

North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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NC BoS CoC Steering Committee Workgroup Meeting Minutes

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Workgroup members present: Melissa McKeown, Teena Willis, Jim Cox, LaTasha McNair, Monica Frizzell

NCCEH staff present: Ehren Dohler

Update on recruiting at-large steering committee members

- Ehren: Terry has identified a man named Barry with lived experience who currently works as a peer support specialist in Charlotte. He comes highly recommended and knows a lot about CoC work. He would need to learn more about the BoS CoC. Ehren will talk to Barry, and potentially connect him to Regions 3, 4, or 5 to learn more about the Balance of State.
- Melissa: talked to Derrick Burnell (former client/employee). Challenge is his episode of homelessness was 15 years ago. He agreed to serve. Will introduce us.
- Jim: Reached out to NC Office of Rural Health – haven't heard back – he was going to put the word and see who might be interested.
- Put the word out with City/County Commissioners. Waiting to hear back.
- Youth/Foster Care – talking this afternoon to talk to DSS's annual meeting.
- LaTasha: Council for Women, Youth Involvement – talked to eastern region director Thilisa Fowler – based in Jacksonville, over 31 counties. Was interested. Her role is more than just youth involvement – it's all DV agencies. So she could fill the DV seat too. I'll send one-pager.
- Vidant Duplin: waiting to hear back.
- Monica: Pisgah legal: Waiting for talking points.

Funding and Performance Subcommittee

- Ehren outlined the potential types of the data the subcommittee could use:
 - Subpopulation goals like ending Veteran homelessness, Chronic homelessness, etc.
 - System Performance Measures
 - Coordinated Assessment Data
 - Performance on the CoC application
 - Resource allocation
 - Grantee performance
- The subcommittee could make recommendations such as:
 - Funding priorities
 - Grantee performance
 - Guidance for regional committees
- LaTasha thought that all these topics seem like too broad of a scope. She suggested breaking it down into multiple committees.
- Melissa agreed this is a large scope of work. She suggested pairing it down to smaller number of items.
- Ehren suggested system performance measures and funding priorities are probably top priorities so the subcommittee could start there.

- LaTasha agreed that SPMs would be one of the main things. Funding priorities may differ region to region.
- Monica thought focusing on using funding well, across the full BoS is important. Providing guidance for regional committees would be more in the weeds and would be a different topic.
- Ehren suggested the subcommittee might have a chair or co-chair structure to encourage participation and ownership.
- Jim asked what the time commitment from the chair would be, and what kind of support they would get from staff.
- Ehren said they would get a lot of support from staff – the role of the chair would be more about running meetings and decision-making.
- LaTasha asked how many members would be on the subcommittee.
- Ehren suggested around 10-12. To ensure attendance and spread the work around.
- Monica thought the group should meet monthly at first, because they will have a steep learning curve. Meetings could get less frequent over time.
- Policy and advocacy work group:
- What resources do CoC members need to engage in advocacy?
- Melissa: We don't even know what the opportunities are. It would be good to get more guidance.
- Monica: Basics of advocacy – CoCs, BoS, so they know what they're talking about.
- Jim: As we expand steering committee we can be strategic about adding new members who will help with advocacy.



