NC Balance of State CoC Steering Committee
Minutes

May 5, 2020

Regional Leads Present: Kristen Martin, Gail Henson, Teena Willis, Melissa McKeown, LaTonya Penny, Emily Locklear, James Mercer, LaTasha McNair, Melissa Eastwood, Jim Cox, Tharesa Lee

At-Large Members Present: Deena Fulton, Parker Smith, Ellen Blackman, Todd Rosendahl, Brooks Ann McKinney

SC Members Absent: Destri Leger, Marie Watson, Eric Edwards, Angela Harper King, Lisa Philips, Michael Dineen

Interested Parties Present: Bonnie Harper, Tujuanda Sanders, Derek Lancour, Tambra Chamberlain, Alison Azbell, Angela Houston, Amy Modlin, Renee Urban, Chrishonda Ham, Shelley Hudson, Teresa Allen, Manuel Hyman, Lorelei Watts, Grace Whitney, Teresa Robinson, Delois Mercer, Monice Frizzell, Charise Madison, Kimberly Hemphill, Rebecca Snyder, Jennifer Clark, Mary Erwin, Brian Fike, Nicole Dewitt, Sabrina Lawson

NCCEH Staff Present: Denise Neunaber, Brian Alexander, Jenn Von Egidy, Debra Susie, Kevin McNamee, Ehren Dohler

Approval of Consent Agenda
- The consent agenda was sent out for review prior to the meeting and is posted at: https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/
- The consent agenda was voted on as a whole at the beginning of the meeting. Without changes or objection, the consent agenda was approved by common consent.

COVID-19 Response
The statewide response is being coordinated by the North Carolina Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs (ICCHP) with the goal of developing a statewide COVID-19 response and recovery plan related to those who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. An actionable, comprehensive plan will be developed to ensure homelessness--due to or exacerbated by COVID-19--is prevented; or if it cannot be prevented, is rare, brief, and one-time only. The ICCHP will refine needed activity, create a plan to operationalize, and identify budget needs.

The work of the ICCHP is divided into two workgroups as follows:

- Crisis Response Workgroup
  - Supporting sheltered and unsheltered populations:
    - Coordinate state response and guidance for shelters to adjust to "new normal" and connecting these efforts with non-congregate shelters.
    - Identify and distribute best practices for coordination of testing/screening, safe shelter operations, and identify needed resources for shelters.
  - Non-congregate sheltering options
    - Supporting counties and providers to access FEMA reimbursement for establishing non-congregate shelter options in hotels.
    - Identify and distribute guidance and best practices to communities establishing and maintaining non-congregate sites.
- Housing Stability Workgroup
  Goal: Obtain and Maintain Permanent Housing
  - Replicate Back@Home to coordinate state rehousing and prevention activities and connect these efforts with non-congregate shelters.
    - Housing Navigation
    - Financial Assistance
    - Housing Stabilization
    - Adapt to different situation and funding sources
  - Add additional activities
    - Low barrier, immediate financial assistance
    - Legal assistance
    - Link mainstream resources.

The idea is to address challenges with prevention, diversion, and rapid rehousing statewide. The NC BoS CoC response is to support shelters and service providers and coordinate with state efforts and support efforts to establish non-congregate shelter sites in the CoC.

NCCEH has developed these resources for supporting a robust COVID-19 response:

- NCCEH website www.ncceh.org, Facebook page www.facebook.com/NCEndHomelessness, and blog https://www.ncceh.org/blog/ are being used to post relevant information for COVID-19 response.
- Facebook group for providers across the state to share resources, information, and best practices - https://www.facebook.com/groups/240875150602406/

2020 Point-In-Time/Housing Inventory Count Update

Due to the COVID-19 response, HUD delayed the final submission date for the 2020 PIT/HIC in HDX to June 30, 2020. NCCEH staff are continuing to work to collect and verify information.

- NCCEH staff will release PIT/HIC information to the Steering Committee and individual Regional Committees as soon as possible.

CoC Competition Updates

HUD announced the initial steps of the FY20 CoC competition:

- Registration – reviewed and approved by HUD
- Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) – delayed
- Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) release – delayed

The following resources have been posted to the NCCEH website:

- Renewal Applicant slide deck with helpful hints: https://www.ncceh.org/files/10628/
- New CoC Applicant webinar: bit.ly/2T5vd7R
- Intent to Apply form: https://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/
  This is required of for any agency seeking to apply for new projects. The deadline will be two weeks after the NOFA is released. Intent to apply information is non-binding, meaning that projects can shift and change to meet the needs of agencies and regions. NCCEH staff will review and follow-up with each agency to discuss projects starting in May.
- 2020 CoC Funding Priorities: https://bit.ly/2xKXtnL.
- The Scorecard Committee held the first of three working meetings to begin updating the 2019 renewal and new scorecards. The Steering Committee will consider approval of scorecards at its June 2020 meeting.

Racial Equity Subcommittee Update

The subcommittee will begin meeting on the third Wednesday of each month. Two liaisons have been selected and will report out to the Steering Committee during its monthly meetings. The subcommittee is currently working with the CoC Scorecard Committee to ensure that the funding process includes a racial equity component, including ways to reward agencies for incorporating racial equity into their everyday processes. The internal team is also recruiting subcommittee members to work on the annual, HUD-mandated Racial Equity Assessment.

Upcoming Meetings & Reminders

ESG Workgroup Meeting, *Thursday, May 14, 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.*
Presentation: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621

Coordinated Entry Council Meeting, *Monday, May 18, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.*
Presentation: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621

Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting, *Wednesday, May 20, 9:00 A.M.*
Presentation: https://www.gotomeeting.me/NCEndHomelessness
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733

BoS HMIS User Meeting, *Thursday, May 21, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M*.
Register here: https://www.ncceh.org/events/1379/

Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting, *Thursday, May 28, 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.*
Presentation: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621

COVID-19 Local Leadership Response Sharing Call, *Every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 P.M.*
Presentation: https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733

The meeting adjourned.
Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.