



## Piedmont Regional Committee

### Case Conferencing

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2021

Location: Conference Call/Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Facilitated By: Teresa Robinson

Attendees:

Tiera McDonald	Homes of Hope
Kristen Armstrong	Community Shelter of Union County
Kecia Robinson	Salisbury- Rowan VA Medical Center
Hannah Larios	Rowan County
Jenny Brinkle	Davidson County
Meg Montemurro	Community Shelter of Union County
Teresa Robinson	Community Link
Laura Tolbert	Opportunity House
Sandra Clarke	Community Shelter of Union County
Victoria Hayes	Family Services
Cathy Wood-Romero	Rowan County
Andrea Merriman	Feminine Life Rebuilders
Jill Valente	Community Link
Tamatha Hall	Community Link

### Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions:**
  - [Attendance Sheet](#)
- **County Updates**
  - **Cabarrus**- Still working on housing vouchers. Seventeen went to Community Link. Currently has 4 families they are working with off the by-name list. Laura is working with partners in the community to ensure documentation is taken care of and assistance is met.
  - **Davidson**- Still working on moving people into housing.
  - **Rowan**- Shelter is opening family units back up in December and moving families from offsite. Seeing some housing open in the area. Continuing to work off the by-name list.
  - **Stanly**- Recently had a family housed through public housing that was on the by name list. Also, has a family moving from transitional housing into public housing this week. Those that have vouchers are still having trouble finding placement.
  - **Union**- Still operating emergency shelter, food, and rehousing. Working internally to rehouse clients on property and those off site in our overflow shelter. The families have moved back on site from the overflow location. Working with thrive union the local task force. Continuously working on partnerships with local landlords and employers through the RRH program and EM Program.
  - **VA**- Kecia shared that they have hired an additional social worker that will be assisting veterans with legal needs that they may have.

## Steering Committee Information

- **NC Bos Dashboard**
  - View data on clients across all agencies and projects
    - Specific project enrollment
      - Individuals cs. Heads of households
      - Demographics
      - Inflow, outflow, permanent housing exits and move-in data
- **BOS System Data**
  - >1000 new people per month
  - 720 households are chronically homeless
    - 101 new households experiencing chronic homelessness
  - 37 households exited the system in September with less than half going to PH
  - Move ins = exits to PH
- **Areas of Focus?**
  - Diversion- looking to remove this or add additional information to work better for the information we are collecting.
  - Moving on- focusing on moving clients out of programs that are not beneficial for them to move in clients that could benefit from these programs.
  - Partnerships to exit more chronically homeless households.
- **Regional Committee Leadership**
  - Leadership roles selected in December
    - New leadership will begin on January 1, 2022
      - **Regional Lead:**
        - Represents the region as a voting member on the Steering Committee
        - Facilitates local meetings
        - Serves as a liaison between the steering committee and regional committee (point of contact for CoC staff).
      - **Regional Lead Alternate:**
        - Represents the region as a voting member on the steering committee when RL is unavailable or has a conflict of interest.
        - Facilitates HMIS recruitment with local subcommittee
      - **Coordinated Entry Lead:**
        - Must be a person from the SSO-CE funded agency.
        - Facilitates local CE system
        - Ensures regional committee follow NC BoS CoC CE written standards and implements required system initiatives
      - **Webmaster:**
        - Ensures completion of regional committee meeting minutes
        - Submits meeting agendas and minutes to NCCFH for posting
      - **Project Review Committee Representative:**
        - Participates fully in review and scoring process for the annual CoC and ESG funding processes
        - Does not have a conflict of interest
          - i.e. is not a current ESG or CoC applicant or grantee
      - **Unsheltered PIT Lead:** Tiera McDonald (Already filled due to the timing of PIT)
- **Steering Committee- NC DHHS HMIS Vaccination Analysis**
  - Data on who is vaccinated based on HMIS data in the BOS

- State Comparison
    - Age
    - Number of doses
    - Manufacturer
  - Region 5
    - 20% of people experiencing homelessness with at least 1 dose vs. 49% of full population vaccinated with at least one dose
- **Steering Committee- 2022 PIT/HIC Planning**
  - Unsheltered- HMIS: Night of Count: Jan 26 Service Based Counts: Jan 26-Feb 8
  - Sheltered- HMIS ES + TH: Work with NCCEH Data Center to finalize data and submit reports  
Non HMIS ES +TH: Counting Us App: Night of Count: Jan 26 Service Based Counts: Jan 26-Feb 8
  - Temporary Sheltered- HMIS ES + TH: HMIS Reports- Work with NCCEH Data Center to finalize data and submit reports  
Non HMIS ES +TH: Counting Us Survey App (Due early February)  
Bed + Unit Survey with NCCEH staff (Due early February)
  - NCCEH staff will compile all data to create reports
  - Unsheltered PIT Leads
    - Facilitates data collection and entry so people experiencing unsheltered homelessness can access resources
    - Organizes volunteers for verification surveys night-of or immediately after PIT night
    - Leads collection, entry and verification of data for PIT night
  - ES, TH, RRH, PAH program staff
    - Confirm point of contact
    - Ensure info is available by 01/26/2022
    - Counting Us App (for non- HMIS users)- training on December 8, 2021
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- **Steering Committee- Racial Equity Dialogue**
  - Second Dialogue series on Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>
    - Recruitment has begun for membership in the 2022 Racial Equity Subcommittee
      - New guidelines for membership, FAQ coming soon
      - Regional Leads pivotal in filling these roles
      - Anyone passionate about the work racial equity and is or could be connected to our regional committee or works in an agency that serves people experiencing homelessness, contact Laurel McNamee laurel.mcnamee@nceh.org
      - Racial Equity subcommittee has been selected to participate in a Racial Equity Demo that will partner with HUD TA and CoCs across the country to improve racial equity in access and prioritization within the homelessness system (Coordinated Entry), particularly looking at options for replacing the VI-SPDAT assessment.

#### **Steering Committee- NC BoS CoC 2021 CE Evaluation**

- There was no evaluation of the CE system in 2020
- First Evaluation was in 2019
- NCCEH staff reviewed all surveys, compiled data and reported outcomes at CEC meeting
  - Provider agencies (30 surveys from all 13 regions of the BOS CoC)
    - P&D, VI-SPDAT, Case Conferencing, referrals to permanent housing
  - People currently enrolled in Permanent Housing Programs
    - No surveys from region 5
  - Surveys to people currently experiencing homelessness
- 83% of respondents needed emergency or DV shelter
- 93% of respondents stated they did not feel discriminated against
- CoC considering adding CE evaluation participation to annual CoC and/or ESG scoring process

- Surveys should have been confidential and anonymous
  - P&D Screen does not aid in diverting households from entering shelter
  - Emergency shelters should lower barriers and become more housing-focused
  - People experiencing homelessness in the CoC are not offered permanent housing options quickly
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers**
    - Cabarrus- Jill shared that they are referring 12 to EHV at this point. However, this number could change, and everything is client choice.
    - Stanly- Currently everything has halted as the point of contact has been lost. There have been a lot of moving parts and shifts that have created this halt. The vouchers have provided an opportunity to grow relationships and connect within the community.
    - Are other counties interested in partnering with Housing Authority for vouchers in your region?
      - Jill shared that there was a conversation with HUD on how we can work together to incorporate the EHV's with the Housing Authorities in our areas.
- **By-Name List Check In**
    - **Current Status of BNL**
      - Unsheltered
      - Emergency Shelter
      - Transitional Housing
    - **Recent Meeting- Feedback**
      - Send out BNL prior to the meeting would be helpful for agencies to conference internally prior to the meeting.
- **Q&A**
    - Reach out to Teresa at [TRobinson@communitylinknc.org](mailto:TRobinson@communitylinknc.org) if you have questions or concerns that were not addressed in today's meeting.

**\*\*\*Reminders\*\*\***

- Veterans Case Conferencing:  
9:00am, November 12, 2021  
Every other Friday until further notice
- PRC Case Conferencing- By-Name List:  
9:00am, November 24, 2021  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month until further notice
- HMIS Trainings  
<https://www.ncceh.org/hmis/training/>
- Street Outreach Training  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7\\_MBvaB-F4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7_MBvaB-F4)
- NC BoS HMIS User Meeting  
Thursday, November 18 1:00-2:30pm  
Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/168443229>  
Audio: (571)317-3122 Access Code: 168-443-2293

**Next Meeting**

Our next scheduled meeting is on **December 8<sup>th</sup>** via Webinar immediately following the Regional Meeting, Call-In information TBA

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85281249395?pwd=am05Y1dlRHJOdy9VMzg2SUpqVWlkdz09>

Please visit our Region's webpage at <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/region5/> for meeting times, community events and other important community documents.