



# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## *Davie-Iredell-Stokes-Surry-Yadkin (DISSY) Regional Committee*

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 - 10:00 AM

Those on call/zoom were:

Teena Willis - Partners BH  
Debbie Owen - Fifth Street Ministries, DISSY Rapid Rehousing Coordinator  
Michele Knapp - Fifth Street Ministries  
Josh Edwards - Shepherd's House  
Alan Bagshaw - Easter Seals ACT  
Brian Smith - SHAHC  
Joey Wilson - Easter Seals  
Laurenn Singleton - The Ark  
Bonnie Harper - GHCCM  
Keisha Robinson - VA Salisbury  
Katrina Goodman - Piedmont Health Services

Teena called the meeting to order and introductions were made. The minutes from April was approved by common consent.

We then reviewed the Steering Committee call updates which included:

- The statewide response to COVID 19, including handling sheltered and unsheltered populations, non-congregate sheltering options, as well as housing stability.
- Additional assistance is needed, such as linking resources and providing legal assistance.
- NCCEH has info on Facebook updating how they are supporting shelters and other service providers.
- COC competition is still delayed, and may not be implemented in 2020.
- ESG Workgroup (per Alan), will be reviewing concerns on communication between the COC, BOS, and ESG offices, as well as any other issues.
- The PIT count for 2020 has been pushed back to June 30.

Other points of information:

- United Way has additional emergency funding. Fifth Street received some of this funding.
- Partners is currently providing on line training, including Fair Housing and Housing First. For more info, check the Partners calendar.
- There is EFSP (Emergency, Food and Shelter Program) funding available. Additional ESG funding may also be available.
- Per Joey, the Scorecard committee call involved discussion on the addition of sub populations such as the prison population or LGBTQI. There will likely be an increase in Rapid Re-Housing and PSH funds.
- SSVF funds are still available.
- Partners applied for FEMA funds, and has some money for housing related expenses, especially in Iredell.
- Bonnie GHCCM has an opening in Catawba.
- SHAHC will only have transitional housing after the first of the year.

### **Changes in shelter services during the COVID 19:**

**The Ark-** New guests must isolate for 2 weeks after they move in. No one has moved in thus far.

**Shepherd's House** - They are allowing guests to go to emergency medical appointments and tax paying jobs only, and are checking temps.

**Fifth Street** - Performing temp checks three times daily. Only current guests may eat in the soup kitchen. All others are served to go plates out the back kitchen door. Any guest who is out for a night may not return.

We also discussed the Coordinated Entry process. Specifically, if there is a different way to prioritize need, and having regions three and four with the same policy in place. There will likely be a need for more Rapid Re-Housing and prevention money as evictions resume. Bonnie and Michele will work on developing a policy.

SHAHC will be on the agenda for next month.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Case conferencing then followed.

**\*The next DISSY meeting is Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 10:00 A.M., tentatively set as a ZOOM/ call in.**

Respectfully submitted, Deborah W. Owen