

## NC BoS CoC Racial Equity Subcommittee

April 19, 2023

**Attendees:** Tracey Gruver, Quiotti Ratliff, Teresa Robinson, Christina Rary, Erin Gaskin, Lori Watts, Kisha Darden, Mary Erwin, Lesly Delgado, Erin Gaskin, Kenett Melgar, Melissa

**Staff:** Andrea Carey, Sarah Murray, Laurel McNamee, Latonya Agard

### Celebrations/Announcements

- Dr. Latonya Agard is NCEH's new interim Executive Director!
- Racial Equity Dialogue call yesterday was amazing!
- Family Crisis Council of Rowan had a client give birth this week!
- Lesly's first meeting with our subcommittee!
- Child Care Services Association has a new homelessness and resources page and a new Bringing Families Home Campaign: <https://www.childcareservices.org/programs/early-childhood-homelessness/come-home/>

### Equity Initiative

- Background on the initiative
  - Initiative's goal to support communities in improving housing outcomes and experience for BIPOC clients
  - Created Core Team to meet bi-weekly with HUD coaches for a year
  - Team decided not to update VI-SPDAT, believing it was intrinsically too biased
  - Team created a new draft assessment after 15 months of hard work
  - Pilot phase will start this month with Region 5 and 7
    - Will do VI-SPDAT concurrently and compare data
- Sharing the New Tool
  - Housing and homeless history
    - Challenge of capturing people who are couch surfing as they are not HUD housing eligible
    - Agencies administering this tool may have other resources for these folks that are not HUD funded
  - Risks
  - Health and Wellness
    - Training for case managers administering to refer clients to resources depending on their answers
    - Should "in your household" be added to all questions in this section?
  - Family Unit
- Motion to approve this new assessment tool for the pilot phase?
  - Motion passed unanimously

### RE Dialogue Series Workgroup

- Yesterday was first of the year on language access and working with Latinx clients
  - Positive feedback from all!

- Have 2 more dates set for this year
  - June 20- Environmental Racism
  - October 17- Affordable Housing
- Registration will be released closer to the dates
- Please let us know if you have speaker ideas!
  - Can send to Sarah at sarah@ncceh.org

### **Upcoming Training**

- BIH Conference
  - May 2-3
  - Registration: <https://nchousing.org/bringing-it-home-2023/>
- NAEH Summer Conference
  - July 17-19
  - Save the Date: <https://endhomelessness.org/event/2023-national-conference-on-ending-homelessness/>
- Client Bill of Rights training
  - May 25
  - Look out for registration coming soon!
- LGBTQ training
  - September 15 and 21
  - Registration open closer to the time

### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Always happy to receive from you!
- Next meeting 5/17