

Wilson-Greene Continuum of Care Regional Committee Meeting Minutes  
Location: The Wesley Shelter, Wilson, NC  
Date: October 16, 2012

Attending:

Marty Stebbins – St. Timothy’s Church (CoC Regional Committee President)

Howard Anthony – WCDSS (CoC Regional Committee Secretary)

Susan Parker – WCDSS

Candice Rountree – WCDSS

Amanda Flory - WCDSS

Lynne White – The Wesley Shelter

Donna Pridgen – The Wesley Shelter

Terri Hooks – Wilson County Schools

Diane Kricsel – Veterans Residential Services

Linda Walling – Hope Station

Albert Barron – Eastpointe Human Services

Marty noted that we have one agenda item for this meeting that is to start discussing strategies for carrying out the point in time count set for January. We will need to accomplish training of staff/volunteers in December/January. Marty added that our next meeting would take place at the Wilson Housing Authority in November.

Albert noted that Eastpointe is applying for an ESG Grant and Marty noted that we might be looking at that application in November. Albert will send updated information on the activities at Eastpointe and they will then be forwarded to all committee members.

Susan brought copies of 1/25/12 statistical information/forms on the various counts related to sheltered and unsheltered homeless counts. Homeless Demographics and needs survey was passed around the group.

The group discussed dynamics of the PIT count process with questions raised related to if we know where homeless people are located and if there is security available for volunteers who will be out on the street conducting the count?

Marty noted that there are city homeless locations and also rural locations in the county. We discussed the idea that local police may be possible volunteers to go out with groups of PIT staff.

The group noted that we might want to create a “script” for volunteers to utilize during the PIT process.

The group talked about checking with various organizations to see who might have police/community liaison staff that could be utilized to support the PIT process.

Our discussion included the fact that we want to remember to count those families and individuals who are being paid by organizations to stay in hotels as a result of their homeless situation. Marty noted that various independent churches also may be putting people up in hotels and we will want to look at ways we might be able to identify families. Marty noted that the Ministers meeting is scheduled for the beginning of January and Becky Stottlemeyer has a listing of churches/organizations in the areas. We want to include Flynn Home and Dr. Bell's Program.

The question was raised concerning if The Salvation Army is working with homeless people? No committee members knew if they were or were not providing this service at this time.

Albert noted that hospitals might be a location where homeless people may be residing the evening of the count.

We raised the question asking if there is a way to count people who are in jail who are awaiting trial? Should we check with the jail inmates to determine who were homeless prior to incarceration and also who may be released into a homeless situation?

Our discussion included the possibility that training in January 2013 might be better than in December. Final dates and locations will be forthcoming and we can plan to finalize them by our next meeting.

In regards to college volunteers, we may want to check with Barton College concerning winter break and determine if their students are interested in coming in during their break for training and/or to work on the PIT count.

Linda asked if we might be able to utilize Hope Station residents to volunteer to help on the PIT efforts. Committee members are asked to give feedback and we can discuss this option at our next meeting.

There was added discussion about inviting government officials such as County Commissioners to our training and to involve them at least from an informational standpoint. Albert noted that many municipalities have 5 year plan to end homelessness thus this may be a resource.

The group asked that our December meeting be moved up to December 11<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the many holiday activities.

Where do we want to have our December logistical meeting? It was decided that December 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Timothy's Anderson Hall would work well. The time will be 10:00am.

Where do we want to have the actual training for volunteers? Discussion noted that WCDSS (Multipurpose Room) would be a possibility. January 15<sup>th</sup> would be the training date. Candice will check to see what the availability is or the multipurpose room.

Susan noted that there is a training PowerPoint for the point in time count on the main web site.

The actual point in time count will likely be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in January 2013. We will update committee members on any changes and finalization of a specific date.

Susan noted that the Balance of State has three committees. Rapid Re-housing is one. Permanent Housing is another. Chin Data-Quality is the third committee. We have to have people participating on the quarterly committee meetings. Amanda, Susan and Howard can attend the Rapid Re-housing committee meetings. Do we have others interested in being on the other committees? Quarterly reports must be submitted and it plays. Linda Walling volunteered to take part in the Chin Data-Quality Committee meetings. Albert from Eastpointe noted that he should be able to have a representative for the Permanent Housing Committee and he will let us know for sure in the future.

Albert discussed his plan to have a combined meeting of their organization and the four CoC Regional Committees that his counties fall into. November 20, 2012 at 10:00am. Location will be at Mount Olive College. They are also applying for a Shelter Plus Care Grant. He will forward information for distribution to the group.

We had a new discussion on the need to change our November CoC Regional Meeting to November 13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. Marty will check with the Wilson Housing Authority to see what date they could possibly accommodate for a meeting location.

Susan talked about the fact that Amanda Flory will be the contact person for utility related crisis assistance for shelter residents in addition to being the lead ESG Worker at WCDSS. Amanda has been trained on the State Crisis Intervention Program. This will allow us to best maximize resources and better manage the ESG funds.

Susan talked about the importance of having the availability of public/subsidized housing for shelter residents who are transitioning to their own rental unit.

Donna from the Wesley Shelter talked about her position and the efforts underway with the coordinated community sexual response team start-up. She also talked about the upcoming Silent Walk for Domestic Violence Victims taking place on October 30, 2012 beginning at 12:00pm. The Walk will start at the Wesley Shelter.

Linda initiated a discussion surrounding services that might be available to address single Dad's with children along with situations in which a person has been

convicted of a sex offense thus on the register. The group conducted a discussion on the subject.

Please note that all Committee members are welcome and encouraged to send updates to Howard regarding your organizational activities and efforts. Information and updates can then be forwarded to the group for possible discussion at our next meeting.

Our next meeting is being rescheduled and planned to take place at The Wilson Housing Authority on November 13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. Committee members will be notified of our new meeting date once it has been finalized.