

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

Conference call/WebEx

Wednesday January 13, 2020-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Ken Becker, Community Crossroads Center

Adrian Atkinson, City of Greenville

James Cox, United Way, Regional Lead

Margaret Dixon, Pitt County Planning

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Stephanie Elliott, Greenville Housing Authority

Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning

Wanda Montano, Community Crossroads Center

Lynne James, Pitt County Planning

Dana LeTellier, Rivers East NC Works Career Centers

Amy Modlin, Trillium Health Resources

James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning

Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority

Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way

Greg Smith, NC Works Center

Joseph Beach, Volunteers of America

Rory Springs, NC Works Career Center

Eric Chester, VA Medical Center

Peter Peedin, Pitt County United Way

Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Dept.

Pheonix Hinson, City of Greenville

Introductions and Approval of October 2020 Minutes

Jim began the meeting by thanking all attendees for all of their hard work throughout the pandemic.

Jim asked for a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. James Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes with Lynne James seconding that motion.

A.) 2021 Point in Time Count

Jim started by thanking the Point in Time panel of participants who meet in regards to the PIT count. Jim discussed the breakdown of the Point in Time count as being the count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals. Jim stated that the Balance of State website holds training for HMIS and non HMIS users. Non HMIS users will be required to use the app. A package/discovery form was created for the non-sheltered Point in Time count by the Point in Time committee. Potential community partners were identified by the Point in Time committee and invited to attend training which is scheduled for Thursday January 14, 2021. Point in Time count is scheduled for the last Wednesday of January. Jim clarified that street outreach was the expectation of the Balance of State but due to the ongoing pandemic the discovery form/package was created to allow community partners to assist in reaching unsheltered individuals without compromising safety. Margaret discussed the contents of the package which includes a discovery form, release of information form for HMIS, and the verbal consent script.

Jim took a pause to thank Melissa Eastwood for her years of service at the committee's webmaster. He also congratulated Stephanie Elliott for taking on the position.

B.) Emergency Solution Grant COVID Funding (ESG CV2 Funding)

Information about grant came in December with a quick turnaround time, grant amount was \$930,000 for Region 12. Historically a 60/40 mix of Housing stabilization and emergency shelter. Jim reached out to Balance of State and verified that there was no restriction on this round of funding. Applicants in the first round with CV1 were submitted by Community Crossroads and Center for Family Violence which was awarded. Both initial applicants applied for CV2 funding as well.

Ken Becker spoke about the application submitted by Community Crossroads shelter. Additional funding was requested by Community Crossroads Shelter for purpose of Hotel/Motel stays as well as case management expenses. Hotel/Motel stays will be utilized when the shelter has reached capacity, individuals will be temporarily sheltered in a hotel/motel until they are able to be transitioned into the shelter or into another housing situation. The total request from Community Crossroads was \$200,000. No one was on the call from Center of Family Violence to speak in reference to their application submitted. Jim recapped their application for \$103,000 which included shelter costs and hotel/motel stays. Jim stated he would make a motion of ranking both applications as high priority, Lynn James confirmed the recommendation to rank both as high with Sally Love seconding the motion.

C.) Eviction Diversion Interest Group

Jim put together a small group to work on evictions. The goal of the group is to maximize coordination efforts. The group meets on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00pm.

There were no updates from Adrian Atkinson from the City of Greenville on CBDG CV funding. The City of Greenville has completed interviews for an administrator of their CV funds and will soon be making a selection. Jim gave an update for Pitt County DSS. They have received their CBDG grant and their target

is early February. No one was on the call from Greenlamp to give an update on their funding. No one on the line from Trillium to give an update on Back at Home or Hope.

Eviction moratorium extended by the governor until January 31, 2021.

D.) Noncongregate Shelter

Lynne reported that the 30-day order limitations has been lifted. Non-Congregate Shelter Program will be ongoing until further notification from FEMA. There are currently 5 families housed, 4 are homeless, and 1 is a domestic violence referral. Lynne clarified expectation that stays in non-congregate will be closely monitored to ensure there are no open-ended stays in non-congregate sheltering. Refresher will be sent out and the non-congregate referral form. Lynn clarified that there is no housing facility willing to assist non-congregate with housing persons with positive COVID results. Lynne enlisted the team to work together to find a facility willing to house positive cases.

E.) Mainstream Voucher Program, Tujuanda Sanders & Stephanie Elliott

Tujuanda stated that Greenville Housing Authority has been awarded 40 Mainstream Vouchers. Tujuanda defined the Mainstream program as a program aiming to service individuals who are non-elderly within the age range of 18-61 with disabilities. Tujuanda stated that the individual who is non-elderly and with disability does not have to be the head of household to qualify for the program. Stephanie reiterated the facts stated by Tujuanda and added that the application process will take place in February and will be available online only. Stephanie stated that the application will be available on February 9th at midnight through February 12th at 11:59pm. The program mirrors the Section 8 voucher program. Stephanie stated that the current waitlist will be purged and each individual will be contacted to see if they meet the criteria of the Mainstream Voucher Program.

F.) Back @ Home

Currently no update on the Back at Home program.

Housing Updates

GHA- HOPWA funding available for hotel/motel stays. 13 HOPWA vouchers and 10 VASH vouchers available.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- Delores stated that funding is available.

SOAR Updates-No additional updates at this time.

Trillium Health Resources-No additional updates at this time.

Mid-East Regional Housing Authority-No updates available.

C4FVP-No updates at this time.

Veterans Activities-Volunteers of America-No updates at this time.

Pitt County Schools- No update available.

Vocational Rehabilitation-No updates at this time.

AmeriHealth Caritas-No updates at this time.

Community Crossroads Shelter- 2 male bed and 3 female beds available. Wanda reminded group of continuing to send referrals.