

## NC BoS CoC Racial Equity Subcommittee

### August 18, 2021 Minutes

**Attendees:** Tujuanda Sanders, Lori Watts, Manuel Hyman, Deniece Cole, Teresa Robinson, LaTonya Penny, Angela Harper King,

**Staff:** Andrea Carey, Jeremy Ratcliff, Laurel McNamee, Sarah Murray, Brian Alexander

#### Celebration

- Staff and Subcommittee members shared positive updates in their personal and professional lives

#### New Meeting Time

- Staff presented that enough feedback had been gathered to move the meeting time for NC BoS CoC Racial Equity Subcommittee meetings
- New meeting time will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 11:30am – 12:30pm
- Staff thanked everyone for their input on this process

#### Racial Equity Dialogue Series

- Jeremy Ratcliff presented that a Racial Equity Dialogues Workgroup has been formed and met on 8/17/21
- RE Dialogues Workgroup members include:
  - Teresa Robinson
  - Deniece Cole
  - Tandra Chamberlain
  - LaTonya Penny
- Subcommittee members interested in joining the workgroup can email Jeremy Ratcliff, [Jeremy.ratcliff@ncceh.org](mailto:Jeremy.ratcliff@ncceh.org)
- The workgroup has set dates for the upcoming Racial Equity Dialogue Series as October 12, and November 09, 2021. Topics to be announced at a later date.

#### Racial Equity Assessment

- Andrea Carey and Brian Alexander presented the results from the 2021 NC BoS CoC Racial Equity Assessment.
- A discussion was held and subcommittee members provided feedback and concern about the disparities that continue to exist at access points to the system.
  - Common consensus that the VI-SPDAT is perpetuating racial disparities
  - Deniece Cole noted how some agency policies of only accepting clients from within the county they are placed also perpetuates People of Color having a harder time accessing the homeless services system.
- Deniece Cole made a motion to approve the Racial Equity Assessment and forward it to the NC BoS CoC Steering Committee for approval. Teresa Robinson seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the assessment will be presented at the Steering Committee on September 07, 2021.

#### Next Meeting

09/15/21 at 11:30am