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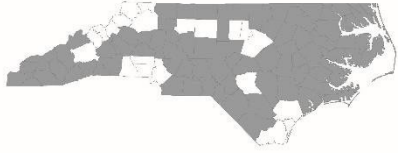
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## NC Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Consent Agenda and Updates

December 5, 2023

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## Section I. NC BoS CoC Steering Committee Consent Agenda

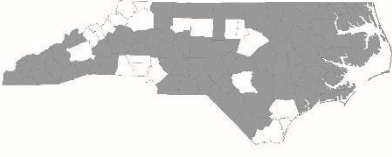
The following will be voted on at the December 5, 2023, NC BoS CoC Steering Committee meeting:

### **November 7, 2023, Steering Committee Minutes**

Available here: <https://www.ncceh.org/files/13227/>

*\*Any Steering Committee member may request to move an item off the consent agenda to be more thoroughly considered. Any such items will be discussed as a regular agenda item at the next Steering Committee meeting.*

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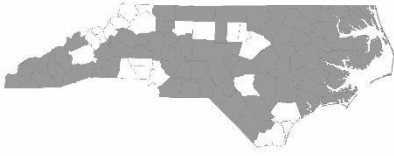
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## Section II. Updates

- **Unsheltered Access Coordination Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 7, 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.**  
Presentation: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5799039481?pwd=UFkwNktldUszeG94Y2prS0ttRkVmdz09>  
Meeting ID: 579 903 9481  
Passcode: qYqVY5
- **Lived Expertise Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Friday, December 8, 12:00 – 1:00 P.M.**  
Presentation: <https://zoom.us/j/5799039481?pwd=UFkwNktldUszeG94Y2prS0ttRkVmdz09>  
Meeting ID: 579 903 9481  
Passcode: qYqVY5
- **Coordinated Entry Council Meeting**  
**Monday, December 11, 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**  
Presentation: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84840397905>  
Meeting ID: 848 4039 7905
- **HMIS System Updates Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 12, 10:30 – 11:30 A.M.**  
Register at: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1644/>
- **Homelessness No More Gala**  
**Thursday, December 21, 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.**  
Durham Arts Council, 120 Morris Street  
[Buy tickets here](#)



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## Section III. Meeting Minutes and Supporting Materials

### Lived Expertise Advisory Council

#### November 3, 2023, Minutes

Attendance: Laurel Benfield (staff), Elliot Rhodes (staff), Joel Rice, Alyce Knaflich, Rachelle Dugan, Melissa Hewitt

Client Bill of Rights Presentations, Regions 12, and 09:

The group discussed preparing for region 9 and 12 CBoR training. Members decided to keep to the presentation format that Alyce and Rachelle utilized in region 2 and will utilize the same slides and focus on the policy and the impact on providers. Rachelle will send slide notes to Laurel and she will create a finalized slide deck and send to the whole group.

The group will only attend one Regional Committee meeting in December. After looking at the meeting times, the Region 07 was selected for a LEAC presentation on 12/7. Laurel will request agenda time from Regional Lead Marie Watson. The LEAC will plan future presentations at the DEC LEAC meeting.

The group discussed recruitment needs. Members agreed that the LEAC needs more people that are currently or recently homeless, younger, and racially more diverse. Melissa framed the ask as “We’re looking for people who want to change the system so others don’t have to experience things the way they are now.” Ideas of tactics were shared including: Recruitment through local PSA, showing up at local events such as veterans Stand Down events.

The group discussed needing to get the Client Bill of Rights translated into Spanish.

Focus Groups with other CoC’s: Laurel presented information from a recent NCCEH strategic planning meeting that included putting together a focus group with other states’ Balance of State CoC’s on the topic of engaging PLE in governance and decision-making. The goal would be to convene a virtual focus group in 2024. Joel is interested in participating.

Technology program description: Laurel presented draft language for program to support technology access for LEAC members. This description would be given to the NCCEH

Development Director to use when a grant opportunity came up. LEAC feedback was positive. Melissa came up with a new name for the program: "Set. Tech. Go!". Laurel will finalize the draft language and submit it to Alicia Harvey to use when an opportunity arises.

Virtual Panel: Laurel noted that NCCEH Development Director Alicia Harvey is hoping to convene a virtual panel discussion on the work of NCCEH and was hoping for participation from a LEAC member. Melissa Hewitt noted that she is available and interested as long as the presentation does not conflict with her medical appointments. Laurel will pass along her contact info to Alicia Harvey to schedule the event.

**Next meeting**

December 8 at 12 P.M.

## **Racial Equity Subcommittee**

### **November 15, 2023, Minutes**

Attendees: Kennet Melgar, Lori Watts, Tonya Gray Young, Dr. Deneice Cole, Karolyn Lee

Staff: Teresa Robinson, Laurel Benfield

Celebrations: members celebrated personal and professional milestones that keep us going! Staff celebrated their current participation in the National Low Income Housing Coalition, State and Tribal Partner Convening and Racial Equity Cohort kickoff event in Washington, DC. Staff welcomed new member Karolyn Lee to the Racial Equity Subcommittee!

Equity Questions in the ESG and CoC Competition Scorecards:

Laurel led a discussion on the impact of the equity questions included in the ESG and CoC Competition Scorecards for the most recent funding competitions:

Scorecards make an impact in determining which agencies receive funding and are a powerful tool in driving performance.

NCCEH Data Center created data visualizations demonstrating equity scores for agencies across ESG and CoC Competitions. Data shows that agencies that were funded on average had significantly higher scores than agencies that were denied funding.

#### **Equity Scorecards for 2024 CoC competition:**

Laurel led a discussion on further edits to the equity scorecard for the CoC program competition in 2024, and a process for input from the Racial Equity Subcommittee:

A new timeline for scorecard edits has been set, and the Racial Equity Subcommittee must finalize any proposed edits at the January, 2024 meeting. Laurel discussed potential strategies for process. The group discussed and decided that individual subcommittee members would review the draft scorecards prepared by NCCEH staff member Jenny Simmons, and come to the January, 2024 meeting prepared to discuss any desired changes to the equity section of the CoC scorecard at that meeting.

#### **Racial Equity Dialogue Series:**

Teresa led a discussion about the Racial Equity Dialogue Series and how to plan for the future:

October 17<sup>th</sup> Dialogue on Affordable Housing was canceled/delayed. A New Topic clarified for 2024 will be "Affordable Housing: rethinking Housing Solutions in NC"! Panelists will include a local housing provider and developer, with potential guests from housing

collective representatives or people with experience in creative housing solutions like flipping hotels/motels.

Panelists for this topic are needed! Email [Teresa.Robinson@ncceh.org](mailto:Teresa.Robinson@ncceh.org) or other workgroup members with your ideas!

Planning for the future: the RE subcommittee has always included all BIPOC communities including African American, Hispanic or Latino populations, Indigenous, Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander folks.

Teresa noted that a survey had been completed by the Racial Equity Dialogues work group to gain insights into stakeholder views and challenges with the work of the Dialogue Series and the Racial Equity Subcommittee. The intended distribution will be the entire NC Balance of State CoC. The group provided feedback on the survey content, and timeline. The survey will be distributed in the coming weeks with a deadline for completion by 12/15/23.

**Recruitment:** Teresa discussed recruitment needs and strategy for increasing participation in the Racial Equity Subcommittee:

Participation has been waning in the Racial Equity Subcommittee, and more members are needed. Staff encouraged members to reach out to their networks, and present at their regional committee meetings in order to draw in new members that are excited about the work of equity in the CoC.

The December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled.

**Next Meeting:**  
January 17, 2024

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**Next regular Steering Committee meeting:**

Tuesday, January 9, 2023, at 10:30 A.M.