

Northeastern Homeless Coalition Committee Meeting
Region 11

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Minutes

Those Present:

- *Gretchen Hillburger – Hampton VA*
- *Kisha Darden – Trillium*
- *Marti Chick-Ebey – Hampton VA*
- *Michele Welsh – Trillium*
- *Alton McCauley - Volunteers of America*
- *Shelia Perry – Faith and Victory*
- *Stacia Billups – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Tammy Kittrell – Trillium*
- *Tawonya Morgan – FVCC*
- *Tonya Rollins – River City CDC*
- *Joycelyn Hinton – Perquimans County Schools*
- *Gloria Brown – FVCC*
- *Cheryl Banks – Trillium*
- *Bethany Buttram – Perquimans County MIH Program*
- *Heidi Long – October Road*
- *Gabrielle Mason –*
- *Kisha Brothers – ARHS/FVCC*
- *Michelle Moore – RCCDC*
- *Wendy Overton – Pasquotank DSS*
- *Tanya Rollins – RCCDC*
- *Dr. Lenora Mackey – RCCDC*
- *Melissa*

Introductions

- The meeting was held virtually. Those present introduced themselves and what organization they were representing.

Consideration of December’s Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from January’s meeting were approved without changes or objections.

Updates/Reports

- **BoS Steering Committee**
 - FY 2023 CoC Program Awards were announced on January 24th. All projects in Tier 1 were funded – all renewal projects
 - Scorecard Committee work began this month to recommend the FY2024 new and renewal scorecards. Zinia Holley currently serves on the Scorecard Committee for this region
 - The committee will meet over three consecutive weeks (February 7th, 14th, and 21st) – emails were sent to everyone on the committee. The committee’s recommendations for the FY2024 will be presented to the Steering Committee on March 5th
 - An updated regional roles and responsibilities sheet with scorecard committee added to it for clarification (posted on NCCEH’s website)
- **Back@Home BoS Update**
 - Five people have been identified to be hired as Housing Stabilization Case Coordinators; Human Resources will be contacting those individuals and their start date should be March 1st.

- Three referrals have been received so far, but they have been for a county in another region

PIT Count Follow-up

- As of today, there are 29 individuals total, but Michele is still entering data
- Some of the data is missing the name of the county (approximately 20)
- It looks as if the region will be reporting more individuals than last year
- A final total will be given to the committee soon

HMIS Recruitment

- Kit will be reaching out to different agencies in the region that currently provide homeless/housing services who are not utilizing the Housing Management Information System (HMIS), but could.
 - Increasing HMIS users helps us more comprehensively understand who is experiencing homelessness and allows us to better understand the effectiveness of our programs and our system.
 - When Kit reaches out to you or your agency, she will be able to provide more information about HMIS

Region 11 Strategic Plan

- The BoS asked that each regional committee come up with goals for 2024 and ideas on how to accomplish those goals.
- The committee came up with the following goals:
 - Add a person with lived experience
 - Increase participation
 - Encourage members to take on leadership positions

Community Resources and Agency Updates

- DSS – none at this time
- Coordinated Entry – none at this time
- School System(s) –
 - Perquimans (J. Hinton) – thankful for the support that has been received from different agencies to assist the McKinney-Vento families
 - Pasquotank (M. Hudyma, unable to attend, but sent updates) - ECPPS has identified a total of 161 students as McKinney-Vento.
 - By definition, individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including:
 - Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
 - Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
 - Living in emergency or transitional shelters
 - Awaiting foster care placement

- Have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
 - Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
 - Migratory children living in the circumstances described above
 - Unaccompanied youth living in the circumstances described above
- ECPPS assists them with the following: school supplies; transportation to/from school; allowed to stay in school of origin if staying out of school zone; tutoring; required physicals and paperwork; pay for cap & gown for graduation and college readiness items; summer reading/academic workbooks; and refer to community agencies for resources.
 - I am on an alternating serving team for Corinth Baptist Church and serve at SOULS. I wanted to give a shout out to how nice the new SOULS facility is and how well run it is. It has allowed for more hungry and homeless people to get food on a daily basis than in the past.
 - There is a desperate need for shelters in our community. I have heard that River city has run into some issues with their planned house shelter. I just wish the county would take action. We need places for families, not just single adults.
 - Thanks so much for all you and everyone is doing!
- County – Perquimans (B. Buttram) – assisting approximately 27 families a month through their Mobile Integrated Health Program
 - Spring Life – not present
 - Dungarvin – not present
 - VOA – none at this time
 - October Road – none at this time
 - Hampton VA – none at this time

Housing Program Updates

- River City CDC
 - The shelter is coming along. The address is 318 S. Hughes Blvd, Elizabeth City. The fire department is requesting a sprinkler system because of the number of people the shelter will serve.
- Trillium – Back@Home program should start around March 1st

Success Stories

- River City shared that they had a few families to get housed with the collaboration of other agencies
- Faith and Victory was awarded \$10,000 towards research for the Showers of Blessings and are in talks with the City Planner and Mayor

Announcements

- The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2024 at 1:00pm

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:57pm