Steering Committee Meeting

April 6, 2021

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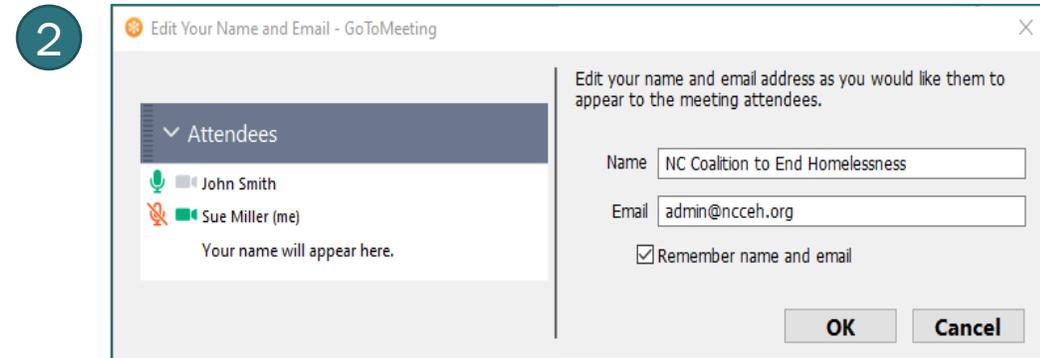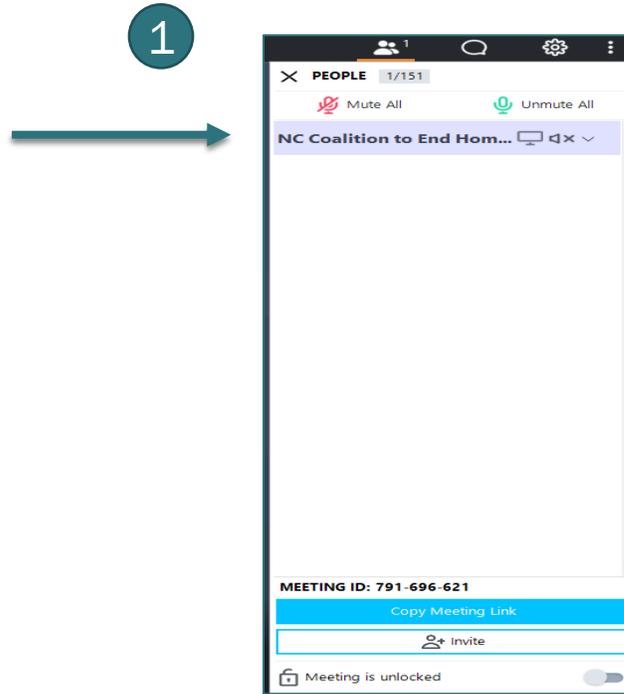
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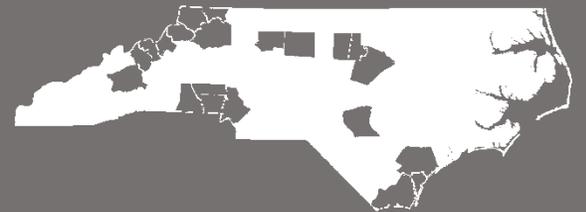
The chat box is available to use anytime.

Roll Call

- We will conduct Roll Call for Regional Leads and at-large members to confirm quorum for voting.

- All participants should enter their full names, so we can document their participation in the minutes.

Agenda

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- Consent agenda
- FY21 CoC Competition
- Vaccine roll out across the NC BoS CoC
- FY18 SSO CE Update
- Upcoming meetings & reminders

Review & approve consent agenda

Consent agenda:
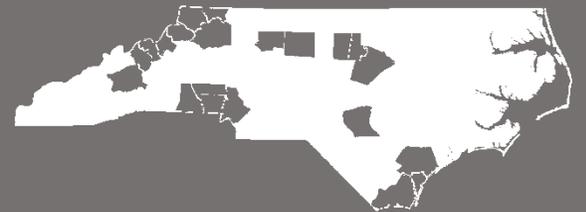
https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/

- The consent agenda was sent to the Steering Committee prior to the meeting as part of a board packet.
- The consent agenda will be voted on as a whole at the beginning of each meeting.
- Steering Committee members may request to remove an item from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

Changes or discussion?

FY21 CoC Competition

The initial phases of the FY21 CoC competition have started.

HUD announced the initial steps of the FY21 CoC competition:

- Registration – staff have registered on behalf of the CoC – due March 4, 2021
- GIW – usually follows 6 weeks after the registration deadline
- NOFA – early summer?

NCCEH staff have begun to slowly prepare for this year's competition:

- Renewal Applicant slide deck with helpful hints: https://www.ncceh.org/files/10628/
- New CoC Applicant webinar: bit.ly/2T5vd7R
- Intent to Apply form still open

Intent to Apply form is mandatory for all agencies applying for new CoC funds.

Intent to Apply form has been posted to the NCCEH website at:

https://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/

- Any agency wanting to apply for a new CoC project in the FY21 competition is required to submit a form.

- Asks for preliminary information about proposed project(s)

- NCCEH staff will review and follow-up with the agency to discuss
  - Any agency that submitted an Intent to Apply form for the FY20 competition does not need to submit another.
  - Staff will schedule follow-up calls later in the year once we have more details.

Rolling-basis, non-binding

Deadline: 2 weeks after NOFA release

CoC needs agencies to apply for funds that can run effective programs.

Regional Committee leadership and at-large members can help recruit agencies to apply.

The CoC needs agencies with:

- Capacity to operate CoC programs
- Best practice knowledge
- Willingness to serve the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness

Connect interested agencies to the Intent to Apply form or to bos@ncceh.org with any questions they may have.

The Funding and Performance Subcommittee will recommend new CoC Funding Priorities.

The FPS have the FY20 CoC Funding Priorities document and will finalize a recommendation for the Steering Committee to consider at its next meeting.

To review last year's CoC Funding Priorities:

https://www.ncceh.org/media/files/files/b414928f/2020-coc-funding-priorities-final.pdf

HUD has a new way to notify the CoC about CoC program updates.

HUD will no longer use the HUD Exchange to inform CoC's about CoC program updates. Instead, HUD will use two listservs to which stakeholders must subscribe:

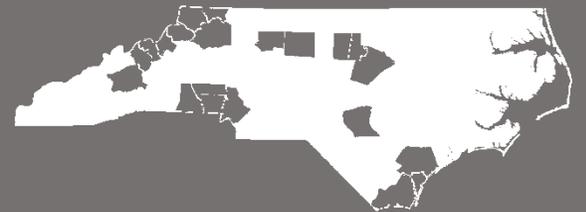SNAPS Competitions listserv:
www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup?listname=SNAPS%20Competitions&list=SNAPS-COMPETITIONS-L

SNAPS Program Information listserv:
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Vaccine Roll Out Across the NC BoS CoC

Vaccine Operational Guidance:
Homeless Service Provider Staff/People Experiencing Homelessness

https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/2243/open

Step 1: Meet locally to determine roles and responsibilities.

- **CoC/BoS Region Led:** Your CoC/Region is centralizing efforts where the CoC is working directly with a vaccine provider on behalf of all organizations (shelters and other homeless service organizations) in your county/counties.

- **Organization Led, CoC/Region Supported:** Your CoC is playing a technical assistance/support role, but all organizations (shelter and other homeless service organizations) in your county/counties are expected to partner with a vaccine provider to plan vaccination at their sites directly.

- **CoC/Region and Organization Led:** Your CoC is working with a vaccine provider to plan some vaccine events, but organizations (shelters and other homeless service organizations) are still expected to partner with a vaccine provider to plan vaccination at their sites directly.

Step 2: Partner with local vaccine administrator (e.g., health department, hospital, FQHC)

- **Organizations should partner with a local vaccine administrator** (e.g., health department, hospital, FQHC, etc.) that can vaccinate your organization's clients.

- **Organizations with on-site healthcare.** Organizations that are healthcare providers/have healthcare onsite can register to be a vaccine administrator.

- **Need Assistance?** Organizations that do not yet have a healthcare partner or need assistance enrolling directly as a vaccine provider should contact Erika Ferguson Walsh (Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov).

Step 3: Determine vaccine roll-out strategy with your vaccine partner.

- Scenario 1: Bringing the vaccine to a program site
  - May eliminate barriers, like transportation or mistrust of medical providers due to past experiences with discrimination and negative interactions
  - May not be possible in some communities due to vaccine administrator capacity or the number of people served at a site
- Scenario 2: Bring the people to the vaccine
  - Even with onsite vaccination events, people may need help getting to the vaccine (e.g., clinics, pharmacies, mass vaccination events, etc.
  - Homeless service organizations with their own transportation
  - Coordination with local public transit agencies, providing free transportation to vaccine sites (https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/public-transit/Documents/NC_public_transit.pdf)

Step 4: Submit Vaccine Event Allocation Request

- We will continue to allocate J&J doses predominantly through events as we await stability in J&J supply. Remind your vaccine partner to submit event requests for your population by noon today for events the week of 4/12. Requests submitted after that are considered for future dates.
  - Survey link: https://nc.readyop.com/fs/4daU/cb20
  - Must be completed by the vaccine provider partner, unless the CoC or homeless provider organization has a healthcare clinic or staff registered to be COVID-19 vaccine providers.
  - Ensure CoCs or organizations work with their vaccine provider partner to order the vaccines directly. They should note they are requesting the J&J vaccine and ordering on behalf of homeless within the form.

Step 4: Submit Vaccine Event Allocation Request

- In order to plan allocations for future weeks, we encourage you to:
  - Submit a revised request if the volume requested has changed since original submission
  - Include your maximum capacity if it exceeds the specific request
  - Submit events for future weeks. Event allocations will repeat weekly.

Final Step:

Continue to work with your vaccine partner to ensure all people experiencing homelessness have access to vaccinations.

Eligible expenses from ESG and ESG-CV to support vaccine planning and distribution.

	Emergency Shelter	Street Outreach
Renting spaces for vaccine events	Outpatient Health Services	Emergency Health Services
Hiring vaccine ambassadors to engage/educate peers about the vaccine	Case management	Engagement Case management
Transporting people to/from vaccine events	Transportation	Transportation
Mobile outreach vans and staff to support vaccine distribution	Not Applicable	Emergency Health Services
Staff training on vaccine and rollout strategies	Training	Training
PPE and supplies at vaccine events	Operations	Emergency Health Services

Resources

- HUD: Vaccination in Congregate Settings: Event Types and Considerations Guidance (https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Vaccination-in-Congregate-Settings-Event-Types-and-Considerations.pdf)

- COVID-19 Communications Toolkit: Please find flyers, social media posts, etc. that can be used for your events here: https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-communications-toolkit

- Form to request NCDHHS to tailor flyers for your organization, population, or upcoming vaccine events: https://share.hsforms.com/100-ptGQAR4WZU64tHodQhw5bzii

- Form to request free PPE and Critical Supplies: https://nc.readyop.com/fs/4dbD/5156. We ask that organizations submit no often than once per month keeping their storage capacity in mind.
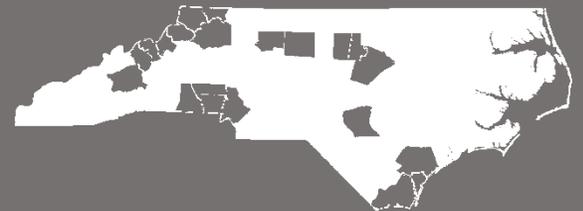
Vaccine Distribution Models in Each of the NC BoS CoC's 13 Regions

- Bringing the vaccine to a program site

- Bringing people to the vaccine

- Building vaccine confidence in the community

- Offering incentives for vaccination

- Effective, local partnerships

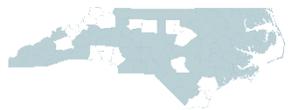# FY18 SSO-Coordinated Entry Grant Report

NCCEH receives a CoC grant to support Coordinated Entry

- Operating year is September 1, 2019 – November 30, 2020
- NCCEH sub-granted funds on September 1, 2019 to the following agencies:
  - Region 2: Thrive
  - Region 3: Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry
  - Region 5: Community Link
  - Region 10: Hope Station
  - Region 12: Pitt County Planning
  - Regions 11 and 13: Trillium

NCCEH receives a CoC grant to support Coordinated Entry

- NCCEH requested an extension from HUD for FY18 SSO-CE funds
  - COVID-19 pandemic
  - United Way of NC / NC 2-1-1
- NCCEH sub-granted additional funds to current recipients and the following new agencies on July 1, 2020:
  - Region 1: HERE in Jackson County
  - Region 4: Diakonos
  - Region 6: Family Abuse Services
  - Region 7: Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action

FY18 Report

- Accomplishments:
  - Increased CE access by 58%
  - Increased CE screening or assessment by 54%
  - Increased CE referrals to RRH by 118%
- Challenges:
  - Coronavirus federal funding
  - Short timeframe for newly-funded agencies

SSO-CE spending

- NCCEH and subrecipients spent approximately 76% of FY18 SSO-CE grant

- Spending challenges:
  - Coronavirus federal funding
    - 2020 grant end date
    - SSO-CE staff shifting focus to CRF and ESG-CV work
    - United Way of NC / NC 2-1-1 access point through Back@Home
  - Newly funded agencies

- Spending for FY19 SSO-CE grant to increase:
  - Second year for all agencies
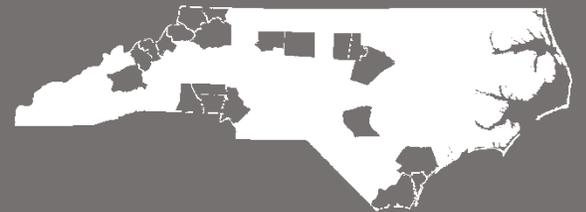 - Balance of additional federal funding

Plans for FY19

- NCCEH sub-granted SSO-CE funding to same 10 agencies (11 regions)
- SSO-CE funded-agencies set goals for FY19
  - Increase CE participation for non-HUD-funded agencies
  - Increase street outreach
- Increase CE access for unsheltered
- Decrease HMIS data gaps between front door providers and CE project
- NCCEH staff to support regions without SSO-CE grants

Meetings and Reminders

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- **COVID-19 Local Leadership Response Sharing Call,** *Every other Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 P.M. April meetings: April 14 and 28*
  - Presentation: https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness
  - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733

- **BoS HMIS User Meeting,** *Thursday, April 15, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M*.
  - Register here: https://www.ncceh.org/events/1464/

- **Coordinated Entry Council Meeting,** *Monday, April 19, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.*
  - Presentation: https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness
  - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733

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- **Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting**, *Wednesday, April 21, 9:00 – 10:00 A.M.*
  - Presentation: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621
  - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621

- **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Training,** *Wednesday, April 21, 11:00 A.M*
  - Presentation: https://www.gotomeet.me/NCCoalitiontoEndHomelessness
  - Audio: (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 152-499-645

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- **Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting**, *Thursday, April 22, 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.*
  - Presentation: uberconference.com/brianncceh
  - Audio: (401) 283-4752 Pin: 13939

- **Anti-Discrimination Policy Webinar,** *Wednesday, April 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

Adjournment

Next Steering Committee Meeting:
Tuesday, May 4, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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