



WNC
HOMELESS
COALITION

Regular Meetings -2nd Thursday of the month

7/14/2022, 2021 10:00 am -11:00 am

Referral and Monitoring Meeting/RRH Selection Committee 11:00-12:00 pm

MINUTES

INTRODUCTIONS

Name	Agency
• Derek Lancour:	Vaya Health
• Lori Watts:	Vaya Health
• Gretta Worley:	HERE in Jackson County
• Jill Carter:	Veterans Services of the Carolinas
• Belinda Heldreth:	The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
• Kenett Melgar:	Blue Ridge Health
• Rhonda Blanton –	Macon County Resource Center
• Laurel McNamee –	NCCEH Region 1 Contact
• Michelle Bentley –	REACH of Clay
• Annie Knight –	REACH of Clay
• Veronica Murphy –	REACH of Macon
• Monica Frizzell –	DHHS Targeted Unit

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- Review & Approval of last month' Minutes
 - *Rhonda Blanton motioned, Lori Watts seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, no one was opposed, the motion carries*
- Balance of State Steering Committee Update
 - Steering Committee updates and documents can be found at <https://www.ncceh.org/bosminutes/>
 - Derek Lancour provide update
 - Letter of Support request
 - Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG)
 - Applying to become Moving to Work Expansion Agency
 - Approved
 - FY 2022 Competition update
 - NOFO due before 10/20/22
 - NCCEH is preparing the competition
 - Intent to apply form is mandatory for new agencies
 - Apply via smartsheet link (listed below)
 - Deadline 2 weeks after NOFO released
 - Non-binding, rolling basis
 - Special NOFO to address unsheltered and rural homelessness

- CoC funding that follows CoC interim rule and can renew
- Coc to produce a plan for serving HHs experiencing homelessness with severe service needs
 - Based on service needs
 - Several components (reviewed components with group)
 - Identify and prioritize HHs experiencing and with history of homelessness
 - Include folks with lived expertise in decision making
 - Support underserved communities and equitable community development
- Plan requires approval by CoC and applicants must adhere to plan
- Review tentative timeline
- Lived Expertise Advisory Council (LEAC) update
 - Goal to improve services and policies related to homelessness
 - They have been meeting throughout 2022
 - They also presented at this year's Bringing It Home Conference
 - Recruitment efforts resulted in live expertise staff on all subcommittees except scorecard committee
 - Intend to create a Client Bill of Rights (currently in research and drafting phase)
 - Goal to submit during fall of 2022
- CY 23 ESG Competition update
 - RFA expected 7/19/22
 - NCCEH hosted webinar for Regional leadership on 6/26/22
 - NCCEH slated to host webinar for project applicants on 7/20/22
 - Region 1 Fair Share and amounts are listed below in other agenda items section
 - Project applications due 8/12/22 by 6pm
 - ESG Project application instructions were forwarded to group via email on 7/13/22
 - Can start completing packet between 7/12/22 and 7/19/22 (when RFA is expected to be released)
 - Contains a new Racial Equity form
 - 3 additional webinars, but all require registration (links located in BoS Steering Com slides link that was emailed to group on 7/14/22)
 - 7/26/22 10am-noon
 - 7/28/22 10am-noon (new applicants only)
 - 8/2/22 1pm-3pm
 - Interested parties can email bos@ncceh.org to be added to their email list
 - Can also email bos@ncceh.org if you have additional questions that Regional Leadership may not have answers for
- Racial Equity Subcommittee
 - Dialogue series taking place quarterly
 - Next event in series is scheduled for 10/18/22 11:30am-1pm

- Amending Policies and Procedures at CoC level
 - Equity Initiative Core Team
 - National cohort dedicated to improving equity in CE System
 - Involved in funding priorities, scorecard (both CoC and ESG), and development of anti-discrimination policies
 - 2022 BoS CoC HIC
 - Reviewed HMIS bed coverage
 - RRH: HMIS=1107 and non HMIS=85 (93% HMIS coverage)
 - PSH: HMIS=1438 and non HMIS= 312 (82% HMIS coverage)
 - Year by year
 - 2021 saw increase in HMIS coverage by 8%
 - 2022 unfortunately saw decrease in HMIS coverage by 9%
- Coordinated Entry Update (Gretta Worley)
 - Served 10 Households with prevention
 - 13 households added to Coordinated Entry
- Rapid Rehousing Update (Gretta Worley)
 - Served 6 Households with Rapid Rehousing annual allocation
- Back@Home Update (Gretta Worley)
 - Served 6 Households
- Permanent Supportive Housing Update (Derek Lancour)
 - 40 households being served (still below grant minimum)
 - 33 housed currently (1 moved in since last month)
 - 6 existing and 1 new unhoused
 - 70 persons in total
 - 56 adults
 - 14 children
 - 1 new move in
 - Exited 1 household member and added 1 household member during past month
 - Annual Performance Report (APR)
 - Working on submission currently (plan to submit in next 2 weeks)
 - Due to HUD 90 days after grant close which would be 7/29/22
- Agency Report Outs
 - **REACH of Macon** – Veronica Murphy shared that shelter is almost at capacity, 2 more rooms available, 1 reserved for person who is handicapped and 1 other; clients moving/looking for housing

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- **Vocational Rehab (Belinda Heldreth): presented info/education about Vocational Rehab**

- Belinda Heldreth, Rehabilitation Counselor Supervisor (Haywood County)
Belinda.Heldreth@dhhs.nc.gov
 - Local Office Contacts:
 - Jackson, Macon, Swain: 828-331-5100
 - Haywood: 828-558-6100
 - Clay, Cherokee, Graham: 828-516-6040
 - Madison: Different unit connected with Buncombe – Marshall: 828-649-2962
 - Additional Offices/Counties: [NC DHHS: Vocational Rehabilitation Local Offices](#)
 - NC DHHS: Vocational Rehabilitation Local Offices:
<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/vocational-rehabilitation-services/vocational-rehabilitation-local-offices>
 - In all 100 Counties, 80% federal funding, 20% state funding, part of NC Department of Health and Human Services; work with individuals with disabilities with employment, education, and training; referred by family member, self, or agency; at intake gather some demographic information, if homeless may use family member, agency, referral source as address as placeholder; all disability types (chronic impairment, mental health, substance use, physical, intellectual/developmental disabilities, cognitive, traumatic brain injury); sign releases to get records, send for treatment paid by VR, do an assessment plan regarding what services needed; partner with agencies like Meridian, peer support; implement services – pay for short term medical, physical therapy, mental health medications; assist 3 months at least once employed; connecting resources, housing, healthcare, budgeting
- **BoS (Laurel McNamee): to discuss ESG competition and landlord engagement**
- Staff support for BoS CoC – Region 1 contact
 - Regular CoC Competition not out yet but soon
 - Special NOFO on Rural and Unsheltered Homelessness released in late June – CoC working on Plan
 - ESG Annual Competition – Federal money passes through NC DHHS for Street Outreach, Homeless Prevention, HMIS, Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelter
 - New and Returning applicants can apply
 - BoS will do regional application, facilitate the competition / coordinate programs in the 79 County Continuum of Care (CoC); not contracting agency – ESG Office in DHHS is contracting agency
 - NCCEH webpage for ESG documents: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/esg/>
 - NCCEH hosting webinar detailing the timeline, processes, and all requirements for the CY'23 EST Annual Competition: 7/20, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1563/>
 - ESG office hosting webinars too
 - Expected release 7/19; BoS has finalized project application instructions
 - New this year – additional requirement for CoC – improving racial equity; supplemental form needed, lived experience in governance, CoC & agency letter
 - Region 1 Fair Share: \$127,046
 - Emergency Services (60% max): \$76,228 (Shelter)
 - Housing Stability (40% min): \$50,818 (rehousing) (corrected/updated)

- amount based on State Fair Share Explainer document released 7/19)
 - Encourage applying for HMIS funding (including HMIS-Comparable Database), off top of 60/40 split but part of Fair Share amount – (Kennett Melgar asked in chat if HMIS is part of fair share)
 - Project applications due 8/12, 6 pm, use BoS link to submit
 - If applications approved, then agencies submitting applications will make any adjustments needed and overall application will be sent to ESG office by 10/3/22
 - Laurel McNamee, Laurel.mcnamee@ncceh.org or bos@ncceh.org if questions, send to both emails
 - Total ESG amount available over entire BoS is \$2,531,321
- Landlord Engagement – Laurel shared about monthly Local Leadership Pandemic Response call facilitated by Debra Susie, BoS, every 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm, Laurel asked if anyone from Region 1 attending. Worked with State DMV on youth driver’s license; Sept meeting will focus on landlord engagement, strategy for increasing units; county/regional push; anyone having success recruiting landlords? Veronica responded that REACH of Macon working on grant application for landlord engagement time; anyone know of an affordable housing developer? Greta with HERE in Jackson has worked with someone, may or may not be available, can share contact information
- **Region 1 Leadership positions**
 - Lead: vacant
 - Alternate Lead: Derek Lancour
 - Webmaster: Derek Lancour
 - Derek is open to shifting positions if preferred by group and approved
 - Kenett Melgar reviewing information Derek sent to him about leadership positions.
 - Greta Worley made the motion, Kenett Melgar seconded the motion to move Derek into the Lead position. Motion approved.
 - Positions for Alternate Lead and Webmaster available.
- **Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness NOFO**
 - 7/13/22 webinar cancelled; plan to reschedule and Derek L will forward rescheduled webinar info
 - Apps due by 10/20/22 at 8pm
 - Contains 2 parts
 - Rural set aside (just > \$10 million)
 - Unsheltered set aside (just < \$15 million)
 - All Region 1 counties are deemed rural except Haywood County and thus can submit apps for both rural and unsheltered except for in Haywood
 - 3-year grant term
 - Require CoC to produce plan for serving those experiencing homelessness with severe service needs
 - Several sections
 - Leveraging housing resources
 - Develop new units outside of CoC and ESG

- resources (requires signed agreements)
 - Leveraging Healthcare Resources
 - Develop agreements with healthcare providers to support RRH and PSH households
 - Must involve those with lived experience in decision making
 - CoC process will resemble the annual CoC NOFO with minor changes
- **ESG competition**
 - Regional Leadership ESG Comp webinar from 6/29/22
 - RFA for CY'23 ESG Annual Allocation funding to be released on 7/19/22
 - Webinar for all applicants 7/20/22 2:30pm-4pm
 - Project applicant instructions email provided on 7/13/22
 - All project applications due to NCCEH via smartsheet by 8/12/22 at 6pm
 - Regional Prioritization Form Submission due 8/22/22
 - Will send form to Regional Leadership by 8/16/22
 - Required to complete and return by 8/22/22
 - Approved slate of proposed apps 9/12/22 (Monthly BoS Steering Committee)
 - Final submission due to ESG office by 10/3/22 at 5pm
 - Region 1 Funding
 - NC ESG Fair Share about \$127K
 - Emergency Services about \$76K
 - Housing Stability about \$50K
- **FY 2022 CoC Competition**
 - NOFO expected around end of July or early August but not released yet
 - Working on GIW currently
 - Intent to Apply form (required for any agency wanting to apply for new COC projects in FY22) is posted at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2cf2061052884e979b8587ab91438811>
- Veronica Murphy inquired if CoC and Special NOFO could be used for Shelter; ESG funding is only competition that provides Shelter funding.
- Michelle Bentley inquired about ESG Competition dates – on BoS slides sent as well as instructions and in these meeting minutes.

NEXT RAMM MEETING – 7/28/2022 at 11 AM

NEXT COALITION MEETING – 8/11/2022 at 10 AM