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NCCEH Update

Dear friends,

It certainly hasn't been a sleepy winter in North Carolina. This year's weather has seemed to be a good fit for our pace of work. We haven't found anyone that has been able to go into a short hibernation mode - communities are moving full steam ahead with plans to end homelessness.

Changes to HUD's ESG Program, now the Emergency Solutions Grants Program, are the first big rule changes our communities have seen because of the HEARTH Act. The program's change creates new opportunities for communities to work as a system and invest in solutions such as rapid re-housing that end homelessness. All of this opportunity comes with challenges.

For a long time, I felt like we were pushing a large boulder up a hill. There were many forces working against us in the fight to end homelessness. Now, it feels as though we've made it to the top of the mountain. We can see how far we've come and remember the lessons we learned along the way. We can see what's on the horizon and the landscape around us. We can see the path down and the obstacles in front of us.

Our task now is getting the boulder of change down the hill without creating a rock slide beyond our control. It will take us all working together to create a new system that takes advantage these awesome opportunities before us.

Preliminary reports are showing that statewide homeless numbers stayed relatively steady over the past years. Most communities have slight increases or decreases. We're continuing to see communities with significant decreases in chronic homelessness.

We know we're headed in the right direction. We know there's so much change happening now that we have to stay on top of it and ahead of the curve. I hope you'll join us for our March Tuesdays at Two to learn more about the ways the system is beginning to change.

Denise Neunaber
NCCEH Executive Director

Tuesdays @ Two: A System in Transition: Shifting our Priorities and Programs to End Homelessness

Conference call focusing on new funding priorities

HEARTH, Federal Strategic Plan, Rapid Re-Housing, ESG funding changes... what is it all about? Join NCCEH to learn about where these changes are coming from and how they all fit together to create change. Shifting priorities and programs is essential to ending homelessness. Dial in to learn how these changes might impact you and how to stay ahead of the curve.

Date: Tuesday, March 13

Time: 2 PM

Members: free

Non-Members: \$15

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NC Emergency Solutions Grant Conference Call

The NC Department of Health and Human Services is holding a conference call to provide preliminary information about changes to ESG as it shifts from the Emergency Shelter Grants to the Emergency Solutions Grants program. ESG and CoC stakeholders are invited to participate in the call. The call will be offered twice to accommodate as many participants as possible.

Dates: Friday, March 2, and Friday, March 9

Time: 9 AM - 12 PM

To Join: Dial [919-715-0769](tel:919-715-0769)

Recent Blog Postings

Stay informed about the most vital news and issues by reading our blog at <http://blog.ncceh.org>.

[NC HPRP Success Story Gets National Attention](#)

HUD recently published a success story from East Carolina Behavioral Health's Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). It's a great story that shows what can be accomplished through partnership, creativity, and a flexible funding source! [Read more...](#)

[Proposed Increases to Homeless Programs Reflect Success](#)

Homeless Programs are slated for an increase in the FY13 budget that was released by the Obama Administration this week. Many other essential non-homeless specific housing and service programs are seeing flat funding or cuts. [Read more...](#)

[Call to Action from HUD and NAEH](#)

Last week's National Conference on Ending Family Homelessness sponsored by the National Alliance to End Homelessness was packed with great information, stories of success, and lessons learned. Not surprisingly, the conference focused on changes that are being implemented because of HEARTH legislation. [Read more...](#)

The Impact of Point-in-Time Count Data

Across North Carolina on January 25, homeless service agencies and teams of volunteers were busy conducting the 2012 Point-in-Time Count. This is a statistically reliable, unduplicated count of homeless people held every year. [Read more...](#)

New Web Resources

Funding Opportunity Postings

Check the NCCEH website for funding opportunities from governmental and other agencies to fund programs for homeless services, employment, and more. Find them on our [Funding Announcements](#) page or look under "Recent News" on our [homepage](#).

2012 North Carolina Point-in-Time Count Data

We're posting Continuum of Care data as we receive it. Check our Point-in-Time Count [data webpage](#) for updates!

New ESG Resource Webpage

We've created a [new webpage](#) for information about the Emergency Solutions Grants program. More resources will be posted as they become available, so watch for updates in the upcoming weeks!

Summaries of the New Homeless Definition

Do you have questions about HUD's expanded definition of homelessness under HEARTH? The [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#) and the [Technical Assistance Collaborative](#) have both created helpful summaries.

The State of Homelessness in America 2012

[This report](#) from the National Alliance to End Homelessness finds that, despite the recession, overall homeless numbers decreased slightly from 2009 to 2011.

Remember to check our [Learning Library](#) for regularly updated articles, research, and reports!

Upcoming Events

Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting [view event](#)

Tuesday, March 6, 10:30 am
via conference call

Tuesdays @ Two: A System in Transition - Shifting Our Priorities and Programs to End Homelessness [view event](#)

Tuesday, March 13, 2:00 pm
via conference call

SOAR Caseworker Dialogue Group [view event](#)

Thursday, March 15, 10:00 am
via conference call

There are many more events listed on our webpage. [View our calendar](#) to learn more!

NCCEH Job Board

Housing Specialist [view job](#)

Men's Shelter of Charlotte

Consultant [view job](#)

Salvation Army of Wake County

2012 Organizer [view job](#)

Together NC

View our full job board. Have a job opening you'd like us to post? Email us the listing! Be sure to include contact information for how to apply.

NCCEH Membership

Thank you to all of our members for your support! Membership Dues allow us to advocate at the federal and state levels for an end to homelessness in North Carolina.

New and Renewed NCCEH Members

Octavia Brooks
Frank Bryant
Jacquetta Bullock
Robert Glenn
Pamela Hinton
Moli Jones
Sonjia Kurosky
Liz Lumley
Amy Modlin
Sharon Poarch
Salem Taylor

East Carolina Behavioral Healthcare
Easter Seals UCP
Family Promise of Chatham County
Genesis Home
Housing for New Hope
Men's Shelter of Charlotte
North Carolina Housing Coalition
Onslow Community Outreach
Salvation Army of Greensboro Center of Hope
Smoky Mountain Center
St. Peter's Homes

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