

**Region 12, Inner Banks, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting**

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday November 14, 2018-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

**Present**

Kim Anderson, Pitt County Schools

Tommy Cloyd, Disability Advocates & Resource Center

James Cox, United Way of Pitt County

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Gabriela Gonzalez, NC Works

Ashley Gray, Greenville Housing Authority

Willie Hawkins, Life of NC

Khrecia Holley, Port Health Services

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

Catonia Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

## **Introductions and Approval of October 2018 Minutes**

The November 2018 BOS/Pitt Regional Committee (Inner Banks) meeting began with approval of the minutes for October 2018. Jim Cox asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Lynne James noted that she was listed as present for the last meeting, however she was not in attendance. Melissa will remove her name. Deloris Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes for October 2018 with Tommy Cloyd seconding the motion. The committee approved the minutes for October 2018.

## **Updates/Reports:**

### **NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 11/6/2018**

The Steering Committee call was November 6, 2018. The summary is not available yet. Jim will email everyone the Steering Committee call summary when he receives it. He encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month. Jim reviewed the information discussed on the call.

### **A.) 2019 Emergency Solutions Grant Competition**

Jim stated that our ESG application was delivered to the ESG office on 10/26/2018. Jim thanked everyone for assisting with the application process. The process was much more intensive this year. He stated that the applications will be reviewed by Chris Battle, Kim Crawford, and at least two other individuals. He reported that Kim has been very organized and is hopeful that the turnaround time will be short. Jim encouraged the group to start thinking about next year and our goal of developing regional Rapid Rehousing.

### **B.) Project Safe Shelter (PSS); Vidant Foundation Grant**

Lynne stated that they are working on a couple of glitches with getting the grant started. She is pulling together a workgroup to meet after Thanksgiving to discuss the grant. Lynne will reach out to some of our committee members within the next few days to schedule a time to meet. Jim reminded everyone that this grant will be used to assist individuals that are homeless and that are in unsafe situations.

### **C.) Supportive Services Only, Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE); Balance of State Grant**

Lynne stated that Nicole Purdy with the NCCEH data center will help her pull a by name list today. She will bring it to the Housing Stabilization Committee meeting if she has it by 1:15pm today. Sharing is already set up in HMIS for participating agencies. There will be a training soon regarding Coordinated Entry in HMIS. Some organizations will not be entering their own information. Lynne will review and enter the information for those agencies. She stated that she might talk with Nicole about an in-service at or after our December meeting. She noted this will be a major change in how we do things. We need to move forward as soon as possible because the grant is in progress.

### **D.) Point in Time Count 2019**

The Point in Time count will take place the last Wednesday in January (1/30/2019). The Balance of State wants us to be more involved. They will be more involved in assisting regions with planning for the count this year. There will be webinars regarding best practices. We need to advertise the count more this year. Jim stated that there is a TV at the soup kitchen that provides a continuous loop of information. He is going to try to get the information regarding the count to be played during the loop. The group discussed having an individual that is homeless take us out. Jim circulated a planning document that the Balance of State wants the regional committees to complete. Jim stated that he will complete and submit the planning document. There will be a series of conference calls regarding the count (completed one already). Jim stated that 18 of 79 counties did not do an unsheltered count last year. 8 counties participated but reported zero. 13 counties counted one to five in their unsheltered count. The Balance of State would like coverage in all counties. They would like for the regions to look at underutilized shelter beds. Jim is currently listed as the Point in Time lead for region 12. There will be county leads: Martin County-Wayne Bray, Beaufort County-Sally Love, Washington/Bertie County-Lynn Alligood, and Pitt County-Linda Mandell. There will be a Point in Time app. that everyone will use. It has not been unveiled yet. Linda stated that she is working on getting book bags and supplies. Sally said she is also working on this in Beaufort County.

#### **E.) 2019 Regional Elections**

The 2019 regional elections are approaching. Elections should be held in December so that new officers are in place January 1, 2019. Jim reported that no agency can hold more than 2 leadership positions in a region. However, this was amended and can occur if there is approval from the Steering committee. The Balance of State's goal is to increase regional involvement. Jim has volunteered to serve as the Regional lead and the Point in time lead. Lynne James will serve as the Coordinated Assessment lead for the region. The positions that need to be filled are as follows: alternate lead, ESG lead, COC project review committee lead, and secretary/webmaster. Our region may elect a Veteran lead as well.

**Beaufort County**-Sally reported that Zion shelter was flooded and lost everything during the hurricane. Insurance did not cover anything and they lost everything. They are renovating and making repairs currently. They hope to reopen in the next 3-4 weeks. She stated that someone in Beaufort County set up a Go Fund Me page and raised \$125,000 for the shelter. She reported that they are still serving lunches however. The Open Door shelter for women and children will open by the end of the year. They are currently in the process of hiring an executive director. Sally stated that they received 96 applications for the case manager position. Sally reported that they are still working on hurricane recovery. They received a grant for \$25,000 and one for \$7,000 to do home repairs/duct work. Ruth's House will be moving. They purchased a new 4000 square ft. home. Ruth's House obtained their special use permit last week.

**Tri-County Meeting**- No updates at this time.

**Miscellaneous:** Gloria stated that they are holding public meetings for their annual action plan this week. The action plan lays out what the city is going to do with their federal dollars. They are required to hold these meetings to obtain input from citizens. She stated that they held one session last night. There will be another session today at 4:00pm at City Hall in the council chambers. The one today will be live. Everyone can submit comments/input. The last session will be tomorrow from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Gloria reminded everyone that affordable housing is a huge need. She strongly encouraged

everyone to participate and share your thoughts/recommendations. They are accepting comments for the next 10 days. Gloria stated that you can attend the sessions, call, or email comments.

The Bringing it Home annual conference will be May 21, 2019 and May 22, 2019. NCCEH has put out a request for proposal for presenters for the conference. The RFP has been extended. Jim suggested a session where we talk about Region 12 and our experience with transitioning to a true regional committee. Tujuanda stated that she is interested in participating. Jim is thinking about doing this as a panel. There is an application with topics of interest listed.

### **Housing Updates**

**CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF** (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Jim provided numbers for Tonette today. They assisted 13 families in October (18 adults, 26 children). The total amount of assistance was \$8,565.00.

**GHA**-Tujuanda stated that they are accepting applications. There was a Veteran Celebration at Honor Ridge on 11/12/2018. The celebration went well. They have started on the second phase of Honor Ridge.

**Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning**- Deloris reported that they still have funds and she is accepting referrals. She wants to spend all of the funds by 12/31/2018.

**SOAR Updates**-Linda reported that she has two new clients and she has another client that will be getting a decision soon.

**Trillium Health Resources**-Trillium continues to assist with households that have been displaced by the hurricane. Trillium is assisting with the Back@home program. Trillium utilized all of the rapid rehousing funds that they awarded this year (\$39,884.00).

**Mid-East Regional Housing Authority**-No updates at this time.

**C4FVP**-Catonnia reported that she has a couple of beds that are open. Please call if you have potential referrals.

**Community Crossroads Center**-No updates at this time.

**Next Meeting: December 12, 2018 @ 10:00am**  
**Trillium Health Resources**  
**201 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Greenville, NC 27858**