

Pitt County COC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Multi Purpose Room at Greenville Housing Authority
 1103 Broad Street, Greenville, NC
Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Present:

- Sylvia Brown**, City of Greenville – Community Development
- Tracie Campbell**, Project Working Recovery.
- Devinder Culver**, Greenville Police Department
- Monica Futral**, Greenville Housing Authority
- Teresa Gaskins**, STRIVE
- Linda Grimshaw**, Jarvis Memorial UMC
- Lynne James**, Greenville Community Shelter
- Collis Niro**, Vocational Rehabilitation
- Don Rogers**, Greenville Housing Authority
- Sommer Sinclair**, Department Social Services
- Paulette White**, Pitt County Planning/10-Year Plan Project Manager

Paulette White welcomed people to the CoC meeting. Minutes from the March 10th meeting were reviewed. Monica Futral moved to accept the minutes and Sommer Sinclair seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Because April meeting was reserved as a planning meeting, Paulette did not prepare an agenda. She did prepare several handouts for the group, including a copy of “What is a CoC?” from the NCCEH website. Other handouts included a list of important dates for 2010 CoC competition and a copy of a PowerPoint presentation which provided information on program results through March 2010.

Sommer provided program updates for the Prevention Services Unit including the SOAR program and Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing program grant. Today, Pitt Co. DSS has spent approximately \$51,500 in financial support through the HPRP grant. Sommer also reported that the State had just completed a site visit at Pitt County to review program results. Pitt Co. DSS may be able to add an additional intake worker.

HPRP Results:

	Through March 2010
Households Screened	257
Households Referred to HPRP Caseworker	61
Household NOT approved for HPRP	15
Households Pending	8
Household approved for HPRP (Entered Into program)	38
Currently in program	(14)
Existed from program	24
Positive outcome (housing stable)	(23)
Left program - negative outcome	(1)
Total estimated Dollars spent on Financial Assistance	\$51,479

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Paulette reported that the Pitt Co. SOAR program doing well. She is working to set up a “Documenting Disabilities” Workshop through the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council. Paulette hopes to schedule this workshop for some time in late May or June with Pitt County Memorial Hospital. The workshop will be paid for with funding from the 10-Year Plan. She also hopes to schedule a second “SOAR Essentials” workshop for the fall.

SOAR Results:

Pitt Co. SOAR Program	Mar-10
Assessment Interview	21
Not appropriate	(2)
Applications Completed & Submitted	19
Accepted Referrals - Status	
Application Denied	2
Client withdrew application	3
Applications Pending	5
Initial	
Appeal	4
Applications Approved	5

To stimulate thought for the planning session, Paulette asked the group to review the information provided with the PowerPoint presentation. Slides include information about:

- Point in Time Comparative data from 2009 & 2010 including Bed Units
- Point in Time Subpopulation Data from 2009 & 2010
- Permanent Supportive Housing Programs including the agencies and their programs.
- Pitt County HUD CoC Grant Results from years 2004-2009

Paulette suggested that agencies receiving HUD CoC grants begin to report outcomes for clients served by these grants.

Notes from Planning Session

- Discussion on identified gaps in services;
 - Not enough affordable housing or housing subsidies for physically disabled. This includes housing for elderly & non elderly. Pitt Co. only has a small number of Handicapped assessable housing units.
 - No comprehensive, organized list of supportive housing programs with eligibility guidelines is available either online or in print to help service providers.
 - Day Center for homeless people
 - Overflow Shelter?? Or a newer, redesigned shelter
 - Children aging out of foster care. There is limited housing for this kids and they need help with life skills.
 - Other special groups are also at a disadvantage in finding housing in Pitt County. Those groups include but are not limited to individuals with AIDS, individuals re-entering the community from the prison or treatment facilities.
 - Rental assistance revolving fund for short-term needs. An example was discussed that mentioned the Grifton Mission Ministry.

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- Also discussed were the upcoming changes in Mental Health system in North Carolina. State budget cuts will affect agencies' abilities to provide mental health services. This issue will be important as agencies try to help individuals with mental health issues.
- Another issue discussed is the lack of participation by agencies in Pitt County who are working with families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. With a good network, we have duplication of services or lack of vital services. How do we identify then invite/persuade these agencies to participate in the meetings and with our efforts?
- Pitt Resource Connection has a database of agencies and services but it is not utilized affectively by either the public or services groups. CareLink is another statewide database system that lists agencies and their services. It too is under utilized.

The next Pitt County Continuum of Care meeting will be
Wednesday, June 9, 2010 from 9:00 AM- 10:30 AM
Multi-Purpose Room Greenville Housing Authority
1103 Broad St, Greenville, NC