**Pitt County Regional Committee, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting**

Multipurpose Room ⏹ Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Thursday, November 5, 2015 - 9:00 AM

**Present**

Bob Williams, Community Crossroads

Tommy Cloyd, Disability Advocates

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Gloria Leak, Vocational Rehabilitation

Linda Mandell, SOAR

Gloria H. Kesler, City of Greenville

Catonnia Pitt, Center for Family Violence

Debra Edwards, Community Crossroads

Talaika Goss-Williams; Trillium Health Resources

Amy Medlin, Trillium Health Resources

Tracy Kennedy, REAL Crisis

James Cox, United Way of Pitt County

Devinder Culver, Greenville PD

Sarah Ratley, ARC of NC

Rhonda Dashiell, Intern, DSS

**Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Bob Williams after introductions by those in attendance.

**October 2015 Minutes**

There was a motion by Deloris Farmer to accept the October minutes. The motion was seconded by Linda Mandell. With all in agreement the September minutes passed.

**NC Balance of State Update**

Linda Mandell reported about the ranking process for grant applications. She talked about having been on the committee that formulated the score cards but that it was her first time participating in the actual scoring process and how interesting it was. This was the process for ranking the applications for grant funding for Permanent Supportive Housing programs. She encouraged other members of the committee to consider participating in the future because it allowed her to see what other committees were doing differently and gave her another perspective. She stated that because they focused on a specific portion it was not as daunting as she anticipated. It was noted that it took 2 sessions of about 2 hours each. The applications were reviewed based on certain criteria and mainly to see if they were a thorough description of what the program was doing. Linda noted the amount of the Annual Renewal Demand and the tiers. She went into a little detail about what is being looked for. She noted how focusing on meeting one aspect of the program can mean not meeting another. An application can look really good in one area but miss the mark in another. Bob gave an example that demonstrated how that could happen. Both agreed that it can be challenging to hit the right balance. Linda also noted other factors that can make an impact on whether groups get their funding or not. She gave information to show how our programs stacked up. She reported that the maximum possible point amount was 199. The highest anyone scored was 149. Trillium was ranked #8, Greenville Housing Authority - Cornerstone #9, Seeds of Change #11, Community Crossroads - Solid Ground #17 and Project Stable Solutions was #21 out of 46. Amy Modlin commented on the good showing by the Eastern part of the State - having all of our projects in the top half. It was noted that has not always been the case. Linda further punctuated that point as she reported that the 46 applications scored were those remaining after some had been disqualified for various reasons.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Update: Jim Cox**

Jim Cox reported that he and Lynne James got together yesterday and went through the ESG application for the final time and it will be hand delivered to Raleigh tomorrow. He felt that the final product looked good and thanked everyone who had input. He noted that it has been stated that there will be a quicker turnaround this year.

**Housing updates**

Trillium – Full at this time

GHA/Tujuanda Sanders – There are openings/accepting applications

CCC/Tonette Latham – No openings in either program

Rapid Rehousing/Deloris Farmer – 24 served already. There are 14 on waiting list. Once those are served the grant monies should be exhausted. A total of 38 will have been served and housed through the grant program

Bob Williams - Independence Rd. at Community Crossroads. 3 apartments will be available. Qualifications- Person has to have a job. Minimum net income $725. 15% net income for utilities. Must save 30%. Will be interviewed to see if they are a fit. Targeted stay 6 months (may be extended based on circumstances) – time to save for deposits and first month’s rent.

**SOAR update: Linda Mandell**

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| Unsheltered SOAR |  | Totals |
| Referrals | 1 | 108 |
| Submitted | 1 | 48 |
| Approved | 0 | 20 |
| Denied | 0 | 8 |
| Pending | 1 | 1 |
| Closed – other | 1 | 21 |

**Announcements**

Trillium will be hosting a Landlord Forum 11/18/15 6:00-8:00 pm at PC Agricultural Center

Honor Card Event - Oakmont Baptist Church 11/12/15 6:00 pm - Artist: Bill Magnum

**NEXT Meeting: December 9, 2015**