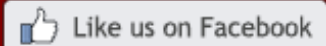




Community Coalition Newsletter

August 8, 2016

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Message from PEH Executive Director, Darryl Kosciak

1. City of Greensboro Housing Bond Public Hearing

The first step in the approval process for the \$25 Million Housing Bond is complete. Special thanks to Michele, Brett, Lane, and others that stuck around until about 11 pm last Monday to encourage Council to approve. Though it is not as much funding as we would have hoped, for a few tense minutes I was concerned it wasn't going to be approved at all. There is a group that is working on developing a communication plan to support the bond. Your help will definitely be needed to get the word out among you professional and personal contacts to get this passed. Please be on the look out for further details.

2. CoC Grant

Here is an [updated version](#) of the performance and monitoring tool the PEH Allocation Committee is using to rate and rank projects. HUD emphasizes the need to ensure this information is shared publicly. There will be a few more items I send your way that will help us gain points in our Collaborative Application.

3. CoC Grant Reallocation Process

HUD released [this document](#) as guidance to CoC's that had primarily PH projects remaining in their CoC grant portfolio. This further emphasizes the pressure HUD is placing upon CoC's to reallocate projects that are not performing well or simply would produce better results if those funds were going to another program/project. **Being average isn't good enough.** The Allocations Committee and PEH Board will be reviewing this guidance to see if any of the currently funded PH projects may need to be re-allocated.

Our CoC will only be able to receive the Bonus Project funding now and in the future, (1) if we have used data and performance ratings to analyze each project (we do) AND (2) have demonstrated the ability to re-allocate lower performing projects. It is going to be close on the last one. I am unsure exactly how HUD is going to determine that even after reading the directions.

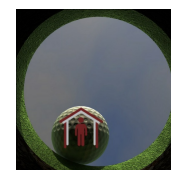
4. Clients Needing Mental Health (MH) Services

The Housing First ACT Team operated by Psychotherapeutic Services, Inc. is looking to further expand its client base and is seeking referrals for medicaid eligible clients. They have done excellent work with the homeless clients in the Housing First program. The team has to expand to 40-50 medicaid eligible clients to become self sustaining and is running short of that goal. If you are working with clients that have MH diagnosis

HOUSING FIRST ACT TEAM SEEKING REFERRALS

The Housing First ACT Team is accepting referrals for individuals who are experiencing homelessness. Persons referred need to have Medicaid and need to have a diagnosis of mental illness. Please contact Debbie DuRoss at dduross@ps-corp.net for referral information.

PEH EVENTS



A HOLE IN ONE TO HELP END HOMELESSNESS: Looking for teams, sponsors
PEH is joining with **Elon Law Student Bar**

(or have not been assessed yet and you believe that might), please contact Debbie Duross. Her information is in the sidebar note above on the right.

5. NOFA Resources- Good For Everyone

The list of resources on the bottom right has some really good information that is applicable whether you receive HUD funding or not. The CoC NOFA is always the time where HUD indicates its priorities and preferences for the coming years. These resources can be great guides as you look to augment and adapt your programs to best serve people experiencing homelessness.

6. Emergency Solutions Grant Information

I will be making some announcements soon about the ESG grant competition. As you know the State shifted its grant year at the end of 2015 to a January-December fiscal year. This certainly makes combining the Greensboro ESG (July-June) and State ESG competitions into one more challenging. Since there are some prioritized projects located within the ESG funding resource (HMIS, Coordinated Entry) the committee may be making some recommendation to the PEH Board about those projects soon while finalizing its processes for the remaining eligible project types in the competition. The committee likes the interview process for RRH projects, there will be some level of monitoring on whether current grantees have been following the approved RRH Policy, and an opportunity for new RRH projects to apply. Stay tuned.

Association (SBA) to launch the inaugural **Golf for Guilford** tournament at **Forest Oaks Country Club** on **Saturday, September 17. We need golfers (both teams and individuals) and sponsors.**
[Learn more here.](#)

ORGCODE STRATEGIC PLANNING VISIT RESCHEDULED



The new date is November 7th. Please mark your calendar. It is important that as many as possible across the CoC are a part of that process. Once more details are available, staff will share with you.

Message from Debbie Bailey, HMIS System Administrator



Just a quick note about Interims/Updates in HMIS.

When a client enters your program and they don't have income, insurance, non-cash benefits or a disability that was not entered into HMIS at program entry, go into HMIS, search for the client, click on the Entry/Exit tab and instead of clicking on the pencil by their entry date, click on Interims.

For Interim type, click Update. You can then enter any updates for the client there. Entering updates to your client records using this method is critical in ensuring that your data reports out correctly.

Additionally, transitional housing programs and permanent supportive housing programs must do an Annual Assessment Interim on clients who are in their programs on a yearly basis.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Take care and have a great week!

COMMUNITY PARTNER NEWS

Veterans Administration August Outreach Calendar

Poverty Simulation Friday, Sept 9 10 a.m. - noon

PEH is providing this training for **AmeriCorps Partnership to End Homelessness.** Learn more about situations faced by the poor and homelessness. The simulation is open to community members and groups. The event is free; you must register in advance.



Veterans' Coordinated Entry and Assessment Update

At last count, our by name list stands at 66. We continue to add to our by name list and, along with our providers, work to get these veterans housed quickly. If you have any questions about our list or other concerns, please contact Debbie Bailey at 336-553-2715, ext 104 or debbie@partnersendinghomelessness.org.



Veterans' Housing Placements

Apr 2015 - 10	Aug 2015 - 19	Dec 2015 - 7	Apr 2016 - 14
May 2015 - 17	Sept 2015 - 9	Jan 2016 - 17	May 2016 - 8
Jun 2015 - 21	Oct 2015 - 5	Feb 2016 - 17	Jun 2016 - 12
Jul 2015 - 16	Nov 2015 - 11	Mar 2016 - 14	Jul 2016

Guilford County has housed over 222 veterans since January 1, 2015!

Definition of Functional Zero: At any point in time, the number of Veterans experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness will be no greater than the current monthly housing placement rate for Veterans experiencing homelessness.



Message from Bennita Curtain, CoC Housing and Program Manager

HUD has published both a desktop and mobile application that shows where all affordable housing units are located, as well the number of bedrooms, how many units, and the contact phone and e-mail address of the owner/property manager.

This is a most detailed, comprehensive resource AND there are both desktop and mobile app versions. The housing units described in this resource include units that are REQUIRED to serve low income households. This goes way beyond just Housing Authority Units.

Please check this out and share. Let me know what you think. I will comment more next week.

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=resources.hud.gov.resourcelocator_android&hl=en

Apple Devices: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/hud-resource-locator/id1018440488?mt=8>

For Desktop: <https://resources.hud.gov/#>

Youth Taskforce: The PEH Board has selected a new Chair for the Youth Taskforce, Yatisha Blythe. Yatisha has served on the Taskforce and is currently employed with Guilford County Schools as the Supervisor of Homeless Services & Community Support- Homeless Liaison. If your role supports ending Youth Homelessness please feel free to reach out to Yatisha on becoming a part of the Taskforce. Email: blythey@gcsnc.com

Coordinated Assessment: Next CA-*Rapid Rehousing* meeting will be on Friday, August 12th at 11:00 a.m. at the United Way of Greensboro RM#6.

Please email me, if you have questions or concerns:
[Email Bennita Curtain.](mailto:bennita@guilfordcountync.gov)

[Registration.](#)

NCMOM FREE ADULT DENTAL CLINIC Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29, 2016

Greensboro Coliseum
Annex A

1921 W. Lee St.
Greensboro, NC

DOORS OPEN AT 6

AM. Wristbands for Friday's treatment will be handed out starting at 6 PM on Thursday, August 27th.

Wristbands for Saturday's treatment will be handed out starting at 6PM on Friday, August 28th.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Leslie's House (High Point) has a position open for a part time Night Manager. Read the job description [here](#).

(Posted 8/8/16.)

RESOURCES

NOFA 2016

Here are some NOFA resources to review as you burn the midnight oil working on your application.

July 21 [webinar and slides](#) - if you are new to the process, this will give you a broad overview.

For policy briefs, instructions, checklists and other

CoC Weekly Coordinated Entry/Access Meeting

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. - noon at the

YWCA of Greensboro

(1807 East Wendover Avenue, Greensboro NC 27405)

We appreciate the input of all agencies participating in this effort as we work to launch Coordinated Entry.

NEWS AND VIEWS

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES NEARLY 50 PERCENT DECLINE IN VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

The number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the United States has been cut nearly in half since 2010. [Read more.](#)

NAEH Releases Two Tools for CoC NOFA Preparation

To better understand the scoring criteria and preparation process, download the [NOFA Score Estimating tool](#) and [Awards Preparation checklist](#).

WHITE HOUSE RELEASES NEXT STEPS FOR ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Last month the White House hosted the second Policy Briefing to End Youth Homelessness. They have released a [summary](#) of those conversations and the next steps to reaching a preliminary draft of criteria and benchmarks for reaching that goal.

The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Mailing List

HUD is has addws a new HUD Exchange Mailing List to provide information and updates on topics directly related to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). [Read more.](#)

UP-COMING WEBINARS and TRAINING

UPCOMING WEBINARS - SAMHSA Evidence-Based Practice Series

You can register [here](#) to find out more. Dates and Topics include:

- Permanent Supportive Housing webinar: August 8, 2016 (Monday)
- Motivational Interviewing webinar: August 10, 2016 (Wednesday)

Each webinar will take place from 2:00 - 3:30 PM EDT.

All of these are excellent resources!!

UPCOMING CONFERENCE - Overdose Prevention & Opioids in NC

What: Conference on Integrating Harm Reduction into Existing Service Provisions

When: 8/11/2016, 9am-9:30am registration, 9:30-4pm Main Event, Evening Social 6:30pm-11pm

Where: Castle McCulloch, 3925 Kivett Dr, Jamestown, North Carolina 27282

Cost: Non CEU: \$0 CEUs: \$35

Sign up: Click [this link.](#)

Conference Host: NC Urban Survivors Union

REALLY USEFUL information, on the following topics, [click here](#) and follow the links.

*NOFA-Specific Resources

*New Resources on Domestic Violence Housing Programs

*Creating a Systemic Response to Homelessness

*Strategically Allocating Resources

*Ending Chronic Homelessness

*Ending Family Homelessness

*Ending Youth Homelessness

*Ending Veteran Homelessness

*Using a Housing First Approach

*Tiering and Scoring



ORG Code Tools

CASE MANAGEMENT and SPDAT files are now available on our website.

[Click here.](#)

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) EDUCATIONAL HANDOUTS

from Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, NCDHHS

*[Domestic Violence](#)

*[Substance Use](#)

*[Criminal Justice](#)

Conference Partner: NC Harm Reduction Coalition

Who Should Attend: Social Workers, Outreach Workers, Medical Workers, People Impacted by Drugs, Peers, Mental Health Workers, Harm Reduction Practitioners

Event Contact: Louise Vincent, Louise.vincent05@gmail.com

Objectives:

-Provide harm reduction strategies to service providers who work directly with the drug-using population in an effort to help decrease STIs and drug overdose).

-Increase community capacity to use harm reduction strategies and services to respond to the "opioid epidemic" and rising overdose deaths.

-Connect and integrate harm reduction services into existing public health, mental health, substance use, blood borne pathogen, primary care and acute care programs.

Special Guest Appearance: Maia Szalavitz, author of *Unbroken Brain: A Revolutionary New Way of Understanding Addiction*

***Survivor Wallet Card**

(helpful for survivors to keep in their wallet to show to police and emergency personnel to explain their condition)

Please share with your staff and clients as appropriate.

Partners Ending Homelessness

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Mission: Partners Ending Homelessness leads a strong and stable system of care to end homelessness in Guilford County.

Vision: Guilford County will be a place where every resident has a home.