

# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## **BoS Regional Committee Structure Workgroup**

February 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. - noon

Members present: Brian Alexander, Jim Cox, Kim Crawford, Nicole Dewitt, Brian Fike, Sarah Lancaster,

Melissa McKeown, Susan Pridgen

Staff present: Emily Carmody, Nancy Holochwost, Denise Neunaber, Corey Root

NC BoS currently has 27 Regional Committees.

Goal: Reduce # of Regional Committees

- Increase local capacity
- Increase availability of resources create a true system, full service array
- Reduce amount of low-impact work for Regional Committees and CoC staff so they can invest time in work with higher impact

The workgroup reviewed the proposed map presented by NCCEH staff.

Questions and Feedback from the workgroup:

- What is the expectation for existing active Regional Committee counties to incorporate counties where nothing is currently happening?
  - Incorporating in Coordinated Assessment process
    - If someone becomes homeless, they are included in process to access emergency shelter and permanent housing
  - Agencies in other counties included on Regional Committee emails, Regional Committee members regularly reaching out to those agencies to invite participation in Reg. Cmte. activities
- What about the areas that have very low resources?
  - Northeast corner
  - Southeast
  - With fewer Regional Committees, staff can more easily customize approach for technical assistance
- Partners MCO can we get their feedback? Yes, housing specialists will get particular feedback prior to next meeting of this group on Feb. 22
- Could be good to have several MCOs in one Regional Committee
  - Housing specialists add a lot of capacity
  - o Can be helpful to cross-pollinate ideas between MCOs
- Possible to group a "hub" county in the center of a region to decrease travel time?
  - Not always possible given geography.

- What are expectations for Regional Committee meetings going forward?
  - Regional Committees develop solution that works locally
    - o Choose among existing options OR create a new solution that meets local need
- What are implications for coordinated assessment?
  - Change to incorporate all counties in system
  - Existing plans will need to be re-thought to incorporate all counties in new Regional Committee

#### Anything in current map that is a red flag? Or anything to change?

- Can Anson be pulled into Piedmont Regional Committee?
- Madison to go with Haywood?
  - No, better grouped with Transylvania, Henderson, Polk and Rutherford because more like them and of existing relationships
- Do Washington and Hyde Counties have a relationship with Beaufort/Martin/etc.?
- This version of the map looks reasonable
  - We need input from local people to give us insight into local relationships, politics, etc.
  - Restructuring process incorporates time for this

### Creating Restructuring Proposal document

- Goal of Feb. 22 meeting: craft content for Restructuring proposal document
  - Similar to Coordinated Assessment Toolkit
- Sections
  - Background information/problem statement
  - Proposal overview
  - Proposal details
  - o Frame questions for Regional Committees for feedback
- For Feb. 22 meeting, staff will prepare
  - Any known/previously created content



## Overall process and timeline

Date	Task
March	Present proposal ideas to Regional Leads at in-person meeting
Late March	Workgroup members incorporate Reg. Lead feedback into a draft proposal
April 5	Present draft proposal at BoS Steering Committee
April-May	Regional Committees discuss, send feedback on proposal
June	Workgroup members incorporate feedback into final proposal
July 5	Present final proposal to BoS Steering Committee

## Next meeting

- Monday Feb. 22, 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
- In person at NCCEH office, Raleigh
- Call-in option available

