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

Multipurpose Room ⏹ Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday, January 13 2016 - 9:00 AM

**Present**

Tommy Cloyd, Disability Advocates

Gloria H. Kesler, City of Greenville

Daphne Drew, Trillium Health Resources

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

James Cox, United Way

Kathleen Foster, Community Crossroads

Bob Williams, Community Crossroads

Talaika Williams, Trillium Health Resources

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Selma Whitaker, Strive

Peter D. Peedin, Strive

Tina Rodgers, VOA SSVF

Gloria Leak, Vocational Rehabilitation

Ken Becker, Family Endeavors

Darone Dancy, NC Works

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads

Debra Edwards, Community Crossroads

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

**Introductions/December 2015 Minutes**

After introductions, the meeting began with Bob Williams, making a motion to approve the December 2015 minutes. The minutes were approved by James Rhodes, with Jim Cox seconding the decision. With all in agreement, the December 2015 minutes passed.

**NC Balance of State Committee & Work Group Representation: Updates**

**-Regional Restructuring Work Group**

Jim Cox provided feedback, in reference to updates on the Regional Restructuring Work Group. It was communicated that currently 79 counties participate in part with the BOS. Within those 79 counties, there are between 25-28 regional committees. One major discussion within the work group focused on creating larger regional committees comprised of 6-8 counties, as opposed to only one county.

Talaika Williams communicated with the group and elaborated on goals of the restructuring committee. With the input of all regional committees, the work group hopes to have better insight on how to best restructure the regional committees. In the process of restructuring, the work group wishes to focus on regional committees whom do not have representation, in order to bring forth representation, those whom are not performing at their best, in order to improve their performance and those whom are performing well to continue to assist them in performing well.

In regards to MCO’s (Management Care Organizations), the state is proposing that between 4-5 operate with the state of NC. Currently Trillium covers 24 counties within the eastern region. Out of the 24 counties, 21 counties fall within the BOS. Over half of the counties are without representation, while 10 of the counties previously had representation but made the decision to disband. It was discussed that in the event that the MCO’s catchment area where to reach its maximum, the possibility of a stronger regional committee could step in and become the lead within the MCO’s catchment area and for the BOS. Currently Pitt and Onslow Counties have the strongest regional committees. Surveys will be conducted between the two counties to see which committee may be interested in becoming the lead for the 21 counties, within the BOS.

Currently, there is no time set, for the final decision on formation of the larger regional committees. This topic will be of discussion, for the next Regional Restructuring meeting, scheduled on Feb. 2, 2016.

**-Coordinated Assessment Work Group**

Bob Williams communicated a few expectations of the BOS, to have regional committees discuss the coordinated assessment during each of its meetings. In discussion, emphasis shall be placed on concerns with the coordinated assessment and the VI-SPDAT intake process, also individual feelings in regards to the coordinated assessment’s overall functioning.

**Restructuring of the Wednesday Housing Stabilization Meeting**

Jim Cox addressed housing meetings which are held each Wednesday and the purpose of regaining structure for those meetings. Forms such as a referral application and spreadsheet where developed to assist in the restructuring process. The VI-SPDAT will be utilized, in order to prioritize individuals for housing placement.

Lynne James explained the importance of consistency, within the evaluation of selected individuals, for housing. Lynne elaborated on the utilization of the VI-SPDAT and its role in the housing placement process. Through the use of the VI-SPDAT, the housing committee will review individual rankings and priority. With scores ranging between low, middle and high, a determination can be made as to whether Rapid Rehousing or Permanent Supportive Housing would best suit individual needs. Other topics of discussion included resources which could provide funding, to assist in the housing process.

**Recruitment of New Members**

Bob Williams discussed members of the regional committee from previous years. It was informed that vital members of the committee whom were once involved, are not active. Emphasis was placed on reaching out and communicating with these agencies, in order to regain participation in the regional committee.

**2016 Point-in-Time Count: January 27th (Wednesday)**

The deadline in order to submit the PIT Count is February 15, 2016. Linda Mandell informed the group of intentions, to provide backpacks to persons classified as homeless (according to HUD’s definition). These persons will have to complete a survey, in order to receive a backpack. The group has been approved to survey at Joy Soup Kitchen and Hope Station.

**Grant Updates: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) & CoC Permanent Housing Grant**

Bob Williams announced the approval of the Emergency Solutions Grant for the regional committee, which includes Pitt County Planning, the Center for Family Violence Prevention and Community Crossroads Center.

**Housing Updates**

Trillium/Talaika Williams-Currently No Openings; Will Have Openings, Soon

GHA/Tujuanda Sanders-Currently Has Openings for Shelter Plus Care

CCC/Tonette Latham-Currently One Opening and Will Have Another on February 1

Criteria: homeless, disability and income

Rapid Rehousing/Deloris Farmer/Jim Cox-Currently has no monies available

**SOAR Updates**

For the month of December 2015

2 Referrals

1 Submitted

1 Approved

None Denied

1 Pending Approval

Totals:

110 Referrals

49 Submitted

21 Approved

8 Denied

21 Closed for Other Reasons

**Election of Officers in 2016**

Bob Williams inquired from the group of any nominations for Regional Lead. Lynne motioned to nominate Jim Cox, for the lead. Bob seconded the motion, the group approved the decision. Jim Cox is now the Regional Lead for the Pitt County Regional Committee. Bob inquired about an alternate regional lead for Pitt County. Linda inquired interest from Darone Dancy, for the alternate lead position. Darone agreed on the decision of becoming, the alternate. It was motioned by Bob, for the group’s approval, all favored the decision. Darone Dancy now serves at the Alternate Lead for the Pitt County Regional Committee. Bob inquired about interest from the group, in serving as the secretary. Tonette Latham volunteered for the position and now serves as the Secretary for the Pitt County Regional Committee. Responsibilities of the Coordinated Assessment Lead were described by Bob. Linda Mandell volunteered, for the position. Bob motioned to approve the decision from the group, with the group’s approval, Linda now serves at the Coordinated Assessment Lead.

**Announcements**

Lynne- Reminded the group to review the 211 (Homeless Services Directory), for accuracy.

**Next Meeting: February 10, 2016**