



# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## Balance of State Steering Committee Meeting

6.6.17

### Regional Leads Present:

Marilyn Chamberlin, Teena Willis, Nicole Dewitt, Ellery Blackstock, Roberta Sessoms, LaTasha McNair, Nicole Boone, Jim Cox, Susan Pridgen

### Regional Leads Absent:

Jennifer Molliere, Donna McCormick, Emily Locklear

### Interested Parties Present:

Melissa Eastwood, Talaika Williams, Amy Modlin, Lakeisha Robinson, Joel Rice, Nina Walker, Patricia Bryant, April Allen, Amy Steele, Thadeous Carr, Valerie Brooks, Lori Watts, Monica Frizzell, Trina Hill, Tammy Gray, Kristin Martin, Sarah Lancaster, Misty Bradley, Leila McMichaels, Jamie Brown, Mary Boyles, Janice Sauls, Jessica Maples, Michelle Blanding, Emily Stevens, Lauren Russotti, Kanika Turrentine, Marlene Harrison

### NCCHE Staff Present:

Brian Alexander, Ehren Dohler, Nancy Holochwost

### Approval of May Minutes

There being no changes needed, the minutes were approved by common consent.

### Steering Committee Restructuring Proposal

- The proposal to restructure the Steering Committee was presented in detail at the May Steering Committee meeting. During May, NCCHE staff solicited feedback on the proposal from BoS stakeholders. The Steering Committee Restructuring Workgroup reviewed the feedback. Most feedback was positive, but some stakeholders expressed confusion about some items. The workgroup added explanatory language to the proposal to address these items:
  - Explain that the proposal aims to increase transparency in decision-making
  - Clarify that all BoS CoC members are encouraged to participate in workgroups
- An updated draft of the proposal including these changes was posted at [www.ncceh.org/bosminutes/](http://www.ncceh.org/bosminutes/) for review.
- NCCHE staff reviewed the general areas of change included in the proposal:
  - Adds at-large seats to the Steering Committee
  - Adds a Funding and Priorities Subcommittee and a Policy/Advocacy Workgroup
  - Changes Steering Committee meeting content and information-sharing process (with the intention of making meetings more streamlined and strategic)
  - Develops additional training for Regional Leads and Steering Committee members

- Steering Committee members were asked for any questions or discussion about the proposal; none were raised.
- A motion was made to approve the Steering Committee restructuring proposal [Pridgen, Chamberlin]. All in favor; none opposed.
- The Steering Committee Restructuring Workgroup will develop recommendations about how to implement the activities contained in the proposal. New members are welcome to join the workgroup during the implementation process. Anyone interested should email [bos@ncceh.org](mailto:bos@ncceh.org) by Friday, June 16.

### **Coordinated Assessment Update & Plan Approval**

- The Coordinated Assessment Council (CAC) is reviewing coordinated assessment plans and recommending them for approval on a rolling basis. At its last meeting, the CAC recommended the plans from Region 12 and Region 13 for approval. The remaining plans that have not been approved yet will be reviewed by the CAC during June, with the expectation they will be presented for approval at the July 11 Steering Committee meeting.
- Region 12
  - Covers Pitt, Martin, Beaufort, Washington, and Bertie Counties
  - Pitt County has an established coordinated assessment system, but other counties have few resources and little participation. The plan includes activities for building engagement and support in these other counties, starting with Beaufort. The plan has identified access points and shelters in each county.
  - The Regional Committee is holding a meeting for all 5 counties in June to provide education and increase participation.
  - Steering Committee members were asked for any feedback or questions about the plan; none were raised.
  - A motion was made to approve Region 12's coordinated assessment plan [Blackstock, Sessoms]. All in favor; none opposed.
- Region 13
  - Covers Onslow, Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, and Jones Counties
  - The region has two systems from the prior Regional Committees that will work together.
  - The region has strong community partnerships and a broad range of organizations involved, including faith-based groups providing motel vouchers and diversion funding from various agencies.
  - 211 is available throughout the region to perform Prevention and Diversion screens.
  - Steering Committee members were asked for any feedback or questions about the plan; none were raised.
  - A motion was made to approve Region 13's coordinated assessment plan [Willis, McNair]. All in favor; none opposed.
- The Coordinated Assessment Exchange has its next call on Tuesday, June 13, at 3:00. The call will cover outreach and engagement of unsheltered homeless people. Coordinated assessment leads and other stakeholders involved in coordinated assessment are encouraged to attend. Participants should register at [www.ncceh.org/events/1064/](http://www.ncceh.org/events/1064/).
- The Coordinated Assessment Council (CAC) has representation both from Regional Committees and state-level partners. NCCEH staff are looking for new CAC members from Regional Committees. The CAC's overall purpose is to assess and improve the



BoS CoC's coordinated assessment systems, including reviewing plans, plan changes, and system outcomes; providing support and feedback; and hearing grievances that can't be resolved at the local level. In 2017, the CAC will assist the BoS CoC to come into compliance with HUD's Coordinated Assessment Notice published in January. Anyone interested in participating in the CAC should email [bos@ncceh.org](mailto:bos@ncceh.org).

### **Veteran Homelessness Update & Plan Approval**

- The Veteran Subcommittee has reviewed and recommended for approval the plans from Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12. The remaining plans are undergoing edits and will be reviewed again at the subcommittee's June 29 meeting, with the expectation that they will be recommended for approval.
- All Veteran plans had to describe how the regions would meet the USICH's criteria and benchmarks for ending Veteran homelessness:
  - The community has identified all Veterans experiencing homelessness
  - The community provides shelter immediately to any Veteran experiencing homelessness who wants it
  - The community only provides service-intensive transitional housing in limited instances
  - The community has the capacity to assist Veterans to swiftly move into permanent housing
  - The community has resources, plans, and system capacity in place should any Veteran become homeless or be at-risk of homelessness in the future
- Steering Committee members were asked for any questions or comments about the Veteran plans.
  - Leila McMichaels noted that the plan for Region 3 indicates the Kwanzaa Family Inn does not perform the VI-SPDAT, but in fact it does. Ehren noted this can be changed in the plan.
- A motion was made to approve the Veteran plans from Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12 [Dewitt, Cox]. All in favor; none opposed.
- The next steps for ending Veteran homelessness in the BoS CoC include:
  - Creating comprehensive by-name lists in each Regional Committee that include all homeless Veterans
  - Expanding outreach coverage
  - Reducing shelter barriers and expanding shelter coverage to improve access to shelter services

### **2017 CoC Competition Update**

- The Scorecard Committee is in the process of creating the new and renewal scorecards for the 2017 CoC competition. The committee had its initial meeting on May 17 to review the purpose of the scorecard, review the 2016 scorecards, and prepare for any needed changes. The committee's second meeting was moved from May 31 to June 7 to be able to incorporate the work of the Funding Priorities Workgroup, which is meeting concurrently. At the second meeting, the committee will discuss specific changes to be made to the scorecards. The proposed 2017 scorecards will be presented to the Steering Committee for approval at the July 11 meeting.



- The Project Review Committee is responsible for reviewing and scoring project applications and creating a ranked list of project applications for Steering Committee approval. Each Regional Committee is asked to choose one representative to serve on the Project Review Committee.
  - At this time, Regions 1, 5, 8, 9, and 11 have not submitted representatives. These regions are asked to submit their representatives as soon as possible at <http://bit.ly/2plwEAX>. Representatives cannot be from agencies applying for funding in the 2017 competition.
  - Meeting dates for the Project Review Committee will be announced once the NOFA is released and NCCEH staff have a timeline for application submissions.
- All agencies interested in applying for new projects in this year's CoC competition are asked to complete an Intent to Apply Form. This form asks for some preliminary information about the proposed project and gives NCCEH staff an idea of the types of new projects that may be submitted. The form is open on a rolling basis and is non-binding. NCCEH staff will hold phone calls with agencies that submit Intent to Apply Forms to discuss the projects and answer questions. The form is posted on the BoS CoC application webpage at [www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication](http://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication).

### **Funding Priorities Workgroup Report**

- The Funding Priorities Workgroup is developing recommendations regarding priorities for funding in the 2017 CoC competition. These recommendations will be presented to the Steering Committee for approval.
- The workgroup has met twice and has reviewed the 2016 scorecards and project rankings, the BoS' CoC current funding portfolio, and some initial data on Regional Committee investment and the number of PSH and RRH units that may be needed. The workgroup has discussed overall priorities for the BoS CoC, including:
  - Monitoring grantees' spending for potential reallocation
  - Prioritizing CoC-wide initiatives (HMIS and coordinated assessment)
  - Developing separate project priorities for new bonus funding and reallocated funding
- NCCEH staff are incorporating the workgroup's ideas into a draft proposal. The workgroup will meet on June 21 to refine and finalize the proposal, which will be posted to the BoS webpage by June 23 for review and comments. The proposal will be presented to the Steering Committee at the July 11 meeting for approval. Once approved, the Project Review Committee will use the priorities as a way to rank and prioritize project applications during the 2017 competition.

### **2017 Point-in-Time Count Data**

- NCCEH staff presented highlights of Point-in-Time Count broken down by Regional Committee. Overall, the highest count was in Region 5 and the lowest count was in Region 11. The highest unsheltered count was in Region 4, and the highest count of chronically homeless people was in Region 2.
- NCCEH staff are working with a consultant to create charts and documents that show the PIT Count data by CoC, Regional Committee, and county. This information will be posted at [www.ncceh.org/pitdata](http://www.ncceh.org/pitdata). NCCEH staff will let stakeholders know when it is available.

### **Upcoming Meetings & Reminders**

- Register for the Coordinated Assessment Exchange call



- June 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Register here: [www.ncceh.org/events/1064/](http://www.ncceh.org/events/1064/)
- Agencies interested in applying for new CoC funds, please complete Intent to Apply Form
  - [www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication](http://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication)
- Choose Project Review Committee Representatives
  - Submit representatives here: <http://bit.ly/2plwEAX>
- People interested in serving on the Steering Committee Restructuring Workgroup email [bos@ncceh.org](mailto:bos@ncceh.org)
- People interested in serving on the Coordinated Assessment Council, please also email [bos@ncceh.org](mailto:bos@ncceh.org)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 11, at 10:30. Due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, the meeting will be held on the second Tuesday instead of the first Tuesday.

