

Steering Committee Meeting

July 6, 2021

10:30 AM

# Welcome

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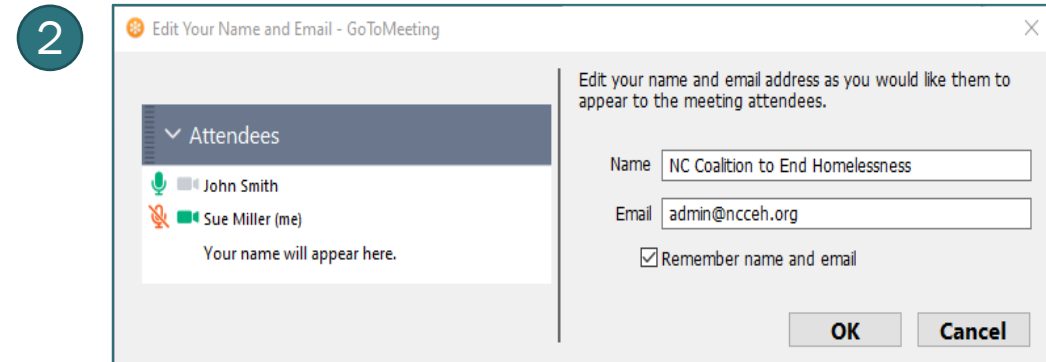
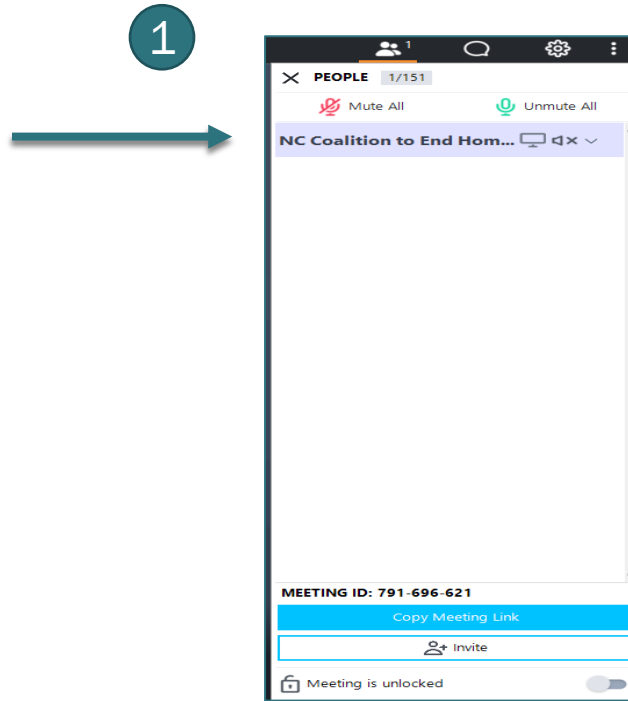
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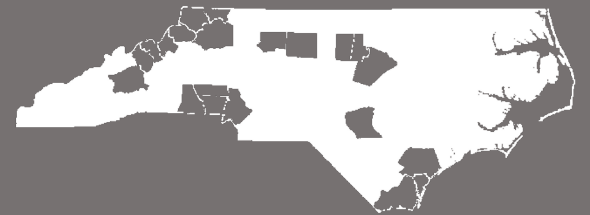


# Roll Call

- We will conduct Roll Call for Regional Leads and at-large members to confirm quorum for voting.
- All participants should enter their full names, so we can document their participation in the minutes.

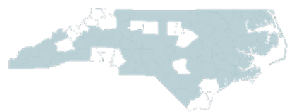


# Agenda



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- Consent Agenda
- A Consumer Advisory Council
- CoC Competition Update
- Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Upcoming Meetings & Reminders



# Review & approve consent agenda

Consent agenda:

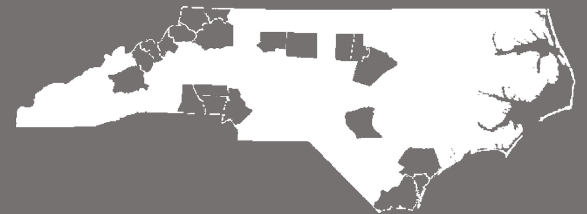
<https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/>

- The consent agenda was sent to the Steering Committee prior to the meeting as part of a board packet.
- The consent agenda will be voted on as a whole at the beginning of each meeting.
- Steering Committee members may request to remove an item from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

Changes or discussion?

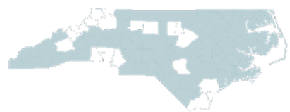


# Forming a Consumer Advisory Council



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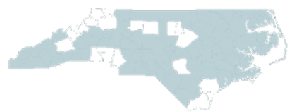
The CoC seeks to improve its ability to make governance and funding decisions and provide technical assistance by explicitly incorporating the perspectives of people with lived experience of homelessness. To this end, a workgroup of Steering Committee members and CoC staff recommend the creation of a Consumer Advisory Council as a subcommittee of the NC BoS CoC Steering Committee, including the necessary changes to the NC Balance of State CoC Governance Charter





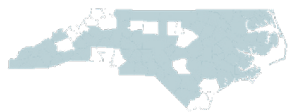
# A Consumer Advisory Council can improve CoC policies and service implementation

- The purpose of the NC BoS CoC Consumer Advisory Council is to improve the provision of services to people experiencing homelessness, and the policies that govern these services, across the NC Balance of State CoC through insights and expertise that come from people experiencing homelessness firsthand.



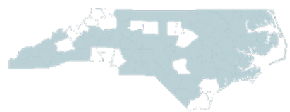
# A Consumer Advisory Council can improve CoC policies and service implementation

- The Consumer Advisory Council will:
  - Review CoC policies for clarity and consistency and make recommendations to the NC BoS CoC Steering Committee,
  - Determine whether the CoC implements policies and best practices equitably and effectively,
  - Educate and engage people who have recently experienced homelessness in CoC governance, and
  - Seek opportunities to impact local, state, and federal legislation through the advocacy efforts of its members



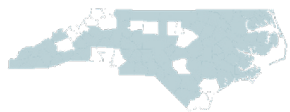
# The CAC will provide a space specifically for people with lived experience of homelessness

- The Consumer Advisory Council will consist of people who currently experience or have previously experienced homelessness.
- There will be 10 formal positions with 1-year terms. Up to 4 positions on the CAC may be filled with current NC BoS CoC Steering Committee members who themselves have experienced homelessness.
- The CAC will be chaired by one or more members of the Steering Committee that have experienced homelessness. The CAC co-chairs will be responsible for filling the remaining seats.
  - Co-chair: Jeffrey Rawlings
  - Co-chair: to be filled



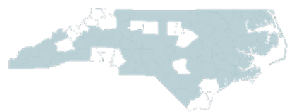
# The CAC will financially compensate members for their time and expertise

- Following national best practices, the CAC proposes to offer financial compensation to its members for their expertise and time.
- The CAC will offer compensation at \$15/hour for preparation and participation in CAC events and meetings, as well as trainings, speaking engagements, and other events on behalf of the Consumer Advisory Council.
- Each member will be compensated at the specified rate for up to 5 hours per month of time spent in service to the CAC.
- Financial compensation for CAC members will be provided by NCCEH.



# Steering Committee leadership is incorporated in the CAC

- The Consumer Advisory Council will be chaired by one or more members of the NC BoS CoC Steering Committee that themselves has lived experience of homelessness.
- Chair positions will be held for a term of 1 year with the ability to renew at the end of the term.
- Additional coordination and support will be provided by CoC staff.
- CAC will meet monthly with the option of adjusting the meeting frequency as needed



# Timeline and Next Steps



If approved, CAC co-chairs will begin a recruitment phase to fill seats by Steering Committee members, and BoS residents that are currently, or were recently, homeless.



The CAC has a goal of beginning regular meetings in September 2021.



Regular updates will be provided to the Steering Committee.



# Steering Committee approval needed

- **Proposal**
  - To form a Consumer Advisory Council as a subcommittee of the NC Balance of State CoC, in accordance with the submitted proposal,
  - To make the necessary changes to the Governance Charter (version with proposed edits has been posted to the NCCEH website),
  - To appoint Jeffrey Rawlings as chair (approval for co-chair position will come later).
  
- **Questions?**
- **Motion to approve?**



# **FY21 CoC Competition**



# The initial phases of the FY21 CoC competition have started.

HUD has initiated the first steps of the FY 21 CoC competition:

- Registration: released in January 2021 and completed by staff.
- GIW: reviewed by grantees/staff and submitted on June 8.
  - Awaiting final published version for final CoC review
- NOFA: usually released approximately 6 weeks after GIW
  - Expecting to see in mid- to late-summer

The CoC has been prepping for the NOFA release:

- FY21 CoC Funding Priorities
- New and Renewal Scorecards
- Intent to Apply Form
- All CoC program information posted at: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/>



# Intent to Apply form is mandatory for all agencies applying for new CoC funds.

Intent to Apply form has been posted to the NCCEH website at:

<https://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/>

- Any agency wanting to apply for a new CoC project in the FY21 competition is required to submit a form.
- Asks for preliminary information about proposed project(s)
- NCCEH staff will review and follow-up with the agency to discuss
  - Any agency that submitted an Intent to Apply form for the FY20 competition does not need to submit another.
  - Staff will schedule follow-up calls starting the week of 07/19.

Rolling-basis, non-binding

Deadline: 2 weeks after NOFA release



# **Partners' Significant Change Request**

# Partners has requested a change in budget for their CoC PSH grant that needs approval.

Partners requests to revise their Permanent Supportive Housing project budget to move existing Rental Assistance funding to the Supportive Services budget line item.

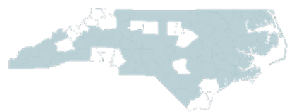
- Total grant funding: \$265,943
- Request would move \$25,199 from Rental Assistance to Supportive Services
- Change would leave \$226,789 for Rental Assistance
- Allow more intensive case management services to participants

Questions? Motion?

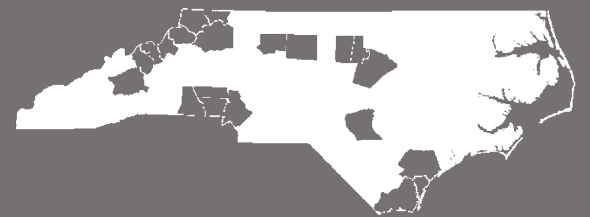


# *Nothing about us without us*

- “Those with lived experiences of homelessness typically have the best understanding of the reality of our work to prevent and end homelessness – both in terms of the problems that exist and the knowledge of the services and interventions that are the most effective solutions.” – *HUD*
- Explicitly incorporating people with the expertise of having experienced homelessness can and should be done to help guide CoC decision-making, clarify CoC policies at the provider level, and provide an opportunity for individual engagement at the CoC level.



# Emergency Housing Vouchers

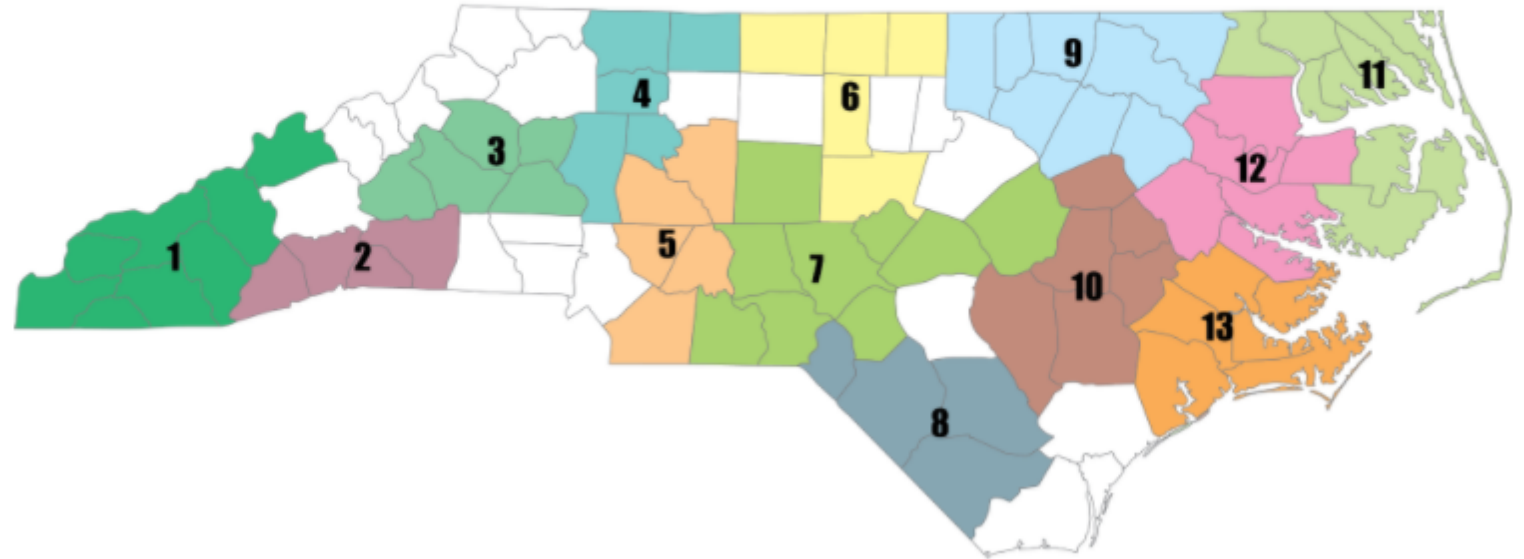


# Emergency Housing Vouchers

HUD released Notice PIH 2021-15 (HA) Emergency Housing Vouchers – Operating Requirements

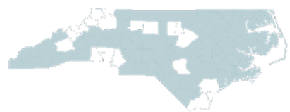
NC Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC) represents 79 out of the 100 counties in the state. NC BoS CoC includes 14 Public Housing Authorities (allocated EHV's), with 12 PHAs accepting a total of 634 EHV's.

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## Emergency Housing Vouchers

- EHV's are just one of several resources in our communities. To assist the most in need, PHAs are required to work with CoCs to target these vouchers.
- Continuums of Care will have a critical role in this process:
  - *Targeting*: PHAs must work with CoCs to determine the best use and targeting for EHV's along with other resources available in the community;
  - *Referrals*: EHV's will not be filled from PHA's current waiting list- all EHV's are referred from Coordinated Entry Systems;
  - *Eligibility*: CoCs are responsible for determining whether the family qualifies under one of the four eligibility categories for EHV's

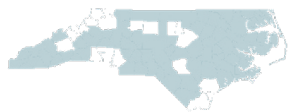




## Eligibility

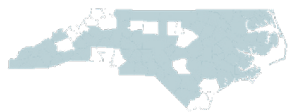
In order to be eligible for an EHV, an individual or family must meet one of four eligibility categories:

- Literally homeless
- At imminent risk of homelessness
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability



## NC BoS CoC Coordinated Entry

- PHAs must accept referrals for EHV's directly from the CE System. Accepting direct referrals from the CE System will help ensure families are able to get assistance quickly and eliminate the administrative burden on the PHA regarding the determination as to whether the family meets the definition of a qualifying individual or family for EHV assistance
- Victim Service Providers (VSPs) may be embedded into the CoC's Coordinated Entry system. In such instances, VSPs will work with the CoC to refer qualified households to PHAs.



# Prioritization

- Workgroup of NC BoS CoC stakeholders, NC BoS CoC CE leadership, PHA representatives, and VSPs created to determine NC BoS CoC priorities for EHV's.
- Items to consider surrounding prioritization:
  - Acuity level
  - Service needs
  - Financial assistance needs
  - Caseloads
  - Housing stock
  - Landlord recruitment



# Prioritization

Discussion: who to prioritize for Families and/or Individuals on current Coordinated Entry (CE) By Name Lists (BNL)

1. Households are ready to Move On with long-term rental assistance but less intensive case management
  - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) clients are both eligible for Move On.
2. Households with highest length of unsheltered homelessness and where documentation for PSH (chronic homelessness and/or disability) is not able to be obtained.
3. Families and/or individuals on current regional Coordinated Entry (CE) by-name list (BNL) who need long-term rental assistance.



# NC BoS CoC EHV Timeline

Week of June 7, 2021 - June 30, 2021:

- Workgroup will meet to discuss implementation and processes.
- NC BoS CoC will work to draft MOU.

**Week of July 5, 2021:**

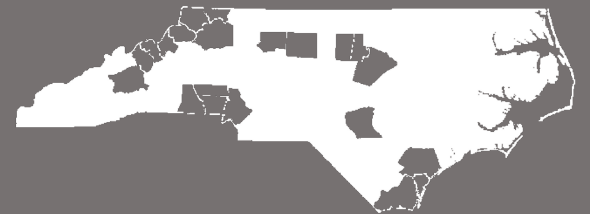
- NC BoS CoC Steering Committee approval of MOU.

**Week of July 12, 2021 – July 30, 2021:**

- NCCEH will prepare individual MOUs for each PHA (in NC BoS) who accepted EHV.
- **Please note:** PHAs must enter into an MOU with the CoC, which for NC BoS CoC (NCCEH) is the Collaborative Applicant. MOUs cannot be with individual providers or communities.



# Meetings and Reminders



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- **Local Leadership Response Sharing Call, *Every other Wednesday afternoon at 1:00. July meeting: July 28***
  - Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>
  - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
- **Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting, Wednesday, July 21, 9:00 – 10:00 A.M.**
  - Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621>
  - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621



# Meetings & Reminders

- **BoS HMIS User Meeting**, *Thursday, July 17, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.*
  - Register here: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1502/>
- **Coordinated Entry Council Meeting**, *Monday, July 19, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.*
  - Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>
  - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
- **Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting**, *Tuesday, July 22, 10:00– 11:00 A.M.*
  - Presentation: [uberconference.com/brianncceh](https://uberconference.com/brianncceh)
  - Audio: (401) 283-4752 Pin: 13939





# Adjournment

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, August 3, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Keep in touch

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