



UNI5 REGIONAL COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER MINUTES

Date: November 16th, 2022

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Meeting Information

Virtual Meeting; ZOOM

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Agenda Overview

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of Minutes (Amber Story)
- III. Updates from the BOS Steering Committee
- IV. Coordinated Entry Update
- V. Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week update
- VI. PIT Planning
- VII. Email List
- VIII. UNI5 Regional Leadership Nominations
- IX. Balance of State Subcommittees Overview
- XI. Adjournment

Welcome and Review of Agenda

Tonya Freedman (UNI5 Co-Lead) called the meeting to order and welcomed all participants. She mentioned that Arwen March has stepped away from her role as lead, so she (Tonya) will be facilitating the remainder of the meetings for the year.

Participants were asked to put contact information into the chat for record keeping purposes.

Review of the October minutes. Unanimous motion to approve, no were changes made.

October Minutes approved



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Balance of State: November 8th meeting overview

Tonya provided a link to the Balance of State meeting presentation from the 11/8 meeting.

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

She highlighted the Governance Charter revisions that were presented and provided a quick overview.

Governance Charter updates/revisions included:

- Language updates for clarity and accuracy of current procedures
- Opportunities to include more voices of people with lived expertise
- New Point-In-Time data collection procedures and requirements

Additionally, a motion for a code of conduct policy to be added to the charter is being reviewed. The Governance Charter does not have a specific Code of Conduct for the COC process and Brian (NCCEH) noted that they want input from us. The code of conduct will outline expectations for all participants and establish grievance policies/procedures. These suggestions are meant to improve our CoC process and ensure all participants are being treated with respect and dignity.

Code of Conduct to include:

- Stakeholder grievance policy
- People with Lived Experience Grievance Policy

Group has been encouraged to provide feedback directly to NCCEH at bos@ncceh.org

Final draft will be released for review/approval at the December 6th meeting. Participation encouraged!

Want to join?

Next meeting scheduled for December 6th at 10:30

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87618764746>

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Coordinated Entry Update: Ashley Von Hatten

NCCEH will remain as the COC Interim Lead for Region 3. Ashley expressed a timeline has not been discussed for alternatives at this time. She provided an updated about meeting times and expressed that our group is meeting twice a month on the 2nd/4th Wednesday at 10am to 11am.

Not meeting on the 23rd. Meeting has been moved to Wednesday November 30th

December schedule TBD and will be discussed at next CE.

If you are not receiving invites and would like to be a part of our CE process, please reach out to ashley@ncceh.org to be added to the email list or with any questions. Open discussion facilitated about CE process.



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December Agenda Items to be discussed at Case Conferencing: High Needs Staffing

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness

Tonya provided an overview of events in the surrounding areas and discussed the need for subcommittees for future planning.

2022 Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week Events

RESOURCE FAIR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Two locations)

First United Methodist Church
300 N. Main Avenue
Newton, NC 28658

Hickory Soup Kitchen
110 2nd Street Place SE
Hickory, NC 28602

DOCUMENTARY/PANEL DISCUSSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Newton Recreation Center
23 S. Brady Avenue
Newton, NC 28658

PIT Planning

Overview of the point in time count: What is it? Why does it matter?

Tonya asked for clarification about how information will be gathered and put into HMIS.

Tabled due to NCCEH not being present

Open discussion regarding Point in Time Subcommittee? Anyone interested please reach out.

Overview of Regions

Catawba: Housing Visions is working to facilitate an event; update provided (Amber Story)

Burke: BUCM is working to coordinating an event; updated provided (Tonya Freedman)

Rutherford: Thrive is the point of contact for the count in Rutherford; additional community members would like to be involved to facilitate an event (Amber Story)

Caldwell: Needs to be identified (VAYA: Kim/Lori facilitated discussion)

Alexander: Point person needs to be identified

McDowell: Point person needs to be identified

Lori Watts expressed need for community agencies in Caldwell to come to the table and asked for follow up contact with shelters.



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Leila McMichael expressed that her last day at Kwanza Inn will be December 30th; her replacement has not been identified.

Ashleigh Gilbert to follow up with the program manager in Alexander County.

Mission Ministries Alliance interested in PIT County Subcommittee

UNI5 Member Email List

Working to clean up the email list and finalize an updated one before the end of the year. Please reach out to Tonya to be added or removed.

Agency Updates

No agency updates discussed.

Leadership 2023 Nominations

CoC Regional Lead: Nominated - Amber Story (PARTNERS)

CoC Alternate Lead: Nominated - Casey McCall (Hickory Police)

CoC Recorder/Webmaster: Rachel Heck (Family Care Center) and

Back up support: Sharon Meade (Mission Ministries Alliance)

Tonya Freedman nominated for subcommittees.

Beverly Carlton nominated for Project Review Committee.

CoC Unsheltered Access Coordinator: Motion for role to be filled by the PIT Sub-committee?

Motion made, seconded, and approved

Will be discussed at next meeting

NC BOS CoC Subcommittees Overview

Committees highlighted in yellow: UNI5 must vote and send nominees to BOS.

Scorecard Committee - Previous: Jane Earnest or Gail Henson (?) / Will nominate in January

- Composed of one representative from each Regional Committee & interested at large Steering Committee members
- Determines criteria & scoring guidelines for new & renewal CoC project scorecards
- The committee meets early in the 2nd quarter for 2-3 meetings.

Regional Committees choose their Scorecard Committee representatives in the 1st quarter each year.

Project Review Committee - Previous: Beverly Carlton / Beverly will continue in 2023

- Composed of at-large members & one representative from each Regional Committee (not grantees)
- Reviews & scores project applications submitted in the annual ESG & CoC funding competitions



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- Submits a proposed slate of applications, including funding amounts, to the Steering Committee for consideration & approval
 - Considers submitted appeals
 - The committee meets in the summer based on a timeline defined by the ESG RFA & the CoC NOFO releases.

Regional Committees elect their Project Review Committee representatives in the 4th quarter each year.

Coordinated Entry Council (CEC) - Current: NCCEH

- *A standing committee of the NC BoS CoC Steering Committee*
- Composed of regional Coordinated Entry Leads and statewide experts
- Provides oversight of the full CoC's CE system to ensure regional coordinated entry plans meet the standards set forth in the CoC's CE Written Standards
- Advises & offers technical assistance (TA) on issues related to CE
- Approves significant CE plan changes
- Provides ongoing oversight of the system to meet HUD priorities & mandates
- The CEC meets on the third Monday of the month at 10 AM.

Veterans Subcommittee

- Designs & implements a plan to address & end Veteran homelessness in the CoC
- Incorporates HUD & VA strategies to end Veteran homelessness
- Forms strong partnerships with local Veteran service providers & VAMCs
- Ensures that all Vets, regardless of discharge status, are quickly connected to services through a standard referral process
- Approves significant CE plan changes
- Provides ongoing oversight of the system to meet HUD priorities & mandates

Staff are actively recruiting members for the subcommittee to resume meetings in 01/23. Looking for members that can actively participate in planning & implementation of goals & educate the CoC about Veteran homelessness.

Funding & Performance Subcommittee - Current: Tonya Freeman & Bonnie Harper

- Assists the Steering Committee to set goals & priorities for the CoC to make funding decisions
- Analyzes relevant data, including but not limited to, System Performance Measures, progress toward ending homelessness, & resource allocation
- Recommends strategies to end homelessness
- The subcommittee meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11 AM.

We invite interested stakeholders to join the subcommittee starting in January.

Email brian@nceh.org if you would like to learn more and/or join!

Lived Expertise Advisory Council *Not accepting anyone from the western part of the state

- Intends to improve the provision of services to people experiencing homelessness, & the policies that govern these services, across the CoC through insights & expertise that come from people experiencing homelessness firsthand
- Is comprised exclusively of people with lived experience of homelessness



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- Has 10 seats that intend to show a balanced representation geographically & racially. 6 seats are reserved for people who are currently or have recently experienced homelessness.
 - The subcommittee meets on the third Friday of the month at 12 PM.

We invite interested stakeholders to join the LEAC starting in January.

Email laurel.mcnamee@ncceh.org if you would like to learn more or if you know someone that should join.

Racial Equity Subcommittee

- Conducts the annual Racial Equity Assessment, as required by HUD, and to recommend data-informed action steps to the Steering Committee to improve equity across the CoC
- Includes membership from across the CoC, where recruitment efforts try to maintain a majority of members who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC)
- Focuses on these current areas of work include:
 - o Racial Equity Dialogue Series: hosts an annual series of workshops on topics relevant to ending homelessness and racial equity
 - o Equity Core Team: committed to improving disparities in the CE process
 - o Racial Equity Assessment: annual assessment of outcomes & disparities in the CoC
 - o Policies, Procedures, & Governance assesses CoC policies, processes, & competition scorecards for opportunities to improve equitable service provision

We invite interested stakeholders to join the subcommittee starting in January.

Email laurel.mcnamee@ncceh.org if you would like to learn more and/or join!

Nominations Subcommittee

- Consists of interested stakeholders to help select & recommend the slate of at-large members on the Steering Committee
- Engages current at-large members to gauge their interest in continuing membership on the Steering Committee
- Reviews vacant at-large member positions & identifies sectors not represented on the slate in the context of representatives positioned to enhance the work of the CoC next year
- The committee meets early in the fourth quarter of the year in conjunction with members' schedules.

The Nominations Committee has been selected this year & is currently working to bring a slate to the Steering Committee for approval at its December meeting.

Adjournment

Next Uni5 Meeting December 21st, 2022 at 10am ZOOM Meeting



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Attendance Log

**** Please note if you are not putting your information in chat, you are not being logged for attendance. ****

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