



WNC
HOMELESS
COALITION

Regular Meetings -2nd Thursday of the month

8/11/2022, 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
• Kenett Melgar	– Blue Ridge Health
• Rhonda Blanton	– Macon County Resource Center
• Michelle Bentley	– REACH of Clay
• Veronica Murphy	– REACH of Macon
• Monica Frizzell	– DHHS Targeted Unit
• Daniel Ferreira	– Four Square Community Action
• Millie Simpson	– Center for Domestic Peace
• Mark Carden	– Mountain Projects
• Parker Chatham	– Restoration House – Swain
• Kirby Morrow	– Disability Rights NC

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- Review & Approval of last month' Minutes
 - *Daniel Ferreira motioned, Monica Frizzell 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
 - FY 22 CoC Competition
 - NOFO released 8/1/22 and posted on website
 - Final app due to HUD by 9/30/22
 - Short time frame (under 2 months)
 - Intent to Apply for new applicants was due 8/10/22 at 6pm
 - Instructions released 8/2/22
 - Timeline
 - 1st submission due 8/12/22 by 6pm
 - 2nd submission due 8/19/22 by 6pm
 - Post the CoC app 9/23/22

- Submit CoC app 9/27/22
 - CoC app deadline 9/30/22 by 8pm
- Special NOFO Competition for unsheltered and rural homeless
 - Unsheltered set aside < \$15 million
 - Rural set aside > \$10 million
 - 3-year grant term
 - Final app due 10/20/22
 - Require plan to serve the unsheltered and/or rural homeless
 - Requires dedicated units specific to the Special NOFO
 - Medical and Behavioral Health agreements need to be in place
 - Concerns:
 - Building capacity
 - Impact to current systems and providers and the potential corresponding overload
 - 3 funding competitions transpiring simultaneously
 - Reviewed Oversight Agency Role
 - Administer Special NOFO grant funds
 - Contract with central agency as a Financial Assistance Coordinator and with regional service providers
 - Ensure compliance and adherence to best practices
 - Reviewed Financial Assistance Coordinator
 - Details for this role are listed in the Special NOFO section below in the other agenda items section
 - Reviewed Regional Service Providers role
 - Provide CM and street outreach
 - Would not play a role in paying for units
 - Support unsheltered with access to CE
 - Work with Financial Assistance Coordinator to assist households procure units
 - Provide housing stabilization and tenancy support once housed
 - Case Management is fully funded in this model
 - BoS Steering Committee voted to approve “plan concept” on 8/2/22
 - Document is still in draft form
 - Plan approval was needed to release instructions and open the competition
 - Webinar transpired on 8/8/22, recordings & slides available on Special NOFO site
 - Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnOBpNvgjSg>
 - Slides: <https://www.ncceh.org/media/files/files/af8c4d1a/special-nofo-informational-webinar-slides-2022.pdf>
 - NC BoS Special NOFO website links to above webinar recording, slides, instructions, other information: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/special-coc-nofo/>
- ESG Competition underway
 - 7/19/22 Request for Applications (RFA) released

- Webinars recorded and posted on website
 - Project apps due to NCCEH by 8/12/22 at 6pm
 - Regions need to schedule a Regional Prioritization meeting for the week of 8/15/22-8/19/22 to determine recommendations for funding on regional level
 - 75% attendance
 - Reviewed Conflict of Interest policy
- Coordinated Entry Update (Gretta Worley)
 - Cleaning up by name list, reaching out to agencies for clean up
 - Email from Keri and Mandy – Haywood Pathways to Greta – plan to have updated by name list for shelter 8/17
 - Meeting w/ Nicole and Ashley – BoS Staff regarding CE cleanup
- Rapid Rehousing Update (Gretta Worley)
 - 12 households housed
- Back@Home Update (Gretta Worley)
 - 59 households housed
 - Ends 9/30/22
 - Met w/Katy, do not foresee housing late in month (Sept) as all must be turned in 9/30
 - Can assist with utility bills for October if paid in September
 - If emergency need, will do best can do to assist
- Permanent Supportive Housing Update (Derek Lancour)
 - 40 households served (below grant minimum but awaiting several referrals for previously approved PSH households)
 - 33 currently housed
 - 7 looking for housing (Haywood and Jackson primarily but also 1 in Graham and Clay)
 - 70 persons served in total,
 - 56 adults and 14 children
 - Spending (through 2 months): current spending is at just under 12% and minimum goal would be 15%
 - Annual Performance Report (APR): submitted to HUD on 7/29/22
 - Lori Watts working with on Vaya’s PSH grant renewal application – working to meet 1st deadline 8/12 and 2nd deadline on 8/19
 - Monica Frizzell inquired if Region 1 approval/blessing needed for Vaya to pursue grant renewal. Monica made a motion to support Vaya’s renewal application in the CoC Grant competition. Kenett Melgar seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor, no one was opposed, the motion carries
- Agency Report Outs
 - **Four Square Community Action** – Daniel Ferreira reports being able to offer EHV’s from CE for first time
 - **Restoration House** – Parker Chatham, Restorationhousewnc31@gmail.com, new director of Restoration House in Swain, has been a cold winter seasonal shelter but beginning in November 2022 it will become year-round and will not close after winter. It can offer shelter during day as well. 7 beds currently in a donated house, other counties can be served but priority will be given to Swain residents first, seeking county funding. Men only currently; working with NC Care 360
 - **Disability Rights NC** – Kirby Morrow – looking for resource information for persons; Lori

Watts will share some information for Vaya's 31 counties with Kirby (delayed by grant deadlines and other challenges but will still get information out)

- kirby.morrow@disabilityrightsnc.org
- **Center for Domestic Peace** – Millie Simpson – would like information about WNC Homeless Coalition and its purpose, msimpson@cdpjaxcountync.org

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- SOAR
 - Mountain Projects: looking into SOAR Certification (per Patsy Davis's report)
- Vacant Region 1 Leadership positions
 - Alternate Lead: Kenett Melgar has volunteered to be considered for Alternate Lead Role
 - *Lori Watts motioned, Rhonda Blanton seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, no one was opposed, the motion carries*
 - Webmaster: vacant
- Orientation for New Members
 - Monica Frizzell shared that we previously had some orientation materials for new members. She will look to see what she may still have. Perhaps once we have information it can be shared after grant season concludes.
 - [Training - Google Drive](#) – Coordinated Entry.
 - Found under Entry Tool Materials and Training of BoS site:
 - <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/coordinatedentry/>
 - https://prezi.com/ebmxox_3qwqd/vi-spdatt-version-2/?token=122e1890c8d339d095ede66338e5fe8f3c26741d52591ffe56651822a56fe826&utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy
 - BoS Region 1 information: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/region1/>
 - Includes Contact Information, Meeting Scheduled (not updated), Coordinated Entry/Assessment Plan, Flowchart, Grievance Process, Veterans Plan, Point-in-Time Count Summary, CoC Grantees, ESG Grantees (may not be updated), Current Meeting Minutes (through June 2022), Archived Meeting Minutes (2017-2018), Previous Regional Committees (prior to addition of Madison in 2017)
- Region 1 ESG Regional Prioritization meeting
 - Need to schedule for the week of 8/15/22-8/19/22
 - Discuss ESG applicants to determine if region is recommending them for funding
 - Benchmark is 75% attendance
 - Meeting scheduled for Thursday 8/18/22, 10:30 am
- Special NOFO for Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
 - 8/8/22 webinar
 - Special NOFO Priority Listings Approval – 9/20, 10:30 am – 12 pm
 - Special NOFO Appeals (tentative) – 9/27, 10:30 am – 11:30 am
 - Apps due by 10/20/22 at 8pm
 - BoS recommends that interested parties review entire draft with a focus on section E
 - Currently looking to identify the Oversight Agency which would be the grantee

- Oversight Agency would contract with CoC Financial Assistance Coordinator
 - Rental assistance and landlord recruitment
- Oversight Agency would also contract with local providers
 - Oversight Agency responsible for:
 - Administering grant funds
 - Reporting
 - Drawdowns from HUD reimbursement
 - Project budget line items
 - Make decisions
 - Ensure match criteria is met
 - Financial Assistance Coordinator
 - Contract with Oversight Agency to locate and pay for units
 - Landlord engagement
 - Work with local providers to ensure entities follow the prioritization guidelines
 - Quick and regular payments to secure units
 - Deposits
 - Rent
 - Utilities
 - Other eligible expenses
 - Regional Service providers
 - Contract with Oversight Agency
 - Provide street outreach and engage folks
 - Connect to shelter
 - Provide access to CE for unsheltered along with Case Management
 - Work with Financial Assistance Coordinator to procure units
 - Provide housing stabilization and tenancy supports
 - Regional Service providers would follow
 - Harm Reduction
 - Housing First
 - Trauma Informed Care
- Currently only accepting apps for Oversight Agency
- Project types
 - PSH
 - RRH
 - Street Outreach SSO
 - SSO- other
 - CoC planning (collaborative applicants only which would be NCEH)
- Unsheltered set aside
 - Serve categories 1 and 4 (79 Counties)
 - Literally homeless or fleeing DV
- Rural set aside
 - Same as Unsheltered but serve the 55 rural counties
 - Additional activities
 - Up to 6 months of rent
 - Pay utilities after 2 months of non-payment
 - Short term shelter (hotel and motel stays)
 - Repair/rehab units
 - Capacity building
 - Emergency food and clothing assistance

- ESG competition
 - Regional Leadership webinar from 6/29/22
 - RFA for CY'23 ESG Annual Allocation funding released on 7/19/22
 - Webinar for all applicants 7/20/22; recording posted to website
 - Project Apps are due to NCCEH by 6pm on 8/12/22
 - Project Application Review 8/15-8/23
 - Project Review Committee Selection Meeting 8/24
 - Steering Committee Project Application Recommendation Approval 9/13
 - Appeals Due 9/16
 - Steering Committee Appeals Conversation (tentative) 9/20
 - Project & Regional Applications to NC DHHS 10/3

- FY 2022 CoC Competition
 - NOFO released 8/1/22
 - Short time frame (less than 2 months)
 - Intent to apply for new applicants was due by 6pm on 8/10/22
 - Project Applicants Deadline 1: Friday 8/12/22, 6 pm
 - Project Applicants Deadline 2: Friday 8/19/22, 6 pm
 - Project Application Scoring, 8/22-8/30
 - Project Review Selection meeting 9/2, 10 am
 - Special Steering Committee meeting to approve ranked list, Tues 9/6, 10:30 am
 - Project Applicants Notified Tues 9/6
 - Final app due to HUD 9/30/22

NEXT RAMM MEETING – 8/25/2022 at 11 AM

NEXT COALITION MEETING – 9/8/2022 at 10 AM