



Piedmont Regional Committee

Case Conferencing

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021

Location: Conference Call/Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Facilitated By: Teresa Robinson

Attendees:

April Lawson	Family Services of Davidson County
Tiera McDonald	Homes of Hope
Kristine Wiles	Rowan Helping Ministries
Kecia Robinson	Salisbury VA
Kristen Mcalhaney	Community Shelter of Union County
Laura Tolbert	Opportunity House
Tamatha Hall	Community Link
Curry Cromer	Veteran Services of the Carolinas
Meg Montemurro	Community Shelter of Union County
Teresa Robinson	Community Link
Debbie Reed	Crisis Ministry
Andrea Merriman	Feminine Life Rebuilders
Sandra C.	Community Shelter of Union County
Antonia Hendrix	Volunteers of America
Kimberly Fowler	Family Crisis Council

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions:**
 - [Attendance Sheet](#)
- **County Updates**
 - New Events, Meetings, Celebrations, Challenges
 - **Davidson County-** April reached out to set up new task force. More to come on this. DV awareness month. Virtual vigils are in the works.
 - **Rowan County-** Continuing work to get individuals housed. Homeless resource fair is upcoming.
 - **Stanley County-** Have some vouchers out. Hard to find people willing to rent to housing 8.
 - **Union County-** Preparing homeless vigil. Continuing to hold task force meetings.

- **Community Link**- Experiencing similar difficulty in finding housing options. Currently still has individuals searching for housing placements. There is still a pause on the Back at Home referrals.
 - **Veteran Agencies**- Kecia shared VA is continuing to struggle with housing stock for vouchers. Currently they have two housing specialists on board to assist. Curry shared that working together with a conferencing team for Veteran services has been very helpful.
- **Steering Committee Updates**
 - Letter of Support Request- Rowan Helping Ministries
 - Additional funds for Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing property.
 - HOME- American Rescue Plan (ARP)- assist individuals or families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing. Rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.
 - Production or preservation of affordable housing
 - Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)
 - Supportive services, homeless prevention services, and housing counseling
 - Purchase and development of non-congregate shelter.
 - ESG Competition
 - Regional Application submitted by NCCEH on September 17, 2021
 - All available funds in the Regional Fair share- \$2,520,285 were allocated
 - 4 new agencies applied
 - 32 renewal agencies (some with new projects)
 - Some agencies accepted conditional awards based on participation in training and changes to policies and procedures in 2022.
 - Reach out to NCCEH team about how to improve the process for next year's competition bos@ncceh.org.
 - Communication, clarify deadlines, regional lead roles, and regional prioritization
 - Webinar will be held at the beginning of the competition for all interested applicants.
 - For 2022 all renewal and new grantees are required to attend NCCEH webinar
 - December 9, 2021- 10:30am-12:00pm
 - Registration info coming soon
 - COC Competition
 - NOFO from HUD released on August 18th
 - Final consolidated CoC application due to HUD on Tuesday, November 16
 - Project Review Committee has reviewed new and renewal scorecards
 - Staff are currently organizing scores
 - Eliminating projects by number of standards met
 - Ordering by total points in categories

- Today-October 13th, @2pm-3:30pm Steering Committee will approve Project Review Committee recommended prioritization ranking list
 - Wednesday- October 20th, @12pm Appeals meeting
 - NCCEH will be completing CoC- wide application
 - Staff will reach out to applicants/stakeholders to complete the application
 - Final Application to be posted by November 10th, completed by November 12th
- Racial Equity Subcommittee
 - Racial Equity Dialogue Series 2021
 - Part 1: Racism, COVID-19, and the Eviction Moratorium
 - Part 2: TBD, Tuesday, November 9, 2021- 11:30am-1:00pm
 - Recruitment
 - Solidify roles and expectations for new members
- NC Balance of State COC data dashboard
 - Funding and Performance Subcommittee has been working since October 2019
 - Purpose: highlight system/programmatic performance at the CoC and regional level to drive strategies and improve performance.
 - Information on dashboard:
 - Limits:
 - Staff will begin usage next month
 - Measure system performance in real time
 - Follow trends of system/programmatic usage
 - Understand demographic and household service usage.
 - Demonstrate inflow and outflow of the system and positive outcomes
 - Provide data for the CoC to make decisions and measure effectiveness
 - Allow regional committees to use data to drive local initiatives using regional and county-level data
 - Enhances opportunities to recruit new agencies to HMIS
 - Build data literacy
 - Limits:
 - Includes only data from HMIS agencies
 - Includes data only from SO, ES, TH, RRH, PSH, HP, and CE
 - Includes only CE data on the CoC/Systems Tab
 - Presents data as input into HMIS
 - Staff will begin usage next month
- Broadband Expansion in NC
 - Digital divide- the gap between those who have access to technology, the internet and digital literacy training and those who do not.
 - Digital Redlining- major network providers systematically excluding low-income neighborhoods from broadband services.
 - 1.1 million households in NC lack access to high-speed internet, cannot afford it or do not have the skills to take advantage.

- State- 2021-2022 FYS Budget \$964 million in federal funding to expand rural broadband availability and connect under and underserved area.
 - Child Tax Credit Resources
 - Those who signed up to receive Economic Impact Payments from the IRS will automatically get the Child Tax Credit
 - Those who have never filed for or received any of the Economic Impact Payments will receive all their unclaimed stimulus checks once they file for the Child Tax Credit
 - Using Simplified Phone App to Claim the Child Tax Credit
<https://www.getctc.org/en>
- **Emergency Housing Voucher Status**
 - City of Concord
 - 17 sent to the City of Concord
 - PSH active households
 - Process of acceptance into Voucher program
 - City of Albemarle
 - 1 sent to the City of Albemarle
 - PSH active
- **By-Name List Review and Prioritization**
 - Veteran BNL
 - Meeting: Friday, October 15th at 9am
 - Reoccurring
 - 52 Veterans
 - Emergency Shelter, HUD-VASH, Unsheltered, Community Contract, GPD-Transitional Housing
 - DV BNL
 - 13 households from Davidson Family Services, Family Crisis of Rowan, and Turning Point shelter
 - ES BNL
 - 430
 - Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, GPD-TH, HUD-VASH, Transitional
 - How to prioritize and update consistently
 - Teresa will be sending out a doodle poll to establish a time on the fourth Wednesday of every month to begin going through the By-Name list. More information to come.

*****Chronic Homelessness Definition**- Chronic homelessness has been defined as single individual (or HOH) with a disabling condition who has either: Experienced homelessness for longer than a year, during which time the individual may have lived in shelters safe havens, or a place not meant for human habitation.

[HUD's Definition of Chronic Homelessness](#)- This is the flow chart Teresa shared from HUD during Case Conferencing.

- **Q&A**
 - Reach out to Teresa at TRobinson@communitylinknc.org if you have questions or concerns that were not addressed in today's meeting.

Next Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is on **November 10th via Webinar**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85264915554?pwd=WkNJMStOSEZPK1cwZ1dFZkhlcUtwdz09>

Meeting ID: 894 8717 3224

Passcode: 556464

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