



# UNI5 REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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**Date: August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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### **Meeting Information**

Virtual Meeting; ZOOM format

Meeting ID: 564 515 0368

Password: 330831

### **Meeting Overview**

Arwen March called the meeting to order and asked for a review of the July minutes. Motion to approve (Amber Story; Tonya Freedman)- No changes made; Meeting participants moved motion for approval by voicing "I".

Agenda presented, Arwen asked that all participants out their information in the chat along with contact information for record keeping purposes.

### **Welcome**

#### **Balance of State Update**

Arwen provided the link for August Meeting minutes from BOS in the agenda.

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

Regular COC Competition application deadline was on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6p. Agencies should expect quick turn around time. **\*\* Teena Willis made a correction about the Regular COC competition and would like that reflected in the agenda. She stated competition is still going on but deadline fast approaching. \*\***

Special NOFO: 14 million set aside. Rural 10 million. Grant terms 3 years. There was a plan that this group discussed a few weeks back that has been approved. Updates can be found in the slide deck within link provided. Arwen will send out additional information as she receives it pertaining to that special notice of funding.

ESG competition initial application was due on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

BOS has sent a prioritization listing which was attached to the emailed agenda. Will be discussed during this time. Arwen asked Tonya to facilitate discussion since McDowell Missions was being reviewed.

### **Prioritization Listing/ESG Discussion**

Tonya opened the discussion regarding ESG approval and reviewed agencies seeking grant. She reiterated this was not a formal vote for approval of funding but rather our groups opportunity to provide recommendations. Tonya reviewed criteria and outlined that expectations had been set for consideration. Agencies are required to



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participated in at least 75% of monthly COC business meetings as well as 75% participation in regional case conferencing meetings. Attendance will play a major role for consideration.

Amber stressed the importance of providing contact information (Name/Agency) in the chat so that participation can be recorded accurately.

Tonya gave brief overview of what the ESG grant is used for and opened the floor for any questions from the group. She expressed that 3 agencies have applied, all of which are renewal agencies.

Open Committee discussion regarding approval for recommendations/questions encouraged.

- **Family Guidance Center:** applying for emergency shelter funding
  - Stacy Gibson asked if funds would be used for homeless population at large or specific for the DV shelter?
  - Tonya answered by saying Family Guidance serves DV populations specifically.
  - Moved to a vote- All in favor (Yes) Opposed (No)
  - Committee approved recommendation by unanimous decision. None opposed.
  - See chat below for members who abstained from voting.
  
- **McDowell Mission Ministries:** applying for emergency housing project; street outreach; RRH
  - Teena Willis asked if funding would be used for certain areas or are, they planning on serving all of the areas within our region? She expressed that since Family Care Center did not reapply for RRH fund or street outreach, she wanted to know specifics about areas served.
  - Arwen expressed that funds would be used to cover both McDowell and Burke County both for Street Outreach and RRH
  - Bonnie Harper asked if it would be possible to go after more funding to cover other areas within our region?
  - Arwen stated that all funding has been requested to her knowledge, but she isn't opposed to discuss options with the region to see how those other areas can be served. Opened the floor for additional discussion.
  - Tonya noted that applications have already been submitted and parameters have been requested. She stated this is why it is important for advocacy/communication to take place within our meetings. She noted that if funds were not requested, they are lost, routed back to the Federal Government. "Use it or lose it" – needs to be at the forefront of discussions for next grant period.
  - Arwen/Teena/Tonya discussed other funding opportunities.
  - Moved to a vote- All in favor (Yes) Opposed (No)
  - Committee approved recommendation by unanimous decision all three action items. None opposed.
  - See chat below for members who abstained from voting.
  
- **Dulatown Outreach Center/Kwanza:** applying for emergency shelter funding
  - Open for discussion
  - Moved to a vote- All in favor (Yes) Opposed (No)
  - Committee approved recommendation by unanimous decision. None opposed.
  - No agency participants available



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#### **Agency Updates**

**McDowell Missions:** Sharon Meade expressed ongoing need for alternative housing options/voucher issues; two housed within the last month.

**BUCM:** Tonya expressed their agency is in transition to expand services for homeless population and noted restructuring the space. Mobile Food pantry- last Tuesday or Wednesday of the month. We are looking for additional locations to provide this service, please let us know if you have a space we can use.

**Homes of Refuge:** Wade provided an updated noting their agency is at capacity. He expressed gratitude for support and ongoing partnerships.

**Partners:** Teena provided an update; discussed Tailored Plan noting that letters will be going out to members about the auto enrollment period. Members will have from now to October 14<sup>th</sup> to pick a Primary Care Provider or Tailored Care Management Provider if eligible. Provided contact information for support.

We are renewing application for Permanent Support Housing, needs to be reflected in the minutes. Tabled for discussion/Approval.

**VAYA Heath:** Lori provided an update; she echoed the Tailored Plan discussion. We are renewing application for Permanent Support Housing; annual performance report is being completed as well. She provided PSH update and asked for continued support. Currently 58 households in the consolidated grants, which is two above the grant minimum; 124 persons total. 2 orientations into the program within the last month, overall 9 new entries.

**Options:** Julie Pearson: New member; Shelter Manager with Options - provided oversight to what their agency does. DV Shelter located in Burke County.

**Meeting Place Mission:** Jessica Joyce: New member; Case Manager at the Meeting Place Mission

**Leanne Greer:** Family Guidance Center has closed their Consumer Finance Department- outreach/housing. Expressed that her position will be ending on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**WPCOG:** Elizabeth expressed waiting list for Mainstream Vouchers closed on 15<sup>th</sup>; received 2800 applications. Continuing to accept applications on a referral basis for EHV, Family Reunification Vouchers and Mainstream.

Chastity provided EHV update; Currently 20 families housed; 24 searching for housing.

**Family Care Center:** Racheal Heck: New Member; Executive Director for Family Care Center. Expressed they are at capacity. Alexis: Working to finish up annual ESG now.

**Priscilla Jenkins:** Bridge Community; 501-C3. Serving Alexander County; no shelter identified in their community, need support in finding better solutions.

**Salvation Army:** Sindy Connell discussed services provided; lots of transitions/program clean up happening at this time.

**GHCCM:** Annual fundraiser happening on September 10<sup>th</sup>



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#### **Case Conferencing Update – Stacy Gibson**

No updates provided at this time. Region 3 meeting to be held after this meeting.

#### **Pertinent Notes from Chat box**

***From Ashley Von Hatten to Everyone 10:07 AM:***

Special NOFO information <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/special-coc-nofo/>

***From Ashley Von Hatten to Everyone 10:07 AM:***

Regular CoC NOFO information <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/>

***From Wade Ogle: The House of Refuge to Everyone 10:15 AM***

Wade Ogle: Could I get the web-site to set up a HMIS account.

^^^^ Tonya Freedman will connect offline to support

***From Leanne Greer (She/Her) to Everyone 10:16 AM***

I am abstaining from vote for Family Guidance Center.

***From Laura to Everyone 10:16 AM***

Abstaining. M3

***From Sharon's iPhone to Everyone 10:17 AM***

Sharon Meade Housing Manager for McDowell Mission. I am abstaining from voting for McDowell Mission Ministries.

***From Arwen March to Everyone 10:19 AM***

I am abstaining from the vote for everything.

***From Arwen March to Everyone 10:40 AM:***

I am so sorry for not being more clear. The Intent to Apply deadline was August 10th for the regular CoC competition. There is more information on the slides and in the minutes to which there is a link on this month's meeting agenda.

***From bharper to Everyone 10:41 AM:***

Bonnie Harper Partners I manage the PSH program for Partners. Serve persons in region 3 and 4. Which covers 5 counties. No updates

**Meeting Adjourned: Next Uni5 Meeting September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 10am ZOOM Meeting**