

Multi-Purpose Room ■ Greenville Housing Authority
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Minutes for October 2012 approved

BoS Steering Committee

Notes from the November BoS Steering Committee meeting were distributed. There was discussion on the 2012 CoC-HUD applications. Final CoC applications will be due to HUD on January 18, 2013. There have been changes to these programs because of the HEARH Act. Programs that were previously known as Shelter Plus Care Vouchers administered by housing authorities are now called Rental Assistance and Housing Authorities can apply for these program funds. Rental Assistance programs provide financial assistance by way of rent. The client signs a lease with the apartment complex. Other types of programs are now called Leasing. The client leases the apartment from the program. The Greenville Community Shelter's PSH is now called a Leasing Program while the Greenville Housing Authority's program is Rental Assistance. Other changes include the calculation of Match Dollars and how Pro-Rata amounts will be determined. All housing assistance programs will require a 25% match. All application requests, new and renewing will come out of the Pro-Rata amount.

There are two BoS subcommittees associated with the grant process, the Scorecard Committee and the Review Committee. The Regional committee must have at least one person on each of these committees. The scorecard is what we use to evaluate the grants. The Review Committee actually reviews and scores the applications. Linda Mandell volunteered to represent the Scorecard Committee. Paulette White agreed to stay on the Review Committee.

NCCEH has set up a webpage for each regional committee and will post all agenda and minutes. The website is www.ncceh.org/BoS.

Point in Time

The Housing Needs Survey/Point in Time will be conducted on Wednesday January 30, 2013 through Thursday, January 31, 2013 in North Carolina. As in past surveys, we must report the bed inventory for programs specially designated for the homeless. This includes beds in Shelters, Transitional Housing programs and Permanent Supportive Housing. We will also conduct a street count to count the unsheltered homeless. As in the past, we will follow-up on with surveys conducted at the soup kitchens and other locations. Our Housing Needs Survey will look the same. However, we will have a new reporting form because of new categories that HUD is asking communities to report on. For example, we will report on the number of homeless veterans, breaking it down to the number of male homeless veterans and female homeless veterans. NCCEH is hosting a Webinar on Tuesday November 27 at 2:00pm on the Point in Time.

We will also need to report on the number of people who are in the Rapid Re-housing program.

Update on ESG Applications: Some of Pitt County agencies are still waiting on contracts. The County will begin advertising for the Housing Coordinator's position. The three ESG agencies will meet to discuss the referral process. The State has begun training which includes how and what kind of documentation is needed to submit to the state for reimbursement. Ms. Whites hopes that we can begin spending down this grant by January 2013.

Soar Outcomes

Shelter & Unsheltered- Linda Mandell

	October 2012	Total
Referrals	5	56
Submitted	1	29
Approved	0	11
Denied	0	5
Pending	6	
Closed – Other	0	7

Ms. Mandell also noted that she has begun to do the DESC assessments on all potential SOAR clients. If anyone needs an assessment done on a homeless person, contact Linda Mandell. These assessments are required as part of the application packet for GHA Shelter + Care programs.

Permanent Supportive Housing

ECBH has 2 new Soar workers. ECBH will target the top 10% of persons using services. Amy Modlin is supervisor for that program. Ms. White plans a conference call with Vidant and will discuss how the top 10% of hospital users can be assisted and how we can incorporate the housing program stabilization piece, etc.

Rebecca Fredrick reported that the numbers of individuals staying at the GCS remains the same. She also indicated that GCS is accepting applications for their new permanent housing program, Project Stable Solutions. This program has funding for 7 one-bedroom units. These applicants must be homeless with disability as well as some income. The application progress is the same as the Solid Ground program.

Greenville Housing Authority: Tujuanda Sanders reported that GHA was approved for its new housing program, Project Hope. The program has 21 units for homeless individuals with disabilities. The new project requires 50% of the residents be chronically homeless with a disability. Ms. White reminded the group that these federal programs do not have requirement on alcohol/drug use. Each program can set its own eligibility standards. There is no Federal mandate concerning a potential client's criminal past, however a landlord may have requirements. Tujuanda will send applications to agencies.

ECBH – Georgia Ensley reported that there are 3 openings in its Shelter + Care program. There is a meeting this afternoon to review the applications, some of whom are from Pitt County. She expects to have 2 more after the 1st of the year.

Announcements

Cornerstone Church is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner on Nov 22 from 9 am to 3:00 PM. Its location is 1095 Allen Road in Greenville. They will provide breakfast & dinner. In addition they will have clothing, blankets, undergarments, toiletries and are accepting donations of these items. MS White will send the flyer by e-mail.

STRIVE is relocating to the Third Street Community Center in December 2013.

Ms. Fredrick reported that GCS staff is hosting a dinner for Solid Ground residents before Thanksgiving.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2012