**Wilson-Greene Regional Homelessness Committee**

**August 18, 2015**

**10:00**

Attending: Mary Mallory, Wilson County DSS; Candice Rountree, Wilson County DSS; Linda Walling, Hope Station; Joyce Wetherington, WCHD; Lisa Council, WCHD; Elvis Townsend; Wilson Community Health Center; Audrey Watson, VOA; Lynne White, Wesley Shelter; LaTasha McNair, Eastpointe; Lori Walston, WCDSS; Veronica Lee, Greene County DSS; Tony Connor, NCWorks; Yolanda Taylor, Legal Aid

Welcome/Introductions

The Coordinated Assessment team met and the group will receive links to brief trainings for those who would like to view. Our plan has been approved. There are BOS conference calls and we are not alone in experiencing challenges with implementation. Some regions have appointed a Coordinated assessment lead who does the work full time.

Candice Rountree is the Project Review Committee representative.

We reviewed the data that will be collected quarterly from providers in Wilson Greene as it relates to Coordinated Assessment.

Elvis shared that he has not had an opportunity to discuss with his manager being the fiscal sponsor for the ESG grant. He expects to do that before September’s meeting.

Shana from Hope Station, Kirsten Poythress and Amy LaTour from DSS are trained in targeted housing. Clients receiving SSI, SSDI or Veterans Assistance income are those who can be referred for housing.

Lynne reported there are 19 in the shelter. Coordinated Assessment is adding time to their screening. Lynne is does not want to share information via Dropbox. Holly Woodruff is Wesley Shelter’s new youth services coordinator.

Legal Aid has put a RIF policy in place. Some employees have accepted the voluntary RIF. They are losing a paralegal and a support staff position. They have been working with health clinics in Nash County to address health challenges from a legal avenue. They are representing those in housing harassment cases. They are still doing expunction work. There haven't been cuts to DV services. Yolanda agreed to share with the group the expunction work that Legal Aid does at our September meeting.

Hope Station has surpassed their numbers from last year as of August. There is a steady stream of families and children needing housing. Coordinated assessment and HMIS migration are unfunded mandates. Linda reported that they are struggling.

Health Department – Joyce reported they are seeing people with a lot more issues earlier in life. They are busy and the opportunity to receive your flu vaccine is coming soon.

Mary offered to bring LIEAP energy applications for Health Department staff to share with clients. Joyce offered to share with families. The LIEAP payments go the utility/fuel vendor. Seniors get first priority.

We staffed a home health case and suggested United Way and Faith Connections as possible resources.

Joyce talked about the need for friendly visits with Seniors.

Eastpointe was able to fill 2 slots in Wilson County through Shelter Plus Care. Eastpointe hosted a Gang learning opportunity yesterday at Wilson Medical Center.

Candice shared information about Beyond 21and asked that folks participate in the monthly meetings. We will be developing recommendations for all adults 21 and over. This work and the Youth Master Plan will be featured in The Wilson Times.

Linda asked that we have someone from Wilson Utilities share information with our Committee. This relates to sustaining housing. Utility arrears are taking a substantial amount of funding from the ESG grant. Mary agreed to reach out to the City of Wilson and request a guest speaker from their utilities department.

There will be approximately 700 inmates released in the community by November.

Greene County DSS is hosting a Latino festival on August 30 at the Kate B Reynolds medical center.

NC Works is hosting a veteran’s stand down in September. They will provide transportation and a free breakfast.