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

Multipurpose Room ⏹ Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 - 9:00 AM

Introductions/Approval of August 2016 Minutes

After introductions, the September 2016 BOS meeting began with a motion to approve the August 2016 minutes, by Jim Cox. Tommy Cloyd approved the minutes with Lynne James seconding the decision. The minutes were approved by the Pitt County Regional Committee.

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Group: Updates

Steering Committee/Conference Call 9-6

**Gloria Kesler to CoC Review Committee/Update**

Gloria Kesler updated the committee on activities within the COC Review Committee.

Gloria was the Pitt County representative on the committee. The committee scored and

 developed a ranking system for grants involved in the review process. All renewals

submitted were accepted and sent forward to HUD.

Local Regional Committee ESG Representative/Update

Lynne informed the group of updates within the ESG Application process. Because all changes agreed upon by the committee have not been reviewed by HUD, the ESG Application has not been sent to participating agencies. The ESG office is striving to be consistent with Written Standards according to what the BOS and NCCEH are requiring. In terms of the ESG Application, more focus will be placed upon outcome and performance measures such as how long an individual has been homeless or the number of times an individual has returned to homelessness.

COC Grant Process

Lynne discussed the Pitt County Planning grant proposal for an expansion of the RRH

program. The program was ranked at the bottom of the list, members of the BOS review committee felt that the application lacked certain requirements. Changes have been made to the proposal in an attempt to increase ranking for guidelines required by HUD.

Mayreni Castro-Santos elaborated on the ESG Grant Application process for the Greenville Housing Authority. The application had different requirements as compared to previous years.

October 20th BoS Regional Meeting 10-4 at CCC

On October 20th, Brian Alexander / BoS will host a meeting at the CCC with all regional

committees east of I-95. Topics will include restructuring and other activities within the

BOS (more to come). It has been asked that at least 5 representatives from the Pitt County

Regional Committee. Registration is on the BoS website.

Approval of Written Standards

The Written Standards were approved at the last Steering Committee meeting in August.

Expectations are for these standards to serve as guidelines for all housing programs. As a requirement by HUD and the BOS these standards are to serve as guidelines in order to

maintain compliance with HUD.

Regional Restructuring (Update)

Last week members from the Pitt County Regional Committee had a conference call

 with a representative from the BOS in order to update on efforts in regards to

restructuring. Sally Love a representative from Beaufort County informed the group of

activities within Beaufort County to re-establish their regional committee. Beaufort

County’s regional committee has been inactive since October of 2015. Beaufort County

voted to reestablish their committee at a recent meeting.

Coordinated Assessment (Update)

Linda reported no updates with the Coordinated Assessment.

Point in Time Count

Linda Volunteered to assist in coordinating the Point in Time Count. From coordinating the Point in Time count last year, it is felt that volunteers involved in the count need to have experience in social services and issues as it pertains to homelessness. Jim described the process for the Point in Time Count, on the night of the January 25th, a count of homeless individuals will be conducted. One week from that night counts are conducted for homeless shelters, soup kitchens and others whom may have been on the street the previous night.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Local Process-Grants Review Committee

Jim updated on the ESG Grant Application, the application has not been received. Once, the application has been received Jim will set a timeline for agencies to respond and express interest in applying. After, discussion will focus on the review process and volunteers will be selected in order to review the grants.

**Crystal Jackson, Access East: Med Assist Event**

Crystal Jackson informed the committee of her role as it pertains to assisting individuals whom are uninsured with medication assistance. It was explained that the program does nothave funds to assist in obtaining medications. However, she does assist those whom are uninsured to complete applications in order to apply for assistance through pharmaceutical companies. There was interest in the possibility of partnering with her in an

over- the-counter medication give away event in the Spring that would create the

opportunity to also provide resource information. Will continue discussion.

Housing Updates

Trillium-Currently has openings in their PSH programs.

GHA/Tujuanda Sanders/Mayreni Santos-Castro-Currently has no openings but are accepting applications.

CCC/Tonette Latham- Currently has no openings in Independence Road

Rapid Rehousing/Deloris Farmer/Currently accepting referrals

SOAR Updates

4 Referrals

0 Submitted

0 Approved

0 Denied

1 Still Pending

None Closed for Other Reasons

Totals:

118 Referrals

51 Submitted

22 Approved

9 Denied

21 Closed for Other Reasons

Linda announced that the Social Security Administration is planning to change rules when it comes to looking at medical evidence. Currently, the rules state that a physician or psychiatrist are the only medical staff permitted to sign after seeing patients. The new proposal would be to permit nurse practitioners, physician’s assistants and licensed clinical social workers to sign after seeing patients. The SSA is also looking to approve advanced practice registered nurses.

Announcements

Pitt County Coalition on Substance Abuse will have their 7th Annual Recovery Fest. The event will be at the Pitt County Agricultural Center on Saturday, September 24 from 11AM-1PM.

The Pitt County Stand Down for Veterans will be held on Friday, October 21, 2016 at St. James United Methodist Church from 9AM-2PM.

The Toys for Tots Campaign will begin October 1. Churches Outreach Network will have their toy drive on November 25th, 2016.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2016