

Meeting called to order by Nicole Dewitt, Regional Lead.

Approval of Minutes

Brief discussion if March minutes were approved at June Meeting.

1. BoS Update, Nicole Dewitt, Community Link

- a. A review of PRC leadership structure was presented and an overview of the committee's functions.
- b. Elections for new officers will be held at the December meeting
 1. Members can nominate themselves or another member prior to the December meeting by contacting Nicole. *Be sure to inform the person you're wishing to nominate prior to submitting their name.
- c. Meetings are held quarterly and rotate from county-to-county.

2. HMIS Update

- a. A demo site was created and testing is being conducted (now with less errors).
- b. Late September is now the estimated completion date.
- c. A new URL is to be used when the system goes "Live;" look for an email to be sent.
- d. Participation Agreements are being sent to be signed via DocuSign by whomever signed the original agreement with MICA.
- e. There is webinar and in-person training to come.

3. PIT Count

- a. Rotating lead effort for the Region (2019 will be Cabarrus County).
- b. It is now time to start thinking about volunteers to assist in January (the last Wednesday of the month), along with sites and locations that homeless in your area frequent.
- c. People in Rapid Rehousing will be counted.
- d. Accuracy of information is considered more important than the quantity of people counted.

4. State ESG Update

- a. Final application is due October 26th to Raleigh.

- b. The first draft was sent to Communication Mark (contracted grantwriters) on August 31st, who will submit the Region application. The ESG annual funding contract runs January – December.
- c. Five agency individual applications from the Region are undergoing a review process; then they will go the BoS review for feedback by September 28th.
- d. Agencies within the Region share in the cost of Communication Mark's assistance with the application.

5. CoC Update

- a. Eligibility is based on benchmarks and the agency has to have provided the program for at least three years.
- b. Cardinal Innovations has always applied for Rapid Rehousing and permanent support housing, but recently transferred it to Community Link as they are "no longer in the housing business."
- c. Community Link has applied for eight projects in 2018, not all in the Piedmont Region.
- d. Thirty-eight projects applied for funding in 2018. Union County has applied for the first time and was ranked in both Tier 1 (within the state competition) and Tier 2 (in the national competition).
- e. The CoC conference calls are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month (the 2nd Tuesday if they regular date falls on a holiday. Regional Committee members are invited to participate.

6. PRC Veterans Update

- a. Lucas Vrbsky stated that the VA shutdown the voucher referral at the Salisbury VA in August for chronically homeless veterans. It will reopen in October after the federal government's fiscal year begins.
- b. There has been an elimination of 5-6 Outreach Workers.
- c. Community Link & Endeavors SSVF: October 2018 – September 2019 has not yet been approved to continue transition of veterans to other SSVF providers. The VA did not select

them to re-apply. There is currently no coverage in the Piedmont Region, except in Davidson County through the United Way of Forsyth County.

- Any veteran in need of services should call 704-638-9000 x 13137 (Salisbury – Outreach Office). Have the veteran make the call.
- The National Homeless Veterans Hotline Call Center is 877-424-3838 (these calls are tracked)

7. SSO Grant

- a. To fund the Coordinated Assessment position. Recognized as a need for a full-time position, the position was previously funded through Rapid Rehousing. In the position, Teresa coordinates homeless services across the five counties. With the position now being funded with the SSO Grant, the previous monies can be returned to the Rapid Rehousing pool.
- b. BoS will be running Coordinated Assessment reports through HMIS.

8. Coordinated Assessment

- a. Addresses crisis' experienced by homeless individuals and families; what specific challenges does the Region face (i.e. the lack of decent, affordable housing).
- b. The relations with the Salvation Army and Opportunity House to collaborate are being forged after years of actively pursuit.
- c. A training for case managers on September 19th will be a VSPDAT deep dive.
- d. With regards to housing, there is a new case conference process to identify those with the highest need for Rapid Rehousing.
- e. There will be a survey administered (minimum of 20 questions) to clients regarding their experience with the Coordinated Assessment process that will be due by December or January.

9. Task Force Updates

- a. The meetings should be held the month before the PRC Quarterly Meeting; and should demonstrate to the community what your agency is doing and how the Regional Committee supports your efforts.