



**Piedmont Regional Committee (PRC)**

Virtual Zoom CALL

**March 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 @ 10am**

**Attendance:** [Attendance Sheet](#)

Victoria Hayes	Family Services of Davidson
Andrea Merriman	Feminine Life Rebuilders
Samantha Hall	Family Crisis Council
Patrice Brown	Carolina CARE Partnership
Teresa Robinson	Community Link, CE lead
Shanta Watkins	Homes of Hope Stanly Co.
Sarah Guzman	Rowan Helping Ministries
Tamera Holcomb	Davidson County Schools
Nicole Dewitt	Community Link
Sophia Russell Hall/Michael Anders	Positive Wellness Alliance
Sherry Smith	Rowan Helping Ministries
Tierra McDonald	Homes of Hope Stanly Co.
Tameka Gunn	Community Link
Sherry Smith	Rowan Helping Ministries
Tiffany Weaver/Denise Davis	Turning Point
Kristen Armstrong, Meg Montemurro, Liz Casana Sade Craine, Melissa Mckeown	Community Shelter Union County
Kecia Robinson	Salisbury Rowan VAMC
Kristen Craig	Rowan Helping Ministries
Kyle White	Cabarrus County Public Library
Erin Kyle	Veteran Services of the Carolinas
Kristina Fausel	City of Concord
Patrice Brown	Carolina Care Partnership
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Jamise Dieme	Monarch Stanly
Tecola Patterson	The S.T.U.D.I.O.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

€ 2021 Officers

- Regional Lead: Andrea Merriman

- Regional Alternate: Samantha Hall
- Secretary: Meg Montemurro
- Coordinated Assessment Lead: Teresa Robinson
- COC Project Review Committee Representative: Alicia Broadway
- Point-in-Time Count Lead: Samantha Hall
- Webmaster: Meg Montemurro

December Minutes- Approved by Common Consent

### **Balance of State Update**

- **Steering Committee Conference Call Debrief- Andrea Merriman**

- € **Coordinated Entry Evaluation Launch**

- o March 1, 2021-April 30,2021 for PSH programs.
    - o April 17,2021- April 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 for ES and unsheltered surveys.
    - o RRH surveys are administered and collected on an ongoing basis.

- € **Housing Connections Initiative Phase II**

- o Grantees in phase II of the Housing Connections Initiative will continue to collaborate and work as a team to secure multiple units through landlord engagement.

- € **Racial Equity Sub Committee Update**

- o The Racial Equity Sub Committee continues to explore ways to make improve our processes, making them more equitable. The committee is currently working on evaluating scorecards going forward. Overall, it will reflect some level of racial equity work your agency is doing regarding staff and/or serving clients. The goal is to really take a deeper look at the populations we are serving and how we can best serve them. The Racial Equity Sub Committee is also looking into different housing assessments that can be used across the state that are more equitable as well as continuing to discuss changes that can be made to the VISPDAT.

- € **State COVID Vaccine Prioritization of NC Homeless Population-**

- o NCCEH helped coordinate 400 signatures for organizations and individuals across the state asking for reprioritization for individuals

receiving homeless services and service providers. If you are not attending the weekly COVID-19 stakeholder meetings and would like more information, please reach out to Andrea Merriman at ([andrea@andreadmerriman.net](mailto:andrea@andreadmerriman.net)). The stakeholder meetings provide great updates on vaccination guidance, COVID-19 stats as well as vaccine operational guidance for homeless providers. If you have not already, please also reach out to your local health department to create a vaccination plan for staff and clients. Also, the VA has opened up vaccines to all veterans who are eligible for VA healthcare. If you know of an eligible individual have them contact the VA to get scheduled for their vaccine.

€ **COC Subrecipient Orientation**

- o The COC Subrecipient Orientation is coming up and was sent out to those that are new subrecipients of the grant. HUD announced the initial steps of COC intent to apply, this is mandatory for all agencies intending to apply for funds. The deadline will be two weeks after the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is Released. The intent to apply form is already posted on the NCCEH website. For more information on COC and ESG funding as well as awards list check out [ncceh.org](http://ncceh.org).

**Bringing It Home 2021**

- The Bring It Home 2021 conference will be held virtually June 8<sup>th</sup>- June 9<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be free to everyone who registers. More information on this conference is to come and can be found on the NCCEH website.

**2021 PIT Count Update – Samantha Hall**

- Samantha shared that more information is to come on the PIT Count update. Melissa shared that some reports have already been pulled from HMIS by the data team as they assist with the process. The sheltered-unsheltered PIT 2021 report and the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) report is due March 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are a County or agency lead and you did not receive this information, please contact Samantha Hall at ([Samantha.hall@fccrowan.org](mailto:Samantha.hall@fccrowan.org)).

**PRC Coordinated Entry Update- Teresa Robinson-**

- There are currently nine RRH openings. These openings will be discussed more specifically in the case conferencing meeting to follow. NCCEH is creating a resource document in English and Spanish for the public to access. This document will include resources that provide detailed guidance for people seeking services. This document is proposed to work as a streamline process for individuals in the community seeking services. Email Teresa ([trobins@communitylinknc.org](mailto:trobins@communitylinknc.org)) if you have any agencies that should be added to the resource document.

### **2021 Quarter One Taskforce Reports**

As a region it is crucial that we continue to ramp up our efforts to meet and collaborate with providers in our counties to build these taskforces.

**Rowan-** No task force meeting this quarter. Recently restructured and are shifting positions. Working through and navigating those changes currently. Will meet prior to next PRC meeting.

**Cabarrus-** Cabarrus county has needed a taskforce lead. Tecola Patterson volunteered to link with other providers and begin that process.

**Stanly-** Stanly county will be holding a taskforce meeting prior to next quarter meeting.

**Union-** Thrive Union is a collaboration with providers and business that are working with people living below the poverty line in Union County. Currently Thrive is meeting four times a month. Thrive is currently in the process of restructuring the taskforce into a non-profit and bringing The Racial Equity Institute into the community.

**Davidson-** Davidson county is staying in constant communication with providers and is working on getting a taskforce meeting scheduled prior to our next quarterly meeting.

### **Other Business – Navigate [ncceh.org](https://ncceh.org) website**

-Go to [Piedmont Regional Committee | Raleigh, North Carolina USA | \(ncceh.org\)](https://ncceh.org) to access our piedmont regional information.

-Patrice with Carolina CARE Partnership shared that they have one voucher open in Union County. To be eligible the individual must be HIV positive and have a connection to Union County. Transportation is preferred but not required.

-Melissa with the Community Shelter of Union County shared that they are having their annual golf tournament on April 28<sup>th</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup>

**\*Next Quarterly Piedmont Regional Committee meeting**

**June 9, 2021 – on Zoom**

Send Webpage Updates to Teresa Robinson at [TRobinson@communitylinknc.org](mailto:TRobinson@communitylinknc.org)

The Piedmont Regional Committee minutes are on the Region 5 webpage  
<https://www.ncceh.org/bos/region5/>

**ZOOM Link for Quarterly Meetings -**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86463310303?pwd=ZUJNSIA3VUUyODI5VmNCMHZsV1ZEQT09>

Meeting ID: 864 6331 0303

Passcode: 839211

**Other Relevant Links:**

Coordinated Entry Evaluation Material on the NCCEH webpage, under [BOS Coordinated Entry Vaccine Operational Guidance for Homeless Provider Staff](#)

State COVID Vaccine Prioritization of NC Homeless Population  
Letter to Secretary Mandy Cohen and signers: <https://www.ncceh.org/files/11345/>

Carolina Public Press Article:  
<https://carolinapublicpress.org/42630/why-were-homeless-shelters-deprioritized-for-vaccines/>

Stateline (Pew Charitable Trusts):  
<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2021/03/01/states-fail-to-prioritize-homeless-people-for-vaccines>

**NEXT REGIONAL MEETING IS JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> 10 am- 12pm**

**Platform will be virtual for our meeting in June.**