

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The Homeless/Housing Taskforce/BC360 Task Force met at the Beaufort County Health Department on this date (1/11/2018). The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Sally Love (Beaufort County Chairperson/Beaufort County United Way). Those in attendance were: Evan Lewis (attorney/BC360 representative), Alex Averell (Homeless Outreach Social Worker with Greenville VA), Gabriela Gonzalez (NC Works), Jason Perry, and Melissa Eastwood (Trillium Health Resources).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were sent out via email prior to today's meeting (December). Sally asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Evan Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes with Gabriela Gonzalez seconding the motion. The committee approved the minutes for December 2017.

Region 12 Update

The regional committee meeting was held this morning at the NC Tele Center in Williamston. During the meeting, the group voted to name our committee Inner Banks Regional Committee. The next combined meeting will be held in Beaufort County in June.

The group discussed the benefits of the SOAR program and having a SOAR caseworker in each of the counties within our region. Sally stated that DSS would be an ideal location for a SOAR caseworker. She stated that they have one person at DSS that might be available for Beaufort County. This would be very helpful for the county. There is a SOAR training next week but it is full. Jim Cox is going to follow up regarding additional training for our region. Sally also suggested asking Darone with NC Works to see if someone from his agency could be a SOAR caseworker.

Trillium will utilize the call center to administer the VI-SPDAT screening tool. Agencies that are already doing it should continue to administer the VI-SPDAT. We want to meet people where they are and reduce barriers. Call Center coordinators will administer the VI-SPDATS as appropriate and they will send them to Melissa Eastwood and Brian Fike (depending on region). We are still working towards 24/7 coverage. There will not be anyone that can go out during the night. Evan talked about ways we could bridge that gap so that people can be sheltered after hours. The group brainstormed about grants we could access for funds for hotels and transportation. Sally will look for some grants that we can apply for (ex. Grant for emergency hotel stay and transportation). We discussed potentially contracting with a cab company and a hotel. Sally provided an example of an unsheltered individual that had nowhere to go yesterday. There were two beds at the Greenville shelter but there was no way to get her there.

Jason Perry-10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

Jason provided updates regarding the 10 Year Plan to end homelessness. Jason explained that we are working on a 10-year plan in Beaufort County. There is a structural framework on Google Docs. He

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stated that the Google Doc is ready to use. Jason inquired about whether anyone needed to be added. Please provide your contact info to Jason so that you can be added and access it. We would like to move as much information from the Coordinated Assessment plan into google docs as we can and evaluate where we are next month. There is a lot of duplication of efforts. We need to get information into one place so that everyone can access it. The idea was proposed to reach out to ECU to see if it would be possible to utilize interns to assist us with this. Sally provided info to the group regarding Charity Tracker.

Point in Time Count

The Point in Time count will be January 31, 2018. The count is that night and the service count is seven days following that date. We are not going to go out the evening of the count. We will do the service count 7 days post. We discussed places to go to meet with individuals (ex. Soup kitchen, Salvation Army, Eagles Wings, Harbor downtown, Mobile pantries, Matthew 25). Sally will provide post cards/flyers to agencies/churches regarding the count. Sally will send flyers to Jason for Belhaven. Jason stated that churches take turns in Belhaven providing meals. She reminded everyone that we could interview those that are in hotels that are paid for by agencies. Our committee will distribute backpacks during the count for individuals that participate in the survey. Sally needs volunteers to do the surveys at the Soup Kitchen (Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday 11:00am-12:00pm). Sally suggested going in pairs.

Emergency Solutions Grant

Melissa reviewed the process for rapid rehousing. Individuals must be homeless based on HUDS definition of homelessness and score 4 to 7 on the Vi-SPDAT. We had our first housing stabilization committee meeting on 1/9/2018. We staffed four cases. One household will be served by GHA (meets criteria for permanent supportive housing and the household is on the public housing waitlist). Another had an appt at Disability Advocates and Resource Center yesterday; he did not show up for his appt. Gabi and Alex are working on another case (Veteran). There was another person that scored a two and he will be provided with a list of community resources. Gabi stated he is not eligible for her services, but Alex stated that he might be eligible for health care (National Guard). Alex requested DD214 for the Veteran and for the individual that served in the National Guard. We discussed the screening tool and how accurate the scoring is (sometimes scores vary depending on who administers, sometimes people are not honest in regards to reporting).

The housing stabilization committee will continue to meet every other Tuesday at 1:00pm at the Health Department. Email Sally if you have someone to present to the group. All referrals need to go through the committee.

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Coordinated Assessment-

The quarterly coordinated assessment report is due January 15, 2018. The deadline for HUD to have a working CA system in place is January 23, 2018. There are several agencies that we would like to participate in the Coordinated Assessment System in Beaufort County.

Updates/Reports

Ruth's House-No updates.

Washington Housing Authority-No updates.

Zion Shelter and Rapid Rehousing-Zion submitted their first RR requisition. It was returned, corrections are needed.

Open Door Community Center-No updates.

Mid East Regional Housing Authority- No updates.

Metropolitan Housing-No updates.

NC Works-Gabi inquired about whether anyone would be interested in volunteering for the Veterans Stand Down Planning Committee this year. The Committee will meet via conference call.

Trillium Health Resources-Call Center will administer VI-SPDATs.

Department of Social Services-No updates.

Police Department-No updates.

Sharing/Case Conferencing

No cases to staff today.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Sally Love adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2018 @ 2:00pm