

Continuum of Care Monthly Meeting Minutes

Multi-Purpose Room
Greenville Housing Authority
1103 Broad St, Greenville, NC
Wednesday October 14, 2009 ~ 9:00am

Present: Paulette White (10-Year Plan Project Manager), Talaika Goss-Williams (ECBH), Tracie Campbell (PWR), Joyce Jones (NC STRIVE), Teresa Gaskins (NC STRIVE), Sylvia Brown (COG), Collis Niro (VR), Shannon Carter (Pitt Co. DSS), Lynne James (GCS), Don Rogers (GHA), Pam Esposito (PCMH-Behavioral Health), Priscilla James (Pitt Co. DSS), Gerri Jones (ENC and People Worship Ctr.) and Linda Mandell (AHOH/St. Timothy).

Minutes

Minutes for September reviewed and accepted.

Welcome & Introductions

Pam Esposito was introduced to group for the first time.

Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP)-update

Pitt County was notified by the State that its application to implement the Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-housing program would receive funding of \$1 Million over three years. Pitt County Department of Social Services (lead agency for Pitt County) submitted the application in August requesting a total of \$1.7 million from the state. It was one of the 18 applications that was awarded state funding. The state will provide HPRP training the last two weeks of October for its grantees. Once training is complete, information on the eligibility and the referral process will be presented to the CoC.

Pitt County Guiding Principles

Paulette provided a copy of the proposed By-Laws and asked that they be reviewed by CoC members and any corrections or editions be sent to Paulette via email. She will compile any changes and present the By-Laws for approval at the November 2009 meeting.

Balance of State-NOFA

- a. Paulette informed the group that NCCEH will provide the administrative function for the BoS and is now responsible to the development and submission of the Exhibit 1 & 2 for the BoS/CoC applications.
- b. Paulette informed the group that there are 2 Parts of NOFA:
 1. Exhibit One: Includes information about CoC organizations, Point-in-Time survey results and housing inventory.
 2. Exhibit Two: Includes the actual applications for projects. This include programs like Supportive Housing Projects (SHP). GHA is the only agency in our CoC submitting a grant. HUD funding review and funding for renewal projects will be fast-tracked. Agencies applying for renewal funding should be notified within 2 to 3 weeks after deadline submission. Funding for new projects announced sometime in last December 2009 or January 2010. To submit an application for new or renewal project funding, agencies were required to submit a pre-application form to the BoS in early June 2009. No new applications can be submitted at this time.

Exhibit 1 review for Pitt County CoC

- a. Housing Inventory – Correction – Greenville Housing Authority (Public Housing) waiting should be 450 not 45.
- b. Pitt County Structure List will be revised to include all new agencies participating in the CoC. Inactive agencies will be removed. To eliminate duplications, Paulette will oversee the submission of this information for the CoC. She asked that new agencies provide the necessary information. She also asked that current agencies review their information and provide updates and corrections. This information needs to be returned as soon as possible so her intern can update for the Exhibit 1.
- c. BoS deadline is October 19 for information to be turned into the BoS. If deadline is missed it will have a direct result in the ranking of BoS application to HUD.

Carolina Homeless Information Network (CHIN)

CHIN will provide a first draft to agencies by October 15 to correct. Final version to run will be November 2 and submitted to BoS and HUD.

Community/Member Updates

- Linda Mandell announced that St. Timothy's Annual Lobster Fair to be held on October 25, 2009 from 9:00am to 4:30pm.
- Shannon Carter announced that DSS will be forming a new Prevention unit which will include caseworkers for the HPRP program. All existing Prevention Unit caseworkers as well as the HPRP caseworkers will attend HPRP training next week in Rocky Mount.
- Lynn James announced that the position for Operations Manager has been filled. Greenville Community Shelter begin its Holiday Card program next week and run until the end of December. Cards will be sold at \$5 a card or for \$20 for a pack of 5. Order forms should be available by next meeting.
- Don Rogers announced that GHA will receive two allocations of stimulus money: 1. Allocation will be used to install AC units in Public Housing. 2. Renovations to Kearney Park resident's cabinets and roofing and possibly wireless programs. Also GHA will be closing on Crystal Springs property by end of November. This is a 64 unit senior citizen project.
- Teresa Gaskins announced that Re-entry program is doing well. NCDOC has agreed to transfer potential inmates enrolling into the Re-entry program to Greene County DOC, which has all three custody levels which is closer for all involved. Re-entry program has a mentor component to the program to assist inmates in their transition. Mentors will begin working with inmates prior to and after release.
- Joyce Jones announced that the Strive Banquet was a success. Also that the Pitt County JobLink Center was not closed, but indeed relocated and hosted by the Employment Security Commission on Bismarck Street. Strive is an access point, which can assist citizens in the community with resumes and job searching skills and in the near future will have additional access points in other areas within in the county (i.e. Farmville, Bethel, etc.).
- Pam Esposito extended the invitation to the Pitt Community Collaborative that is held every 3rd Thursday of every month at Hope Station at 10 AM. This is a networking collaborating group which is headed up by PCMH and Benita Hathaway, Hospital Liaison of ECBH.

The next Pitt County Continuum of Care meeting will be Wednesday November 18, 2009 at 9:00 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room Greenville Housing Authority 1103 Broad St, Greenville, NC.