



CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG
HOUSING OUR HEROES



Workgroup
Thursday, May 27, 2021

Meeting Minutes

AIM Statement: Charlotte-Mecklenburg CoC will reduce their veteran BNL by 30% (from 242 to 170) by January 1, 2022.

Attendees: Darren Dubose, Mary Ann Priester, Kally Canfield, Beth Parks, Branden Lewis, Megan Coffey, Diane Weekly, Shawn Grady, Christine Poltawsky, Kecia Robinson, Dr. Trasha Black, Kamilah Booker, Shaunte Dickson, Tonya Lawrence, Shakira Woodberry, Jessica Rice, Latifa Brooks-Clark

Agency Updates:

- New HUD/VASH supervisor has started - Brittany Marshall
- Inlivan is returning to in person on alternating weeks

Presentation:

- NCIA - Christine Poltawsky: christine.poltawsky@ncianet.org: 704-666-3070.
- NCIA started in Baltimore, MD.
- 15-week classes for vocational training.
- Industry recognized certifications, workforce development training, 12 months of post-training support, strong employment partners, 75% employment rate.
- NCIA offers: HVAC (basic electrical theory and application, refrigerant procedures and charging, EPA 608, Gas Heating), Automotive (Dayco Drive Belt certification, All data certification, ASE Entry level general maintenance), CDL Class B (CDL Class B License, Passenger Endorsement, Other endorsements as interested)
- Classes are ½ day to hopefully accommodate participants having a job while in school.
- Case Managers meet with participants on individualized employment programs where they look at barriers and eliminate them.
- At the end of the 15 weeks, participants get placed in a job and are followed for 12 months once placed.

- Used to have a requirement that people had to have food stamps. Learned from this as it was leaving some returning citizens out. No longer have this requirement but program is still income based.
- Have 10 openings for June 1st cohort
- As they expand their funding sources, they will be able serve more.
- NCIA can figure out eligibility so please refer anyone who may benefit. They will screen people to ensure they are eligible.

Data Review:

- Housing Data Snapshot: <https://mecklenburghousingdata.org/welcome/housing-data-snapshot/>
- 3,263 people in Charlotte experiencing homelessness
- 259 of those are veterans, 69 are chronically homeless vets
- Participating in BFZ data fellowship
- Need to reduce the number of vets entering our system and increase housing placements

Prioritization Update:

- Evaluation of tools through a RE lens.
- Developed a supplemental tool and working on implementing the new tool on July 1st.

Case Conferencing Cohort Update:

- Dec-Feb average of 7 vets a month were moving into housing
- Beth and Mary Ann are a part of the case conferencing cohort
- Have set a goal of 9 housing placements a month and reached that in March
- Exceeded it in April by having 12 housing placements
- Charlotte is the only community in the cohort to meet their housing goal
- Mary Ann has attended another case conferencing that was more action oriented. Re-vamped how we are doing things based off of this.
- Cohort wraps up next Thursday, 6/3.

Learning Session Debrief:

- [Link to recordings](#)
- Attendees liked hearing from some communities that have reached functional zero. Shows it can be done. Glad the conversations are happening around RE.
- Highly recommend the Building the Foundation sessions, Also, the opening plenary was awesome and thinking about all singles was exciting as well

Race Equity/ CoC Update:

- C4-CoC Liaison: branden.lewis@mecknc.gov
- C4 is partnered with Char/Meck to evaluate their system. Have some focus groups - PLE and Providers.

- CoC governing board meeting today:
<https://zoom.us/j/92847713203?pwd=WTluSW9UdUYwdS9keDFqcGNXRy9Udz09>
- CoC is recruiting for their Lived Experience Committee