type of activities. Opportunity for those who are already in HMIS to confirm living situation. 9-2p held at BUCM.
 - Pop Up Survey events at rural areas. Small pockets of areas that are being served by local citizens and churches and they are connecting with them where they are rather than wait on them to come in for services. Pushing for the most accurate count

- **Priscilla** – Alexander County. Will start on Jan. 21st. Will give out info and collect info from homeless. A hot meal will be provided, food items to take with them, clothes, toiletries. 27th will go back for a 2nd meal and confirmation on count. Will have done by Feb. 1st by having these two meals.
 - Tonya is helping fix a platform in Alexander so that people can submit their information online.
- **Leila & LeeAnne – Caldwell Update** – working to get collaboration in Caldwell. Hoping to engage individuals to get the count as accurate as possible. Wanting connection to resources to be able to get information out. Looking for bags to give to individuals doing the survey at the Lenoir SoupKitchen.
- **If you have flyers to send out send to Teena or Amber and they will share with the distribution list.**
- McDowell County – Christine Gilmore will be running PIT along with her street outreach coordinator. Wanting to learn more about how to do this as they've never done it before. Making plans but still gathering ideas.
- **Amber Catawba County** – Three locations that will supporting an event on Jan 26th. A lot of volunteers. Hickory Soup Kitchen, Strong Life Ministries and Corner Table. Transportation will be offered. Community partners will hand out items. Free meal at all locations so that we can engage. Renee Neal will be doing data collection.
- **Ashley Von Hatten – Data collection expectation for sheltered and unsheltered.**
 - *Three different ways to count people.*
 - *Shelter count. Emergency & Transitional or Permanent housing. Make sure HMIS is updated it will count for you. Or Counting Us*
 - *Unsheltered county – regional byname list. Counts Unsheltered folks. Form in chat available to know what data is to be collected when having those conversations. You must enter the data into HMIS if you have an appropriate project. If you do not, you have a process to enter that. Look for an email from Ashley to describe how to do that.*
- Links to PIT data collection available in slide deck.
 - There is a pre-recording training available. It breaks it down significantly.
 - Training spaces where you can learn how to collect data in person as well.
- Remember to maintain confidentiality. Script to how to engage individuals.
- Ashley will send out a by-name list to the group. This will let everyone know where we're sitting in each county with folks who are living in a place not meant for human habitation.

Open Discussion

- Tonya Freeman – Committee – we are supposed to let NCEEH know who we are appointing to these committees. Beverly has volunteered to sit on the Project Review committee. Regional Committee should choose ScoreCard committee in the first quarter of the year.
 - o Nomination for ScoreCard committee. Composed of representatives from each region. Committee meets early in each quarter to discuss. Someone does not receive COC funding would be a good fit for this position. 2-3 meetings in the 2nd quarter of the year. To help determine criteria and scoring guidelines.
 - o Beverly volunteered to help if she's able.
 - o Angie Repass offered the Salvation Army via chat
 - o Vanessa Austin from BSAN volunteered via chat HARBOUR, program coordinator bcacdvanessa@gmail.com, (828)409-6866.

Teena added that those who are on the scorecard committee should be familiar with the grants available. It's important to know the information you'll be judged on and the criteria involved. If you're not familiar it could hinder.

Amber said to gather more information today is only nominations. It's a lot of information and we don't want someone feeling pressure to make a decision today. Will set up a time to give more updates or a cheat sheet.

Tonya – End Homelessness in Veterans. This subcommittee will resume the meeting in Jan 2023. If anyone is connected with veteran services who would like to participate reach out to Tonya. Reach out to Veteran Service providers

LeAnne mentioned – lived experience committee? She was interested in joining but told that they are looking for someone in the Eastern part of the state. Not actively recruiting for the Western part of the state. If there is a space for people from this area to engage in that committee.

Amber said that we have a lot of representation from this side of the state which is why they are not recruiting. They are not accepting anyone from the Western part of the state at the moment.

(From Tonya in Chat)

Lived Expertise Advisory Council

- Intends to improve the provision of services to people experiencing homelessness, & the policies that govern these services, across the CoC through insights & expertise that come from people experiencing homelessness firsthand
- Is comprised exclusively of people with lived experience of homelessness
- Has 10 seats that intend to show a balanced representation geographically &

racially. 6 seats are reserved for people who are currently or have recently experienced homelessness

Amber offered any further open discussion.

Casey McCall shared Young Fellows in Caldwell County is shutting down house in March. Sharon Harman reached out to share that they have some 'stuff' from that program that will need a home. Furniture, office supplies.

Next Meeting Feb 15th at 10am.