



GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

Working to End Homelessness in Guilford County

Guilford County Continuum of Care Membership Meeting April 9, 2020 – 9:30am – 11:00am Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Caring Services of High Point** (Gattis Long), **Central Carolina Health Network** (Donna Hodges), **City of High Point** (Michelle McNair, Nena Wilson, Alisha Doulen), **City of Greensboro** (Liz Danley), **Cone Health Foundation** (Antonia Monk Reaves), **Family Service of the Piedmont** (Becky Hunt, Steve Hess), **Greensboro Housing Authority** (Annette Harris, Tameria Fewell), **Greensboro Police Dept.** (John Thompson) **Greensboro Urban Ministry** (Mike Aiken, Mark Sumerford), **Guilford Family Justice Center** (Heather Magill), **Guilford County Schools** (Yathisha Blythe), **High Point University** (Dr. Pamela Palmer), **Homeless Union of Greensboro** (Marcus Hyde), **Open Door Ministries** (Tonya Clinard, Steve Key, Will Boyaboy), **Partners Ending Homelessness** (Debbie Bailey, Rebekah Dobbins, Brian Hahne, Jackie Hundt), **Piedmont Triad Apartment Association** (Jon Lowder), **Psychotherapeutic Services** (Debbie DuRoss), **Salvation Army of Greensboro** (Leroy Wilson), **Room at the Inn** (Albert Hodges), **The Servant Center** (Shanna Reece), **Turning Point 180** (Maseta Dorley), **Welfare Reform Liaison Project** (Bernita Sims), **West End Ministries** (Brad Bowers), **Women’s Resource Center** (Chewan Moore), **Youth Focus** (Sarah Roethlinger), **YWCA of Greensboro** (Lindy Garnette).

VISITORS: **Goodwill** (Jessica Schultz), **Salisbury VA Medical Center** (Kecia Robinson), **GUM/16 cent** (Rhonda Sawyer)

I. Welcome and Introductions – 9:35 a.m. Meeting called to order.

Review and Approve Minutes – The minutes from 3/12/20 were approved. First motion to accept – Mike Aiken; 2nd motion to accept – Steve Key

1. 2020 meeting dates – Will be Zoom going forward due to corona unless otherwise noted - May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10

II. Collaborative Applicant Update –

A. Brian Hahne reviewed that as a result of our last membership meeting and the Board meeting conference call with Dr. Vann, the Guilford County COVID -19 Homeless Task Force has formed; the task force has met 5 times since then, it represents the county and the cities and has some medical staff representation as well; it has allowed for discussions and strategy sessions on next steps within our community

- a. Strategies – 1st Social Distancing at current shelters was established; ODM in High Point designated another site to move some of their clients to in order to social distance and reduce shelter size ; 2nd strategy – work with the county to designate a site for testing of symptomatic clients that would provide isolation and/or quarantine as needed; have been working with the shelters collectively

and collaboratively; last week they approached the county leadership with a specific ask of what to do regarding shelter sites and what is needed for isolation. They met again with leadership this past week to discuss the plan for a site- the county has a secured location for each agency within Guilford County to utilize; on a webinar call later this week they will outline their plan regarding the isolation/quarantine site. The county is to provide security and food services; we will work to assist with supportive services for clients as needed; Brian is going to email EDs of shelters for their thoughts and management of our assistance with any clients that have to stay at the motel. Marcus Hyde with the Homeless Union asked why we were not doing what other communities were doing and moving all homeless individuals into motels - The CoC wants to develop a response that aligns with our capacity

- b. Regarding Media – Dr. Palmer and Brian stated that they recognize when responding to media and press comments they represent the agencies that make up the CoC and are not speaking for just themselves; they want thoughtful and deliberate responses that are respectful – they know we don't have all the answers; there are lots of varying ideas on what could and should be done; its been challenging and difficult – appreciate those that have come alongside to partner and work respectfully with our CoC; stated the tone of some emails to county and city officials has not been positive and they want to be sure that we are unified in our responses – there have been articles in Triad City Beat and Brian has spoken to WXII 12; works hard to represent all the partners and shelters working together to solve this problem

Mike Aiken stated he was thankful for the way we were responding; Antonia Monk Reaves from Cone Health stated she fully supported the work of PEH

III. SPE Committee Update – Nena Wilson stated that the committee has reviewed the SPEC renewal documents and is meeting again with Jackie Hundt for some final revisions to the scoring cards; hope to have a vote and documents for the members to review next meeting; they hope to provide technical assistance before the NOFA drops

VII. HMIS Update – Debbie Bailey stated on March 26th there were 602 total homeless documented in the county; 182 folks sheltered and 93 unsheltered in High Point and in Greensboro there are 237 sheltered and 90 unsheltered; regarding COVID-19 there are 65 individuals that are sheltered ages 60-81 and 16 unsheltered in that age group

In our area there are 3 people that have been tested though none have tested positive; Liz Danley stated the Sportsplex had 101 individuals there and they had stopped taking more clients in; currently there are some clients from the Sportsplex placed in motels or with family members

VIII. Coordinated Entry Update – Shanna stated one of her staff members is working on a flyer for the program; Debbie Bailey stated that due to COVID-19 HUD has extended their timeline to October 1 for incorporating Coordinated Entry into the system; Debbie is using a form from another county and updating it; Brian stated we were conducting interviews next week and looked forward to updating at the next meeting

IX. CoC Committee Reports

- A. Housing Resource Committee – Ramona Carl – not present
- B. Governance Committee – Thanena Wilson- no updates
- C. Advocacy and Public Relations Committee – Gattis Long – Media updates earlier; Brian and Gattis have been in contact with each other
- D. Membership Committee – Bernita Simms – no new members
- E. Nominating Committee – Thanena Wilson – no new information
- F. Strategic Planning Committee – Pamela Palmer – Reminder to fill out the membership and board surveys online
- G. HMIS/Data Committee – Scott Jones – not present; Debbie updated earlier
- H. System Performance and Evaluation Committee – Thanena Wilson –updated earlier
- I. Coordinated Entry – Shanna Reece – updated earlier
- J. Appeals Committee – as Needed
- K. Executive Committee – Pamela Palmer – in process; no new reports
- L. Youth Committee – Sarah Roethlinger – no new reports

IX. Old Business / New Business

- A. Discussed the upcoming trainings; they will probably be via Zoom due to COVID-19; more to come later
- B. Marcus Hyde asked if there would be time after the webinar for questions; Brian and Dr. Palmer stated you would be able to type in questions at the end

Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Next CoC Board Meeting 5/20/20 and Membership Meeting 5/14/20 – See Website