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NC Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Consent Agenda and Updates

September 1, 2020

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Section I. NC BoS CoC Steering Committee Consent Agenda

The following will be voted on at the September 1, 2020 NC BoS CoC Steering Committee meeting:

August 4, 2020 Steering Committee Minutes

Available here: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/>

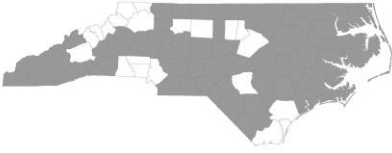
*Any Steering Committee member may request to move an item off the consent agenda to be more thoroughly considered. Any such items will be discussed as a regular agenda item at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Western Piedmont Council of Governments Regional Housing Authority Letter of Support Request

The Western Piedmont Council of Governments Regional Housing Authority has requested a letter of support for their application for HUD-Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing program vouchers. The WPCOG RHA is applying for HUD-VASH vouchers to provide rental assistance to Veterans experiencing homelessness with case management and clinical services provided by the Asheville VAMC. The program, if funded would provide 15 vouchers for Catawba, Burke, Alexander, and Caldwell Counties. The WPCOG RHA agrees to participate in local Uni5 Regional Committee meetings and in the region's coordinated entry system.

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Section II. Updates

COVID-19 Local Leadership Response Sharing Call

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Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>

Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733

Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 9:00 A.M.

Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>

Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733

BoS HMIS User Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.

Register here: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1445/>

Coordinated Entry Council Meeting

Monday, September 21, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>

Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733

Deadline for 60-day Public Comment on proposed change to HUD's Equal Access Rule

September 22, 2020

Comments can be submitted through the “Housing Saves Lives” portal:

<https://housingsaveslives.org/>

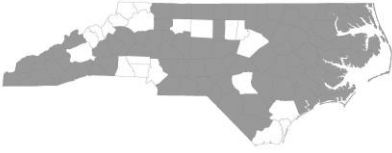
Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Presentation: uberconference.com/brianncceh

Audio: 401-283-4752 Access Code: 13939





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Racial Equity Dialogue Series: Racism and Homelessness in the Justice and Re-Entry Systems

Tuesday, September 29, 12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Register here: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1449/>

CoC Competition Update

Awaiting information from HUD regarding plans for the FY20 CoC Competition.

HUD released the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) on August 5th. The GIW collects all projects eligible for renewal in that year's competition and sets the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Staff reviewed the GIW and worked with renewal applicant agencies to ensure information was correct. Staff submitted the GIW Change Form to the HUD Field Office for final review on August 13th. Staff have no other information on the status of the competition. For agencies interested in applying for new CoC funding, please fill out an Intent to Apply form. Staff will follow-up with agencies once we have clarity on next steps.

CoC Funding Priorities: <https://www.ncceh.org/files/10673/>

CoC Intent to Apply form: <http://bit.ly/2TrvcKu>

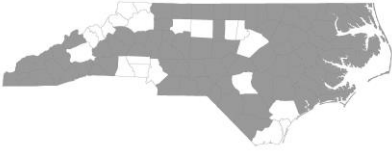
HMIS Advisory Board Update

Approval of usage of HMIS@NCCEH data for research

The HMIS Advisory Board approved the usage of HMIS@NCCEH data per the HMIS Operating Policies and Procedures and Governance Charter on August 19th for a study conducted by UNC-CH Injury Prevention Research Center.

Synopsis of the Research Project: Housing is fundamental to health, and people experiencing homelessness have shown to have increased risk of all-cause and overdose-specific mortality. This project is a 1-year pilot to build a record-linkage between homelessness and health data in North Carolina by (1) joining homelessness data systems to build a single statewide homelessness data set and (2) joining homelessness data to death data in North Carolina. By piloting that linkage the study will establish feasibility and requirements for ongoing data linkage to death and other key state datasets, enabling stronger research to action framework, and improved public health surveillance for dynamic of overdose (and health in general) and homelessness in North Carolina. Beyond the linkage and results themselves, the study aims to build on the work of Denise Culhane to establish consistent data governance rules (e.g. Data Use Agreements, clear permissions for allowing use of





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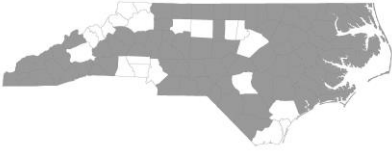
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this linked data going forward) and help support request for additional funding for project sustainability. The pilot project is a 1-year (July 2020-June 2021) funded collaboration between Division of Public Health, UNC, Duke, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness, and NC HMIS Continuums of Care.





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Section III. Meeting Minutes and Supporting Materials

Coordinated Entry Council Meeting

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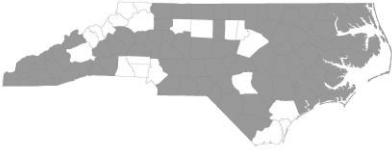
Attendees: Kristen Martin (Region 2), Bonnie Harper (Region 3), Michele Knapp (Region 4), Teresa Robinson (Region 5), Latonya Foust (Region 6), Jeff Rawlings (Region 7), Linda Walling (Region 10), John Apol (Region 10), Michele Welsh (Region 11 and 13), Lynne James (Region 12), Deena Fulton (At-large), Fredrika Murrill (At-large), Brian Fike, Brian Alexander, Nicole Purdy, Chaney Stokes, Kevin McNamee, Ashley Von Hatten

Back@Home surge population discussion continued with BoS CoC regions identifying the population to be served prior to NC 211 accepting referrals, based on current data and those experiencing homelessness in their community. Potential prioritization options include the current by-name list, emptying a non-congregate hotel, housing a tent city, or addressing other critical subpopulation needs. Discussions to determine the surge population should include the BoS CoC regional lead, BoS CE regional lead, and Back@Home rehousing agency. This will ensure all necessary parties are included in the discussion and decision and the numbers regarding the surge population are realistic based on awarded funding. Region 7 has identified its surge population as an existing non-congregate shelter (hotel shelter). Region 2 has identified its surge population as the current by-name list plus most vulnerable. Region 10 considering using households that were recently rehoused and are at risk of eviction. BoS CoC regions are also encouraged to define a community priority. Examples of such include chronically homeless, length of time homeless 2 years or longer, or families. BoS CoC regions are asked to email surge population, community-defined priority, and local CoC and/or CE person who will need access to NCCARE360 to Ashley Von Hatten (ashley@ncceh.org) by close of business on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

Per HUD guidelines, coordinated entry systems must complete an annual evaluation of their system. This includes feedback from clients in emergency shelters, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing, as well as coordinated entry participating providers. Due to COVID-19, the annual CE evaluation was not completed in March and NCEH recently reached out to HUD to ask for a waiver. A response from HUD is likely to come within the next few weeks; however, if it is determined the CE annual evaluation must take place in 2020, the CEC has a process in place and can start collecting data.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.





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Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting

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Members Present: Deena Fulton, Stephanie Gilliam, LaTonya Penny, Teresa Robinson, Renee Urban, Tamba Chamberlain, Manuel Hyman, James Mercer, Deniece Cole, Angela Harper King, Brian Smith

Staff: Andrea Carey, Sarah Murray, Kevin McNamee, Brian Alexander

Celebrations

Team at NCCADV organized with other grantees to get one of its funders (CDC) to agree to cross-site, race-based caucusing meetings and to dedicate multiple conversations to examining the way white supremacy culture shows up in that grant program.

My son moved this weekend to College A & T university.

Steering Committee Report Out

Last time Dr. Penny- not too scary to be the one to report out, she did a great job!

Teresa Robinson volunteered for next time

Racial Equity Assessment

Thank you to workgroup that helped talk through the bulk of the data!

Andrea did most of the data and Brian did most of the narrative, then workgroup provided feedback

Who are we serving? Looking at PIT Data

People who are Black or AA are overrepresented

People who are Hispanic or Latino are underrepresented

Families experiencing homelessness show even more disparities (26% of PIT count)

Question- Is data broken up by county and subpopulation?

Answer- no but good idea for future analysis

Who gets into crisis and permanent housing? Who returns to homelessness?

Sheltered homelessness- similar patterns as above

Permanent housing exits- not seeing same disparities

Returns to homelessness within 2 years-similar patterns as above

Question- Who was this created to share with

Answer- the community and encouraged for COC competition

Areas for future action

Collaborative and inclusive dialogue and action

Data collection and assessment

Training and support

Question- will 211 ask these demographic questions during initial triage interviews?

Answer- yes!

Question- how will those agencies that are denied funding going to be included in data collection?

Answer-HMIS and in PIT data

Question- could we figure out a way to share what other counties are doing to address COVID related concerns given disproportionate impact on POC?





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Answer- we could add something to data collection more specific to that, especially qualitative data

Question- will 211 be sharing data with agencies?

Answer- we're not sure but we can ask for that kind of sharing as program is launching, CAPER may be an avenue as well

Motion to recommend assessment to BoS Steering Committee- Approved!

Racial Equity Dialogue Series

Second dialogue call- Tues 8/5 at 12:00

Systemic racism and impact on homelessness

In the process of drafting questions and getting panelist input

Considering starting with language setting/definitions at the beginning

Ideas for third panel on criminal justice system?

Pastor Alexander did confirm

Tambra proposed to discuss further school to prison pipeline on that call with input from

Teresa

Start to think about fourth panel in October for panelists related to race and voting

Next Meeting

9/16/20 at 9:00AM

