

Region 12, NC Balance of State Monthly Meeting
Multipurpose Room-Greenville Housing Authority
1103 Broad Street, Greenville
Wednesday August 9, 2017-9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Present

Ken Becker, Family Endeavors
Wayne Bray, Martin County Job Link Center
Mayreni Santos Castro, Greenville Housing Authority
Lakitra Claude, Trillium Health Resources
James Cox, United Way of Pitt County
Devinder Culver, Greenville Police Department
Margaret Dixon, Community Crossroads Center
Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources
Deloris Farmer, Pitt County Planning
Lorina Garrison, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority
Lynne James, Pitt County Planning
Gloria Kesler, City of Greenville
Tonette Latham, Community Crossroads Center
Gloria Leak, Vocational Rehabilitation
Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way
Linda Mandell, Pitt County Planning
Elizabeth McDowell, Catholic Charities
Catonna Pitt, Center for Family Violence Prevention
James Rhodes, Pitt County Planning
Tina Rodgers, Volunteers of America
Tujuanda Sanders, Greenville Housing Authority
Richelle Smallwood, Vocational Rehabilitation

Introductions/Approval of July 2017 Minutes

The August 2017 BOS/Pitt Regional Committee meeting began with approval of the minutes for July 2017. Jim Cox asked for a motion to approve the minutes. James stated that a correction needed to be made regarding the amount of Rapid Rehousing funds spent so far (only about 15%). Melissa will make the correction. James Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes for July 2017 with the correction with Deloris Farmer seconding the motion. The committee approved the minutes for July 2017.

Hurricane Matthew (updates)

Jim inquired about updates in reference to Hurricane Matthew. Margaret reported that the long term recovery group is moving forward. The group has written over \$100,000.00 worth of grants. She stated that they have received funding from Red Cross, the city, NC Disaster, etc. They are working with partners in the community. However, people can self-refer to the group. The group meets on Thursdays. Contact Margaret with questions regarding referrals.

James stated that the county is working on building its comprehensive recovery plan. There will be replacement housing funds available for situations where there is extensive damage and where repairs aren't sufficient. They have a grant for repairs. Lynne has been instrumental in getting individuals qualified for that (about a dozen going through that program). He reported that 11 households qualified for buyout in the county. Letters have gone out to make the households aware of approvals/denials. This is where people flow from program to program.

Gloria reported that two households qualified for buyout with the city. Households that are not qualified through the city or county for assistance should contact the long term recovery group. The recovery group may be able to supplement repair funds as well. Contact Margaret with questions.

NC Balance of State Steering Committee & Work Groups Steering Committee/Conference Call 8/1/2017

Jim emailed everyone the Steering Committee call summary. He encouraged everyone to review the summaries each month. Jim reviewed the information discussed on the call.

COC funding process

Lynne updated the group regarding the CoC application process. The NOFA came out and the CoC competition is open. There are two deadlines 8/4/17 (preliminary for initial documents) and 8/18/2017 (new and renewal project applications). The projects that are eligible for funding this year are Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing. There is a new RR and transitional housing combo that is eligible for funding. Planning funds and Coordinated Assessment funds are available as well. The Balance of State is applying for CA funds for Coordinated Assessment planning to work with all the regions.

There are two Permanent Supportive Housing project renewals for our region. The PSH renewals are for Greenville Housing Authority and Trillium Health Resources. The county is resubmitting their application for CoC Rapid Rehousing funds. Lynne brought the application that was submitted last year so that

anyone interested could review it. They are asking for \$100,000 (\$51,204.00 for rental assistance and \$48,796.00 for supportive services). They are asking for \$10,000 in administrative funds as well. They would like to expand case management services and increase unsheltered outreach. The county will contribute an in kind match (Total will be \$141,628.00 with the match). The additional funds would allow us to assist individuals throughout the year.

Trillium Health Resources and Greenville Housing Authority will submit applications for PSH. Melissa Eastwood provided an update regarding the Trillium PSH program. Ms. Castro provided an update regarding the Greenville Housing Authority PSH program. These will be renewal projects and they will operate with no changes. Ms. Castro reported that they consolidated 2 of their grants but there were no changes to the program/operations.

James Rhodes made a motion to move forward with the grant applications for the new/renewal grants discussed. Gloria Kesler seconded the motion. The group unanimously voted to move forward with these projects for region 12.

Project Review Committee-Ken reported that his first conference call will be 8/22/2017. There will be scoring and individual calls from 8/25/2017 to 9/1/2017. The second conference call will be 9/8/2017 (results). There will be a special call on 9/12/2017 to approve the rankings.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Local Process: Update

James commended the new staff at the ESG office. He expressed that the communication and support seems better. James reported that the spending is at 34% after last month for Rapid Rehousing. Deloris has housed several individuals. He stated that they are right on target in regards to spending. The question was raised as to whether they should request supplemental funds. James stated that we have a little time to make that decision. He stated that they might have enough to carry us through the year. Catonnia stated that her agency may be interested in supplemental funds. Jim stated that Bob might be requesting supplemental funds for the shelter. The question was posed as to whether requests have to go through the committee or whether they can be submitted separately. Jim stated that he believes that requests can be submitted by program/agency.

At the last meeting, we discussed Zion potentially returning the rapid rehousing funds because they did not have capacity to administer the Rapid Rehousing funds. Sally reported that she found a caseworker to administer the rapid rehousing funds for Zion. The individual used to work for DSS. He is willing to work to ensure that Zion is able to utilize their funds. Sally stated that she needs someone to look over his paperwork to make sure it is correct. Sally will meet with the shelter board tomorrow to encourage them to keep the Rapid Rehousing funds and use the case worker to house people. Tomorrow she will go over their responsibilities. James Rhodes offered to assist with technical assistance. Deloris will review the documentation and offer feedback. HMIS has been a big issue and inputting the data is difficult. Tujuanda offered to assist the case worker with HMIS.

Jim was elected as ESG funding lead at the last meeting. Jim reported that he has a conference call with Brian Alexander tomorrow. The ESG application process will begin tentatively on 8/21/2017 and it will

end on 10/23/2017 (due to Raleigh). He reported that the application will look different this year. We will be submitting as a 5 county region. They are not requiring a dedicated fiscal agent.

HMIS update

There is discussion on the state level regarding other HMIS vendors. MCAH is the current vendor. Some people/agencies are okay with HMIS/MCAH. However, the Balance of State has noted issues with the current vendor. Some MCOs/LMEs cross boundaries/regions. Lynne suggested that Charity Tracker may be an option as another vendor. They might be willing to accept proposals from other vendors. There will be more information coming regarding HMIS.

Coordinated Assessment (Update)

Lynne James provided an update regarding coordinated assessment. She reported that the Balance of State is serious about compliance with standards. Participation in Coordinated Assessment is mandatory for grant recipients. Lynne got an email from the BOS. They want to have a call with her to confirm renewal agencies are taking all referrals through the CA system. Lynne is going to set up calls with Greenville Housing Authority and Trillium Health Resources to ensure that they are participating in and complying with the coordinated assessment process. She stated that she just submitted the first quarterly coordinated assessment report in July for the region. Lynne brought copies for those interested to review. She encouraged everyone to use all of the tools (i.e. prevention and diversion screen, VI-SPDAT). She stated that during the last quarter 278 presented for shelter. There were 3 documented unsheltered households. Lynne stated that she feels that we are reaching all we can. There were no numbers from Bertie or Washington County. She stated that we are going to refrain from holding back on referrals moving forward. Referrals need to be made and they should go on the waiting list. We are going to have a longer waiting list. There is a shortage of affordable housing. James noted that more people are renting now. It would be beneficial to increase the number of rentals. Deloris also noted that there are very few landlords that will work with individuals with bad credit or with legal charges. She expressed concerns about what happens when we are no longer involved or following individuals; sometimes individuals lose their housing at that point. We can get people stabilized but then placement disrupts. We need to track data regarding gaps and needs.

Veterans' plan-Ken reported that there are no updates at this time.

Housing Updates

CCC/Tonette Latham-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/200%)-Tonette reported that they will be doing ongoing case management with families. Some families need more than financial assistance. Tonette and Margaret will do the case management. She stated that they assisted 6 families last month (6 adults, 16 children). They assisted with a total of \$4,240.00. They spent about \$80,000.00 last fiscal year.

GHA-Accepting applications, but currently no openings are available. Greenville Housing Authority is having a ground breaking ceremony on 8/23/2017 for Honor Ridge. This will be a new housing complex. The first 21 units will go to Veterans. Invitations will be sent out in the mail.

Rapid Rehousing/Pitt County Planning- No updates at this time.

SOAR Updates-Linda reported that she currently has 1 referral and 1 denial.

Trillium Health Resources-No updates at this time.

Mid-East Regional Housing Authority-Lorina reported that they held the first TriCounty Meeting on 7/25/2017 (Bertie, Martin, Washington Counties). The meeting went well. There were representatives from all 3 counties. Jim provided a background regarding the Regional Committee. The group tried to set goals. The group discussed having Lynne attend the next meeting to discuss Coordinated Assessment. Lynne noted that she plans to attend. The next meeting will be 8/29/2017 at 9:00am. The meetings will be the last Tuesday of each month moving forward. It will be held at the Tele center in Williamston.

C4FVP-No updates at this time.

Miscellaneous

James Rhodes stated that he is researching information regarding developing a new 10 year plan. He still feels that it is needed.

Sally stated that the Family/Women's Shelter group in Beaufort County made an offer on a house. The offer was accepted. They are hoping for it to be open by January 1, 2018. She stated that the maximum capacity will be 16. They will have 2 rooms for families. There will be dorm rooms for women.

Catholic Charities-Liz stated that they are working on a grant. They would like to hold financial workshops. They are thinking about doing 2 sessions (20 in each group). There will be one in the fall and one in the spring. They will provide incentives for completing the program which will be a 6-8 week course (ex. Gift cards, food, etc.). Participation might be helpful with landlords. A case management component may be included. Liz needs to know if agencies are interested in being referral partners. Call or email Liz and let her know if you are interested.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2017 @ 9:00am

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