

Northeastern Homeless Coalition Committee Meeting
Region 11

October 8, 2024

Minutes

Those Present:

- *Asha Joell - Trillium*
- *Bethany Buttram – Perquimans Emergency Services*
- *Carol Patterson – Albemarle Hopeline*
- *Marti Chick-Ebey – Hampton VA*
- *Damari Holley – Gates DSS*
- *Glenda Manning – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Gretchen Hilburger – Hampton VA*
- *Kisha Darden – Trillium*
- *Lakitra Claude – Trillium*
- *Latoya Smith – Trillium*
- *Michele Welsh – Trillium*
- *Midge Hudyma - ECPPS*
- *Stacia Billups – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Shari Fivesh – OBX RITI*
- *Shelia Perry – FVCC*
- *Tammy Kittrell - Trillium*
- *Tawonya Morgan – FVCC*
- *Tiara Harrison – Gates DSS*
- *Tony Rice – Spring Life*
- *Tonya Rollins – River City CDC*
- *Wendy Overton – Pasquotank DSS*

Introductions

- The meeting was held virtually. Those present introduced themselves and stated what organization they were representing.

Consideration of August and September’s Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made by Tawonya Morgan to accept August’s minutes as written and seconded by Shelia Perry. A motion was then made by Midge Hudyma to accept September’s minutes as written and seconded by Michele Welsh.

Updates/Reports

- BoS Steering Committee
 - HUD released a new funding opportunity for construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation in a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) called CoC Builds. Five agencies submitted intent to Apply Forms for eligible projects by the deadline. Applications are due to NCCEH by 5:00pm on October 10th.
 - Fair Housing Policy – Under the FY24 CoC Program NOFO, HUD has highlighted new Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH) responsibilities for CoCs (specifically CE systems) that must be addressed for the first time in the CoC Application. The CoC staff shared the proposed Fair Housing Policy and the policy was unanimously approved by the Steering Committee. CoC Staff will hold a Fair Housing Policy training on Tuesday, October 15th at 10:00am.

- NC BoS CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy – the Anti-Discrimination Policy guides program implementation and is updated annually. NCCEH staff distributed a survey to the CoC seeking review and feedback of the policy. Only minor changes to the wording have been made to the exiting document. The edits to the policy were unanimously approved. The Anti-Discrimination Policy webinar was held on yesterday, and the recording will be posted on NCCEH’s website. All agencies receiving ESG or CoC Program funding are required to attend/view the training.
- Regional Roles and Responsibilities – Regional Committee Leadership roles are elected annually. Each committee should hold their elections in December. The Unsheltered Access Coordinator position is elected in April and serves from May to April. All other positons are elected in December and run from January to December.
 - For Region 11 all positions need to be filled: Regional Lead, Regional Lead Alternate, Webmaster, Unsheltered Access Coordinator (no one currently holds this position), Scorecard Committee member

Community Resources and Agency Updates

- Department of Social Services
 - There were no updates from Gates or Pasquotank County DSS.
- Coordinated Entry
 - There will be a special CE meeting on next Tuesday at 3:00pm to discuss a few individuals that are not on today’s CE list.
- School System(s)
 - Pasquotank – 94 students have been identified as McKinney-Vento and there are several families staying in hotels. Two families are staying in Albemarle Hopeline’s Shelter and the rest are doubled up living with others
- County
 - None at this time
- Faith and Victory
 - None at this time
- SHIP
 - Thanked everyone that attended their Housing First Workshop.

Housing Program Updates

- River City CDC
 - Shelter update - They are working on zoning right now and sending out letters to individuals that live within a hundred feet of the shelter. Michelle is scheduled to meet with the city council next week and they are still working on obtaining a sprinkler system.

- OBX Room in the Inn
 - The shelter will open on November 1st and will stay open until April 30th. Those that may need shelter can visit the intake center at 111 W. Carlton Ave in Kill Devil Hills at 4:00pm. Individuals must pass background check and drug/alcohol tests before entering the shelter.
- Trillium Health Resources
 - No updates at this time
- Hampton VA
 - On November 16th, a Stand Down event will be held in Hampton at the YH Thomas Community Center

Success Stories

- ECPPS – There was a woman with an elementary age woman who came from Pennsylvania after losing her job and housing. She was staying with a friend who ended up losing her housing. The woman was able to find a place to stay that wasn't the best situation. She reached out to River City and was able to work with her on some things. She was able to find housing, a job and River City assisted her with obtaining things she needed for her home. She was able to come up with her own deposit.

Announcements

- The next meeting will be held virtually on November 12, 2024 at 1:00pm.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:34pm