



# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## NC Balance of State CoC Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 02.25.2021

**Members Present:** Melissa McKeown, Amy Modlin, Jane Earnest

**NCCEH Staff Present:** Brian Alexander, Andrea Carey

### Minutes:

- Brian welcomed members and introduced the agenda for the meeting.
- Brian provided an update on where things stand in the HMIS Recruitment process:
  - Thanks to all members for getting us this far!
  - HMIS Recruitment webinar held on 02/09/21.
  - Resources posted to the website at:  
<https://www.ncceh.org/bos/subcommittees/fundingandperformancesubcommittee/>
  - First reports are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. Regional Lead Alternates will report monthly progress. Regions will report the following information:
    - Agency/program name(s) and dates of engagement
    - Status of individual engagement efforts:
      - Called or emailed, awaiting response
      - Scheduled an initial call or meeting
      - Ready to join HMIS and need materials to get started
      - Interested in additional information and need to schedule a time with Data Center staff to speak with recruiter and agency
      - Interested but not ready to make decision. Follow-up needed. Date of projected follow-up
      - Technical assistance needed from the Data Center
      - Not interested in joining HMIS
  - Members discussed next steps and potential follow-up with RLAs to ensure they are on track. Melissa, Jane, and Brian will split the RLAs and provide follow-up emails to:
    - Ensure they have what they need
    - Answer any questions they have
    - Gauge progress on initial steps in forming a subcommittee and developing a plan of action
- Brian introduced the need to update the CoC Funding Priorities for the FY21 CoC program competition. Members reviewed the FY20 CoC-wide and regional priorities:
  - 2020 CoC-wide priorities:
    - Ensure essential infrastructure elements are in place, including HMIS and coordinated entry.

- Ensure adequate coverage of permanent supportive housing across the CoC.
  - Increase the availability of rapid rehousing.
  - Ensure CoC funding is being used well, including potentially re-allocating some funding from projects that have patterns of low spending or poor performance.
- Regional programmatic priorities for new applications:
  - Using the prior year's PIT/HIC and most recent CoC funding awards, the funding priorities assign a level of priority for RRH and PSH for each Regional Committee based on need.
    - *Priority 1:* The region has more unmet needs than existing PSH beds, implying that it needs to significantly increase PSH stock to meet the need.
    - *Priority 2:* The region has no current CoC-funded RRH.
    - *Priority 3:* The region already has CoC-funded RRH and/or some need for PSH but less than their current stock of PSH beds, implying a relatively small increase in PSH in the region could meet the need.
    - *No Priority:* The region has enough PSH stock to meet their needs.
- Members discussed the overall structure of the CoC Funding Priorities document and the current priorities to determine if they still make sense and meet the CoC's needs.
  - All members expressed that the structure of the document with CoC-wide and regional programmatic priorities made sense and should not change. Members believe that the CoC-wide priorities seem as relevant as ever and should not be amended for FY21.
- Members revisited specific changes made last year to the CoC Funding Priorities to ensure that they should remain in place.
  - Acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction: members felt that since this would have great local impact but use the bulk of any bonus funding available limiting its usefulness for the full CoC, the CoC should continue to prohibit applications for these activities.
  - TH-RRH: members felt that while the CoC has done a good job working with some shelters to lower barriers, more work needs to be done before considering applications for this project activity. The CoC will not consider applications for this activity in FY21.
  - DV Bonus: staff do not know if DV-Bonus money will be available in the FY21 CoC program competition, but the CoC should be prepared. The FY20 priorities allowed applications for all three components (RRH, TH-RRH, and SSO-CE) to be considered. Members agreed that all should remain available and the Project Review Committee should decide if the applications are viable for funding.
- Staff will update the FY20 CoC Funding Priorities document and email a draft of the FY21 CoC Funding Priorities document for review prior to the next meeting. Members will finalize the document, vote on a recommendation, and send to the Steering Committee for approval at the April 6<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting.
- Brian gave an update on progress for a dashboard to use for monthly Steering Committee meetings.
  - The NCCEH Data Center has requested an upgrade to system reporting from WellSky to allow a custom field for NC County of Service. WellSky has completed their work. Andrea has begun the QA process to ensure that the fixes are correct. ICA will develop the dashboard once Andrea confirms the WellSky fix worked correctly.

- Staff hopes that the CoC can begin using the dashboard with the Steering Committee in the summer.
- Next month's meeting will be Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 11 AM.