



## **GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE**

Working to End Homelessness in Guilford County

### **Guilford County Continuum of Care Membership Meeting May 14, 2020 – 9:30am – 11:00am Zoom Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Central Carolina Health Network** (Donna Hodges), **City of High Point** (Michelle McNair, Nena Wilson, Alisha Doulen), **Cone Health** (Brooks Ann McKinney), **Cone Health Foundation** (Antonia Monk Reaves), **Family Service of the Piedmont** (Becky Hunt, Steve Hess, Tom Campbell), **Greensboro Housing Authority** (Annette Harris, Tameria Fewell), **Greensboro Police Dept.** (John Thompson) **Greensboro Urban Ministry** (Mark Sumerford), **Guilford Family Justice Center** (Heather Magill), **High Point University** (Dr. Pamela Palmer), **Homeless Union of Greensboro** (Marcus Hyde), **Open Door Ministries** (Steve Key, Will Boyaboy), **Partners Ending Homelessness** (Debbie Bailey, Rebekah Dobbins, Brian Hahne), **Psychotherapeutic Services** (Debbie DuRoss), **Salvation Army of Greensboro** (Leroy Wilson), **Room at the Inn** (Albert Hodges), **The Servant Center** (Shanna Reece), **United Way of Greater Greensboro** (Justin Williams), **West End Ministries** (Brad Bowers, Teresa Rogers), **Women's Resource Center** (Chewan Moore), **Youth Focus** (Sarah Roethlinger), **YWCA of Greensboro** (Lindy Garnette).

**VISITORS:** **Salisbury VA Medical Center** (Kecia Robinson), **GUM/7 cent** (Rhonda Sawyer)

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

Review and Approve Minutes – The minutes from 3/18/20 and 4/9/20 were approved.

1. 2020 meeting dates – Will be Zoom going forward due to corona unless otherwise noted - June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10; CoC Board meeting will be May 20 on Zoom as well
2. Dr. Palmer also stated there would be a follow up meeting for any agencies to discuss the letter regarding the changing of funding from the City of Greensboro

II. CoC COVID-19 Response Task Force Update – has met weekly for the past 9 weeks

- Task Force Members: Brad Bowers, Brian Hahne, Debbie Bailey, Will Bohaboy, Steve Key, Charolette Leach, Brooks Ann McKinney, Lindy Garnette, Dr. Palmer, Michelle McNair, Katherine Kelly, Myron Wilkins, Rebekah Dobbins
- Lindy Garnette gave the report from the Task Force: Beneficial due to bringing folks together regarding thoughts and ideas; discuss plans during this time as well as moving forward; she feels there are two themes to discuss/learn – better crafting of shelters and how they operate to the public, and, not all shelters operate the same or are alike-

the task force has had a plan during all of this – the focus has been on social distancing within the shelters and the quarantine site with the county – remiss about public misinformation – the shelters are operating per CDC guidelines and are not overcrowded- our shelters are not like others that have 250 plus clients and our shelters are clean and sanitary; stated the CDC did not recommend closing shelters and sending all clients to motels; they have all been following guidelines and staying sanitary to minimize risk; she stated this was the most opportune time we've had to function as a true continuum of care; there is not a one size fits all solution to this

- Steve Key from Open Door Ministries shared High Point perspective and their work; they reduced their shelter numbers as well, provided extra space and taking care of individuals within their shelters; working to be cautious as they bring new clients in; Steve addressed new funding sources – FEMA, UWGG, UWGHP, and city assistance; looking for safe moves going forward and sustainable solutions- thankful for the task force and the resources that they have shared and learned about –
- Brian Hahne stated that the county has agreed to test clients before they enter the shelter to ensure the safety of clients already in shelters; as long as clients are guaranteed a shelter placement by a specific shelter then the health department will transport a client to a motel, test them, and transport them to the shelter
- Marcus Hyde asked about client seeking shelters and motels but being turned away – asked about federal funding that is available and why had Guilford County not utilized motels the ways other counties had; Brian stated that the task force has handled via shelter in place, the IRC utilized motels, Debbie Bailey stated that the city of HP released their RFP yesterday (May 13) and that the City of Greensboro has not released their RFP as of yet therefore we haven't had access to these funds as of yet; Marcus asked if anyone from the City of Gso was on the call – no one was
- Marcus asked where clients could go – Steve Key stated that he could reach out to him for assistance; Marcus asked about anyone in shelters having concerns or fears regarding the coronavirus; some shelter managers chimed in and stated they had not heard any concerns; if any client stated they felt unsafe, they would address that with the client and work through accordingly
- Marcus asked who is working to lead within the county; Brian Hahne stated that Don Campbell is heading up the County COVID-19 Task Force
- County came to CoC to ask what is needed by our CoC
  - 1 – Relief for the last 90 days – expenses that have exceeded the budget (not meant to 'double –dip' if agencies have received extra funding during this time to cover extra expenses – only if agencies need the assistance- agencies can still

submit what their extra expenses were, but just note that their needs were covered

- 2 – Recovery relief from June 1 through Dec 2020; how to rebuild and what is needed going forward (motels, staffing, services, housing)

III. SPE Committee Update – Nena Wilson stated that the committee has approved 4 SPEC documents; they will go to the Board on May 20<sup>th</sup> for review and then to the CoC Membership Meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>

VII. HMIS Update – Debbie Bailey discussed the bed utilization report and how we are using it currently to review the capacity of our shelters; the numbers remain low due to social distancing measures in place; she shared the written standards report via slides from Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>

VIII. Coordinated Entry Update – Brian stated PEH has hired a Housing Support Specialist who will begin on June 1st; interviewing another candidate this week; the committee is meeting next week and is working to integrate well with the hospitals

#### 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 – not present; Brian stated he speaks with Gattis on updates regarding the media
- D. Membership Committee – Bernita Simms – not present
- E. Nominating Committee – Thanena Wilson – It's just Tom and Thanena – looking to vet new board members; would like ideas and names; PEH is updating the website with list of member agencies/names
- 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

### Greensboro Letter

- Remained on call: Tom Campbell, Mark Sumerford, Shanna Reece, Debbie Duross, Antonia Monk Reaves, Sarah Roethlinger
- Questions about what funding is cut exactly and how much; worry about 20/21 budgets that have been estimated
- Agencies that had received a letter from the City of Greensboro remained on the call to discuss plans – Dr. Palmer and Brian will send a letter to Stan Wilson and the City to ask for a meeting to discuss and questions/concerns that they have; will copy those agencies with any questions

**Next CoC Board Meeting 5/20/20 and Membership Meeting 6/11/20 – See Website**