

**Region 12, Inner Banks, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting**

Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority

1103 Broad Street, Greenville

Wednesday March 13, 2019-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

**Present**

**Kim Anderson, Pitt County Schools**

Wayne Bray, NC Works

James Cox, United Way of Pitt County

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department

Margaret Dixon, Community Crossroads, Pitt County Planning

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Lorina Garrison, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority

Kimberly Gaskins, Greenelamp

Ashley Gray, Greenville Housing Authority

Khrecia Holley, Port Health Services

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning

Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

William Stanton

Anna Willis, Pitt County Planning (Intern)

## **Introductions and Approval of February 2019 Minutes**

The March 2019 Pitt Regional Committee (Inner Banks) meeting began with approval of the minutes for February 2019. Jim Cox asked for a motion to approve the minutes. James Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes for February 2019 with Deloris Farmer seconding the motion. The committee approved the minutes for February 2019.

## **Updates/Reports:**

### **NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 3/5/2019**

The Steering Committee call was March 5, 2019. Jim emailed everyone the Steering Committee call summary on 3/9/2019. He encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month. Jim reviewed the information discussed on the call.

#### **A. Point in Time Count 2019**

The Point in Time count took place the last Wednesday in January (1/30/2019). The service count was done for 7 days after. There is a question at the end of the interview that asks if households are interested in follow up. Jim stated that he received a spreadsheet from the Balance of State of households that would like follow up. He has been in touch with Wayne, Sally, and Lorina because the individuals listed are from the entire region. He is trying to ensure that we make contact with everyone listed on the spreadsheet that wanted follow up. He is unsure about the total numbers for the region. He stated that last year we knew the numbers early on. Deloris reported that she received follow up questions from Nicole with NCEH. Jim stated that we probably need to start planning for the Point in Time Count in September of this year to ensure that we have adequate time to prepare.

#### **B. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

Chris Battle from the ESG office will attend our super regional committee meeting in Martin County on June 12, 2019. Things are going well with the Rapid Rehousing program in Pitt County. The group would like to see regional coverage next year. Salvation Army in Beaufort County has expressed an interest in applying for regional rapid rehousing for next year. James reminded everyone about the upcoming ESG webinars. Jim discussed the timeline for ESG applications. He reported that the applications came out in July last year and they are hoping the timelines will be similar this year.

#### **C. Project Safe Shelter (PSS); Vidant Foundation Grant**

Lynne reported that they have housed some people through Project Safe Shelter. Devinder has made patrol aware of Project Safe Shelter and how to access it if needed. Lynne reminded everyone that this can be utilized when someone is in an unsafe situation and cannot access emergency shelter. She stated that it has been very helpful and she has seen people shed tears of relief due to the program. Lynne stated that they have been invited by Vidant to submit a renewal application. She reported that the grant is small (\$7000). She submitted the renewal application (grant cycle starts in January). The grant only covers Pitt County right now. She inquired about using the grant regionally and Vidant said no. She

would like to replicate this throughout the region. In order to be eligible, households must be homeless according to HUDS definition of homelessness. She is currently looking at our ability to move households along in our region/system.

#### **D. Supportive Services Only, Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE); Balance of State Grant**

Margaret talked with the group about her new position. She reported that things have been interesting so far. She expressed that she feels that it is important to do things with a sense of urgency. She has done six Prevention/Diversion screenings so far this month. Lynne stated that it has been extremely helpful to have someone that can sit down and dig into things. Margaret encouraged everyone to really look at the Prevention Diversion Screening. She stated that she has been able to reunify some people with their families with bus tickets (sent 1 lady to California, sent 1 gentleman back to Virginia to live with his family). Margaret can complete VI-SPDATs as needed. Lynne stated that Margaret will help put data into HMIS as well. There will be an APR for the SSO-CE grant this year. The Balance of State has applied for and been awarded continuation for this grant. They have also been awarded a new grant that will hopefully fund SSO CE projects for the entire region. Lynne reported that NCCEH staff feel that we are doing a good job. There was a concern mentioned about holding referrals. They would like for all referrals to be referred for services.

#### **E. CoC Grant**

The Balance of State is requesting a representative for the score card committee (need 1 person from each region). Jim needs to submit a name by the end of the month. Linda Mandell volunteered to serve on the scorecard committee. Jim reminded everyone that agencies that are interested in applying for CoC funds need to submit an Intent to Apply form. Pitt County Planning was awarded a CoC Rapid Rehousing Grant. Lynne stated that they are already in the renewal process even though they haven't started the new grant yet. Jim stated that HUD will release the NOFA earlier this year. He anticipates being through the process by the end of August. The webinars for new applicants and renewal applicants will be recorded and posted.

**Beaufort County-**Sally stated that NC Care 360 should be coming out in the next 3 months. They hope to have it online by the summer. It will be statewide, but will start with seven counties.

**Tri-County Meeting-** No updates at this time.

**Miscellaneous** The Bringing it Home annual conference will be May 21, 2019 and May 22, 2019.

The group discussed youth homelessness. Committee members were recently contacted regarding two young men that are going to be homeless at the end of March that are too young to apply for housing programs. Devinder stated that this happens a great deal. Young men who do not get along with their families, move out to live with friends and are then asked to leave. Margaret stated that children can remain in the custody of DSS until they are 21 years old. Jim inquired as to whether there is a group that is interested in looking into youth homelessness (identifying needs, resources, brainstorming about how to address, etc.). Kim Anderson would be interested in participating in a group to explore this further. Margaret and Devinder volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee as well. The group will follow up with all the school systems in the region. Jim has invited Todd Rosenthal to come back to talk with our committee regarding youth homelessness. The group discussed the potential need for a youth shelter.

James Rhodes talked with the group about the 2020 census. He stated that the homeless population is not counted as it needs to be. For every person that is not counted you lose about \$1623.00. The count will be online this year. April 1 is the Census day.

Family Promise-Faith based Community-works with homeless families. The next meeting in Pitt County will be held Thursday April 4, 2019 at 7:00pm. The group needs a minimum of 13 churches to participate. Participation includes hosting families, providing transportation, providing meals, etc. The program has an 80% success rate.

### **Housing Updates**

**CCC/Tonette Latham**-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported they assisted 6 families in February (8 adults, 14 children). The total amount of assistance was \$5,242.55.

**GHA**-Ashley stated that they are accepting applications. They still have some permanent supportive housing vouchers.

**Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning**- Deloris reported that they are still accepting referrals and spending funds.

**SOAR Updates**-Linda reported that she is working with 3 SOAR clients right now. One of them is desperately in need of housing.

**Trillium Health Resources**-No updates at this time.

**Mid-East Regional Housing Authority**-No updates at this time.

**C4FVP**-Catonna reported that the shelter is full right now.

**Community Crossroads Center**-No updates at this time.

**Next Meeting: April 10, 2019 @ 9:00am**  
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