

Northeastern Homeless Coalition - Region 11 Veteran Sub-committee Meeting

Ahoskie Housing Authority
200 Pierce Avenue, Ahoskie, NC

April 11, 2017 – 11:50am

Attendance

Agency	Representative(s)
NC Works	Derrick Armstead
Trillium Health Resources	Melissa Eastwood Talaika Williams Lakitra Claude
Roanoke-Chowan Community Health Center	Nicole Boone Erin Storie
NC Coalition to End Homelessness	Ehren Dohler Terry Allebaugh Tyrone Lindsey

Minutes

Ehren Dohler and Terry Allebaugh presided over the meeting

- ❖ The meeting began at 11:50 a.m.
- ❖ Region 11 (Northeastern Homeless Coalition) needs a Veteran Sub-Committee to help alleviate and address the homeless Veteran situation in the region. The Balance of State has set a goal to end Veteran homelessness in the area it covers by December 2017.
- ❖ One of the region’s goals should be to invite agencies/organizations that work directly with Veterans to be a part of the sub-committee such as: VSOs, SSVF workers, the Hampton VA, etc.
- ❖ When the agencies/organizations are invited to join the committee, be specific about how the regional committee will benefit Veterans
- ❖ A referral system should be implemented across the region to coordinate with others and establish a system for capturing and tracking the homeless Veterans and available resources. For example, if a Veteran is ineligible for SSVF assistance, the SSVF provider will connect the Veteran to the Regional Committee’s coordinated assessment system to access community housing programs.
- ❖ The next steps should include:
 - Developing a workflow
 - Linking resources together

- ❖ It was recommended to start having regular calls with VSOs, SSVF workers, etc. A representative from a non-Veteran specific agency should also be on the call just in case the Veteran need to receive services through the coordinated assessment system.
 - The subcommittee should consider having a mini-coordinated assessment.
- ❖ HUD-VASH could be served here, but it would have to come from the Hampton VA; try to get them on the call
- ❖ Having a “By Name List” is very important because agencies are all touching homeless Veterans without knowing it
- ❖ Tina Rogers can be the point person for facilitating the call between the regional committee and those working with Veterans. She is familiar with putting together a client list. Tina can also get permission to serve a Veteran in another county that is within the region; technically, she does not serve just Hertford County.
- ❖ The “By Name List” – tracks every homeless Veteran in the community, it can help to identify new Veterans that become homeless and track other things that were done in accordance with housing
- ❖ **Veteran Plan** (5 steps)
 - The community has identified all Veterans experiencing homelessness
 - The community provides shelter immediately to any Veteran experiencing unsheltered homelessness who wants it
 - The community only provides service-intensive transitional housing in limited resources
 - The community has capacity to assist Veterans to swiftly move into permanent housing
 - The community has resources, plans, and system capacity in place should any Veteran become homeless or be at risk of homelessness in the future.
- ❖ It was also recommended that the sub-committee talk to the county commissioners of each county to inform them about the committee and how they are committed to ending not just homelessness, but also Veteran homelessness in the region – Nicole and Derrick will plan to get on the agendas
- ❖ It was noted that Tina Rogers did Region 11’s Veteran’s Homelessness Plan and submitted it to the Balance of State
- ❖ The meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm

Submitted by:

Lakitra Claude and Erin Storie
