



# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## Balance of State Steering Committee Meeting

3.7.17

### Regional Leads Present:

Marilyn Chamberlin, Jennifer Molliere, Teena Willis (for Autumn Culver and Kevin Hege), Nicole Dewitt, Ellery Blackstock, Emily Locklear, Kanika Turrentine, LaTasha McNair, Nicole Boone, Susan Pridgen

### Regional Leads Absent:

Donna McCormick, Jim Cox

### Interested Parties Present:

Janice Sauls, Rasheema Walker, Linda Brinson, Roberta Sessoms, Amy Modlin, Melissa Eastwood, Talaika Williams, Jamie Brown, John Barker, Faye Pierce, Joel Rice, Patricia Bryant, Marlene Harrison, Mary Pat Buie, Cheryl Manuel, Nikki Ratliff, Lori Watts, Trina Hill, Tammy Gray, April Allen, Leila McMichael, Nicole Dewitt, Alex Mandicos, Teena Willis, Brian Smith, Linda Golden, Monica Frizzell, Melissa McKeown, Lynne James

### NCCEH Staff Present:

Brian Alexander, Andrea Carey, Ehren Dohler, Nancy Holochwost, Denise Neunaber

### Approval of February Minutes

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

### Letter of Support

- BoS staff received a request from Religious Community Services for a letter of consistency with the CoC's mission. RCS is applying for funding from the NC Housing Finance Agency's Supportive Housing Program. The funds would be used to renovate and expand RCS' community kitchen and renovate their shelter facility, adding 4 rooms for families and 6 rooms for Veterans. RCS serves Craven, Jones, and Pamlico Counties.
- Steering Committee members were asked for any questions or discussion about this request; none were raised.
- A motion was made to provide the letter of consistency to Religious Community Services [Blackstock, Molliere]. All in favor; none opposed.

### CoC Competition Update

- HUD has indicated that they plan to move the CoC competition timeline earlier this year and continue to use this timeline in subsequent years. HUD intends to release the NOFA in May, close the competition in August, and announce awards in mid-December. This timeline will be dependent on when Congress approves a budget.

- The Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW), which is a list of all projects eligible for renewal in this year's competition, is expected to be released soon. CoC registration for the competition will open at the end of the GIW process.
- At the February Steering Committee meeting, BoS staff announced a new workgroup to discuss and provide recommendations for funding priorities in this year's CoC competition. The workgroup will help the BoS put forward the most effective programs that have the best chance of receiving funding from HUD. Anyone interested in serving on the workgroup should email [bos@ncceh.org](mailto:bos@ncceh.org) with their contact information. The first meeting is expected to be held in early April.
- 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 BoS staff an idea of the types of new projects that may be submitted. BoS 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).
- Steering Committee members were asked for any questions.
  - Monica asked how much funding was not applied for in the 2016 competition. Brian noted it was about \$200,000.
  - Denise noted that the BoS must balance an attempt to apply for all available funds with submitting projects that will be high-performing and help the overall CoC score. She encouraged potential applicants to review the 2016 scorecard for threshold requirements and priorities.
  - A Steering Committee member asked if transitional housing would be eligible for funding. Brian and Denise noted that it is not a priority program type and has not been eligible for new funds in several years.
  - A Steering Committee member asked if an agency could have both ESG and CoC rapid rehousing. Brian replied that it is possible and that the scorecard requires new RRH applicants to have run a RRH project through ESG or other funding first.

### **Regional Committee Transition**

- BoS staff are holding three in-person funding workshops for Regional Committee leadership.
  - Hickory: Tuesday, March 14, 10 AM – 3 PM
    - Regions 1, 2, 3, 4
    - Register at: [www.ncceh.org/events/1080/](http://www.ncceh.org/events/1080/)
  - Greenville: Tuesday, March 21, 10 AM – 3 PM
    - Regions 10, 11, 12, 13
    - Register at: [www.ncceh.org/events/1081/](http://www.ncceh.org/events/1081/)
  - Greensboro: Thursday, March 23, 10 AM – 3 PM
    - Regions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
    - Register at: [www.ncceh.org/events/1082/](http://www.ncceh.org/events/1082/)
  - Every Regional Committee should have representation at their assigned meeting. Regional Leads and alternates, funding process leads, and members of funding process committees should attend.



- The agenda will cover questions that Regional Committees have asked about funding processes, including running the ESG process under the new Regional Committee structure.
- The Steering Committee Structure Workgroup had its initial meeting on February 27. The workgroup is looking into adding new voting members, changing the content of meetings, and making the Steering Committee more strategic. The workgroup intends to present a proposal to the Steering Committee in May.

### **Veteran Homelessness**

- Each Regional Committee is working with SSVF agencies to develop regional plans to end Veteran homelessness by the end of 2017. The plans will outline how to identify homeless Veterans and quickly connect them to permanent housing. The plans are due April 1.
- The template for completing regional plans and the full BoS CoC's Veteran plan are posted at [www.ncceh.org/bos/veterans/](http://www.ncceh.org/bos/veterans/).
- Regional Committee leadership should reach out to their SSVF agencies if they have not already talked with them.

### **Coordinated Assessment**

- Regional Committees are creating new coordinated assessment plans, which are due April 1.
- BoS staff will check in with each Regional Committee in March to discuss how the plans are going and to address any questions or issues that may have arisen.
- The template for regional plans and other coordinated assessment materials are posted at [www.ncceh.org/bos/coordinatedassessment/](http://www.ncceh.org/bos/coordinatedassessment/).
- Steering Committee members were asked for any questions about their plans.
  - Monica noted that the flowchart template does not contain enough slots for their region. Ehren noted that staff can make any needed changes to the template. Anyone who needs extra rows or spaces should email [bos@ncceh.org](mailto:bos@ncceh.org).
- Coordinated assessment outcomes from fourth quarter of 2016 were due January 15 and have been reviewed by the Coordinated Assessment Council. Any Regional Committee that has not already submitted their outcomes is asked to do so as soon as possible.
- Outcomes from the first quarter of 2017 are due April 15. These will be submitted under the old Regional Committee structure. Second quarter outcomes for 2017 will be reported under the new Regional Committee structure.
- The next Coordinated Assessment Exchange call will be Tuesday, March 14. The time has been moved to 3:30 – 4:30. The NCCEH Data Center will discuss the steps needed for communities to move their coordinated assessment systems into HMIS. Participants should register for the call at [www.ncceh.org/events/1061/](http://www.ncceh.org/events/1061/).

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

- PIT/HIC data was due from Regional Committees on February 17. BoS staff are currently checking forms for completeness and contacting PIT Leads about missing forms. In March and April, BoS staff will be reviewing the data itself and contacting agencies about any inconsistencies or changes.



- BoS staff will compile the PIT/HIC data for the CoC and submit it to HUD by May 1. BoS data for the CoC, for each Regional Committee, and for each county will be posted on the NCCEH website in May.

### HMIS System Performance Measures

- HUD has begun asking CoCs to report on System Performance Measures (SPMs), which are 7 measures intended to assess the performance of CoCs as systems. CoCs were asked to report these for the first time in 2016 and will be asked to do so annually. HUD will compare the SPMs from year to year as a means to assess the CoC's progress.
- SPMs help communities see progress towards preventing and ending homeless and to identify needs, gaps, and areas for improvement.
- Data center staff reviewed the BoS' SPMs from 2016.
  - Measure 1: Length of time homeless (average and median)
  - Measure 2: Returns to homelessness among people who exited the homeless service system
  - Measure 3: Number of homeless people (from Point-in-Time Count data and HMIS data)
  - Measure 4: Employment and income change among adults
  - Measure 5: Number of people who become homeless for the first time
  - Measure 7b: Percentage of people who exited to permanent housing and who remained in permanent housing

### Upcoming Meetings and Reminders

- Agencies interested in applying for new CoC projects: Complete the Intent to Apply Form
  - [www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/](http://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/)
- Volunteers interested in Funding Priorities Workgroup: Email [bos@ncceh.org](mailto:bos@ncceh.org) with your contact information
- Coordinated Assessment Leads:
  - Submit Q4 2016 outcomes, if not already submitted
  - Submit Q1 2017 outcomes by April 15
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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 4, at 10:30

