

Steering Committee Meeting

February 1, 2022

10:30 AM

Welcome

Reminders

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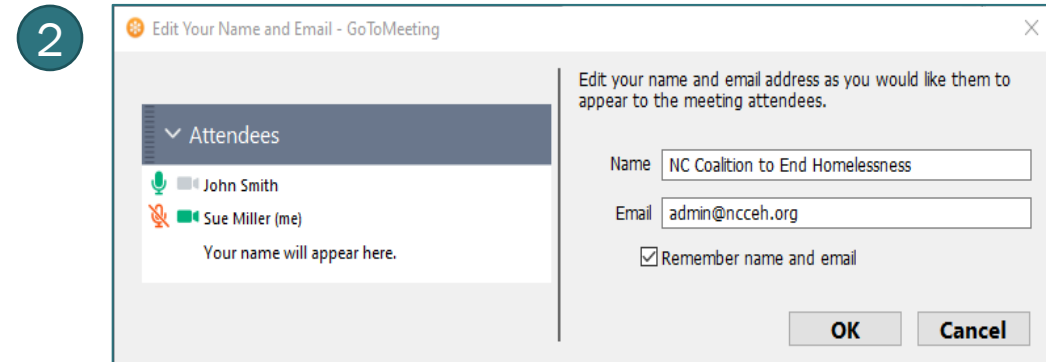
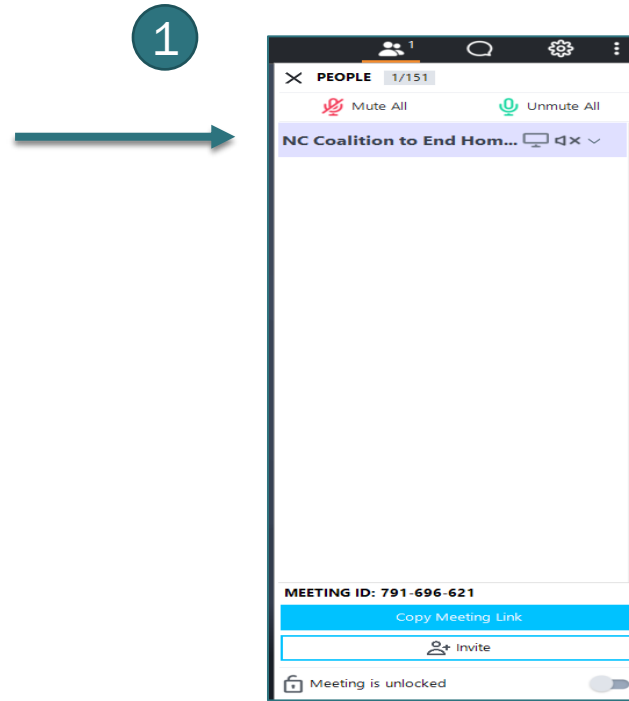
We will unmute the line during Q&A pauses.

The chat box is available to use anytime.



Roll Call

- We will conduct Roll Call for Regional Leads and at-large members to confirm quorum for voting.
- All participants should enter their full names, so we can document their participation in the minutes.





Agenda

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- Consent Agenda
- COC Dashboard
- Membership Advocacy Opportunities
- 2022 PIT/HIC Update
- HUD CE Equity Initiative



Review & approve consent agenda

Consent agenda:

<https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/>

- The consent agenda was sent to the Steering Committee prior to the meeting as part of a board packet.
- The consent agenda will be voted on as a whole at the beginning of each meeting.
- Steering Committee members may request to remove an item from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

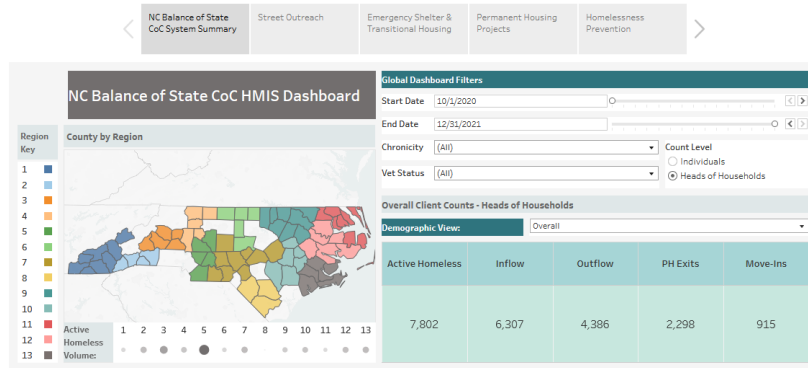
Changes or discussion?





COC Dashboard

CoC Dashboard



Timeline

- Review CoC level data for now, review key outcomes
- Roll out to Regional Committees mid-2022

Key insights

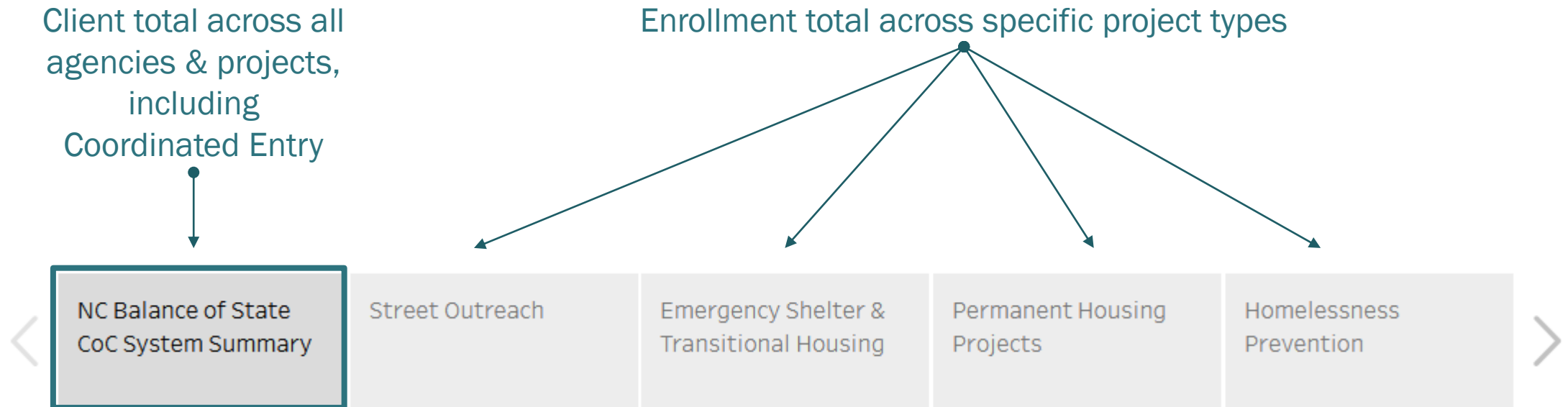
- Live dashboard with filters by Region, County, Month, Demographics
- Actively enrolled clients, PH exits and Move-Ins, enrollments by project type

Limits

- HMIS Participation
- SSO projects not included
- CE Projects only included on system tab
- No filter for individual agencies/programs

Tabs divide our views

Dashboard Data can be reported as a whole, by project type



Overall Counts table

Access to Homeless Response System

- **Active Homeless** = a client/household had a project enrollment during this time period. This includes the system broadly: Street Outreach, Coordinated Entry, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, or Homeless Prevention projects.
- **Inflow** = a client/household had an enrollment entering the system as New to System, Return from Inactive, or Return from Housed.
- **Outflow** = a client/household had an enrollment event leaving the system, such as Inactivated, Housed, or Deceased.

Access to Permanent Housing (PH)

- **PH Exits** = a client/household was enrolled in a homeless dedicated project and left for a permanent destination (no longer receiving services)
- **Move-Ins** = a client/household began sleeping in a permanent situation but may still be receiving services (only recorded for CE, RRH, and PSH projects)



System Summary: Last Calendar Year - Individuals

Global Dashboard Filters

Start Date

End Date

Chronicity

Vet Status

Count Level

Individuals

Heads of Households

Overall Client Counts - Individuals

Demographic View:

Active Homeless	Inflow	Outflow	PH Exits	Move-Ins
11,336	7,921	5,880	3,140	1,284



System Summary: Last Month - Individuals

Global Dashboard Filters

Start Date

End Date

Chronicity ▼

Vet Status ▼

Count Level

Individuals

Heads of Households

Overall Client Counts - Individuals

Demographic View: ▼

Active Homeless	Inflow	Outflow	PH Exits	Move-Ins
6,133	446	488	272	27



System Summary: Last Calendar Year 2021 - Households

Global Dashboard Filters

Start Date

End Date

Chronicity ▼

Vet Status ▼

Count Level

Individuals

Heads of Households

Overall Client Counts - Heads of Households

Demographic View: ▼

Active Homeless	Inflow	Outflow	PH Exits	Move-Ins
7,371	5,171	3,956	1,819	707



System Summary: Last Month - Households

Global Dashboard Filters

Start Date

End Date

Chronicity ▼

Vet Status ▼

Count Level

Individuals

Heads of Households

Overall Client Counts - Heads of Households

Demographic View: ▼

Active Homeless	Inflow	Outflow	PH Exits	Move-Ins
3,940	346	344	157	17



System Summary: Chronicity

Global Dashboard Filters

Start Date: 12/1/2021

End Date: 12/31/2021

Chronicity: Chronic

Vet Status: (All)

Count Level:
 Individuals
 Heads of Households

Overall Client Counts - Heads of Households

Demographic View: Overall

Active Homeless	Inflow	Outflow	PH Exits	Move-Ins
602	40	46	14	3



System Summary: Chronicity

Global Dashboard Filters

Start Date

End Date

Chronicity

Vet Status

Count Level

Individuals

Heads of Households

Overall Client Counts - Heads of Households

Demographic View:

Active Homeless	Inflow	Outflow	PH Exits	Move-Ins
602	40	46	14	3



The dashboard could be helpful to define potential strategies that the CoC could implement.

The data tells us several things:

- The system entered 446 new people in December. This has been trending downward over the last few months from a high in the fall of over a 1000 people in September.
- We currently have 602 households experiencing chronic homelessness with 40 new households becoming chronically homeless in December
 - 46 HHs exited the system in December with less than a third exiting to permanent housing
 - Move ins were far lower than exits to PH – does this indicate the difficulty finding PH units?

Where does the system need to put its efforts based on this data?

- Diversion efforts?
- Accelerate EHV's efforts to move on HHs from PSH?
- Prioritizing funding for landlord engagement?
- Others?





Membership Advocacy Opportunities

The Housing PLUS Bill

Bill's objective: Eliminate the Housing First requirement.

Drawing from the October 2020 *Expanding the Toolbox* report of Robert Marbut, past Executive Director of US Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH).

[\(https://www.usich.gov/news/usich-unveils-new-strategic-plan/\)](https://www.usich.gov/news/usich-unveils-new-strategic-plan/)



"We have people living in our ... best highways, our best streets, our best entrances to buildings ... where people in those buildings pay tremendous taxes, where they went to those locations because of the prestige, and all of a sudden they have tents."

--Robert Marbut



Bi-partisan, congressional response to Marbut appointment

- “As the Chairman and Ranking Members of the Senate and House Subcommittees responsible for allocating Federal funds to HUD’s homeless assistance program as well as the USICH, we have consistently worked on bipartisan basis to ensure communities and service providers receiving Federal funding follow evidence-based practices to alleviate and end homelessness. As you enter your role as Executive Director of USICH, we encourage you to continue the commitment to evidence-based, non-punitive strategies and practices.”
- “Housing First is an approach that has received bipartisan support over the past decade, and members from both sides of the aisle can attest to the reduction of homelessness in their communities through the application of this approach. The housing first strategy is especially effective for youth, young adults, and individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in accessing services provided through their local Continuums of Care(CoCs), and has been shown to result in improved medical behavioral health, reduced criminal justice involvement, lower rates of substance abuse, and better educational outcomes “



Despite the evidence . . .

Multiple studies over the years, starting with its early application and the 24-month follow up of Pathways participants, who spent almost no time experiencing homelessness, while participants in the city's residential treatment program spent about a quarter of their time experiencing homelessness on average. After five years, 88 percent of the program's tenants remained housed, compared to only 47 percent of the residents in the control group.

<https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/Housing-First-Research.pdf>



The immediate response to Expanding the Toolbox report

“The document contains an extensive, inaccurate, and largely incomprehensible analysis of homelessness and the federal efforts to address it. . . The authors blame Housing First for the rise in unsheltered homelessness without citing any evidence to establish such a connection.”

(<https://endhomelessness.org/statement-in-response-to-usichs-expanding-the-toolbox-report/>)



Fact-checking the Housing PLUS bill's claims

November news conference with Congressman Andy Barr (KY), bill sponsor
and . . . Robert Marbut

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36N3Ga8Tga8>



Fact-checking the Housing PLUS bill's claims

In 5 years after 2014, when Housing First was adopted as exclusive approach, unsheltered homelessness increased more than 20% despite substantial federal resources dedicated to addressing it.

Homelessness in the U.S. actually decreased by 15% from 2007 to 2018.

Since 2010 . . .

- 50% reduction in veteran homelessness
- 16% reduction in chronic homelessness
- 29% decline in homelessness among families with children, including 72% decrease in unsheltered homelessness in this subpopulation



Fact-checking the Housing PLUS bill's claims

*Don't want programs that don't expect anything from people.
Housing First doesn't meet them where they are.*

Sam Tsemberis, Founder and CEO of Pathways to Housing, was the originator of the Housing First model. Housing First grew out of working directly with people diagnosed with mental illness who were living on the streets of New York, where Sam learned that people needed services beyond hospitalization.



Fact-checking the Housing PLUS bill's claims

Housing First is not working bc/it doesn't address the root causes of homelessness, i.e., 80% of those homeless have mental/behavioral health/addiction issues. It's just a give-away voucher program with no requirements or treatment program.

- When individuals were provided access to stable, affordable housing, with services under their control, 79% remained stably housing at the end of 6 months, compared to 27% in the control group.
- Another long-term study found that participants in the Housing First model obtained housing earlier (and remained stably housed after 24 months) than participants in programs where housing and services were contingent on sobriety and progress in treatment.



Fact-checking the Housing PLUS bill's claims

The one-size-fits-all approach marginalizes faith-based providers with an emphasis on dignity, instilling a sense of self-worth, community support, recognition of potential AND a roof.

- Housing First provides access to services through localized CoC strategies (allowing that one size does not fit all).
- Housing First recognizes that stable housing is a prerequisite for effective psychiatric and substance abuse treatment and for improving quality of life. Once stably housed, individuals are better able to take advantage of wrap-around services – to help support housing stability, employment, and recovery.



Fact-checking the Housing PLUS bill's claims

Under Housing First, I was gifted with a subsidized apartment with no expectations that I would quit using drugs or do anything more with my life. In my experience and as an addiction counselor, very few people will CHOOSE to work on themselves but repeat the cycle. A house alone will not fix the homeless crisis.

- Participants reduced alcohol use and likelihood of intoxication, despite no requirement to abstain from or reduce drinking to remain housed.
- Studies show that Housing First reduces hospital visits, admissions, and duration of hospital stays among homeless individuals.
- Overall public system spending is reduced by nearly as much as is spent on housing.



Fact-checking the Housing PLUS bill's claims

Homelessness is not about having shelter but about underlying causes—like addiction, mental illness, etc.

“Homeless programs, including those funded by the federal government, are housing more people than ever. But they can’t keep up with the number of people who are becoming homeless because rents are rising faster than incomes.”

—Nan Roman, National Alliance to End Homelessness



Fact-checking the Housing PLUS bill's claims

Let's instead model the successes we have witnessed with homeless veterans.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) programs that reduced veteran homelessness—including unsheltered homelessness—by more than half specifically attribute this success to Housing First.



Fact-checking the claims of Housing PLUS proponents

“One woman said she couldn’t be around others who were addicted bc/she was in recovery and may relapse. Housing Plus protects clients from additional trauma by rejecting the low-barriers requirements in Housing First.”





2022 PIT/HIC Update

Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Counts

One Night Count each year on the last Wednesday of January:

- January 26th this year!

Data Collected:



People



Beds + Units

Type:



Unsheltered



Sheltered (ES + TH)



Permanent Housing
(RRH + PSH + OPH)



Combining Data & Reporting

NCCEH Staff will combine data and submit to HUD.

Type	For Point in Time Count (PIT)	For Housing Inventory Count (HIC)	Method
Unsheltered	✓		CE Verification
Sheltered (ES +TH)	✓	✓	HMIS & Counting Us App
Permanent Housing (RRH + PSH)		✓	HMIS & Counting Us App
Other Permanent Housing (OPH like PHA vouchers)		✓	External reports

Role: Unsheltered Access Coordinator

- Elected position for each region to support CE
- Facilitates data collection and entry so folks experiencing unsheltered homelessness can access resources
 - Coordinates referrals to CE
- **Leads collection, entry, and verification of data for PIT night**
 - Organizes volunteers for verification surveys night-of or immediately after PIT night



Timelines & Deadlines: Unsheltered Count

PIT Night January 26

Data Collection (if possible/planned for)

Data Entry begins

Post-PIT Night January 27- February 2

Confirm the living situation of unsheltered clients

Complete missing CE intake info (if possible)

Data entry into HMIS



Role: Sheltered and Permanent Housing Count

ES, TH, RRH, PSH Program staff

- Confirm point of contact with NCCEH when they reach out this fall
- Ensure information is ready and available for clients served 1/26/2022
 - HMIS
 - If not HMIS participating, Counting Us App
- Respond to NCCEH with program, funding, bed/unit and capacity information in January/February

*Remember, non-profits or governments paying for hotel/motel shelter IS emergency shelter for the PIT/HIC



Timelines & Deadlines: HMIS participating ES, TH, RRH, PSH Count

PIT Night January 26

Data collection

Post-PIT Night January 27- February 4

Reports run by NCCEH

Review reports and correct

Notify NCCEH assigned staff complete

Final Review of PIT and HIC February

Respond to NCCEH staff questions



Timelines & Deadlines: Non-HMIS participating ES, TH, RRH, PSH Count

PIT Night January 26

Survey clients with Counting Us App

Post-PIT Night January 27- February 16

Notify NCCEH assigned staff complete

Schedule/Complete HIC interview with NCCEH staff

Final Review of PIT and HIC February

Respond to NCCEH staff questions



Roles Other Permanent Housing Count

Public Housing Authorities

- Confirm point of contact with NCCEH when they reach out
- Ensure information is complete and available for clients moved into units by 1/26/2022.
- Respond to NCCEH with program, funding, bed/unit and capacity information by February 16th



Timelines & Deadlines: OPH Count

PIT Night January 26

Regular data entry into systems

Post-PIT Night January 27- February 16

Send program info and reports to NCCEH

Final Review of PIT and HIC February

Respond to NCCEH staff questions



Next Steps

Not sure of your next move? Questions about:

Type of Count	Contact
Unsheltered Count	CE Leads and Unsheltered Access Coordinators
Non-HMIS Sheltered/Permanent Housing Count	Your NCCEH PIT/HIC contact <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not sure who? Email bos@ncceh.org
HMIS Sheltered/Permanent Housing Count	Data Center HelpDesk
OPH Count for PHAs	Allie from CoC team is the EHV and HCV contact

[Check out the NCCEH website PIT/HIC Page for trainings, materials, and descriptions of each type of count!](#)



The image features a repeating pattern of white line-art icons on a blue background. The icons represent various types of buildings, including houses, multi-story apartment buildings, and industrial structures, interspersed with small trees. The text "HUD CE Equity Initiative" is centered in a large, white, sans-serif font.

HUD CE Equity Initiative

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- HUD CE Equity Initiative
 - NC BoS CoC will join other CoC's from across the country and receive HUD TA to focus on improving racial disparities in access and prioritization.
 - The Prioritization Work Group of the Racial Equity Subcommittee will serve as part of the Core Team along with four NCCEH staff.
 - Team of dedicated coaches with a combination of lived expertise, general coaching/TA experience, and data expertise.



HUD CE Equity Initiative

- Equity Initiative goal
 - To support communities in improving housing outcomes and the human experience for Black, Brown, Indigenous and all people of color.
- Three key phases
 - Building the team and foundational work
 - Analyzing data and identifying the project
 - Implementing and testing



HUD CE Equity Initiative

- Key milestones
 - Months 1 – 3
 - Communities are meeting with their coaching team
 - Core Teams are solidified
 - Communities have a clear understanding of how to apply/implement the lessons learned from the Foundational Workshops to their Initiative activities
 - Pulse check (qualitative baseline data) collected
 - Months 4 – 6
 - Goal setting and identifying key metrics for their improvement/focus area
 - Local Core Teams have a plan to test their improvement idea and measure outcomes (including timeline for implementation)
 - Identify others who need to be at the table and get them there
 - Begin testing improvement ideas and tracking progress/outcomes



HUD CE Equity Initiative

- Key milestones
 - Months 7 – 9
 - Communities are participating on monthly Knowledge Bite calls and Community Cohort Calls
 - Communities continue testing CE system change ideas and tracking progress
 - Analyze outcomes; pivot if needed
 - Months 10 – 12
 - Communities continue testing CE system change ideas and tracking progress
 - Community stakeholders are informed of progress/outcomes
 - Communities are discussing a plan for continuing forward post-Initiative
 - Community teams have a plan to share their Initiative outcomes with the broader community/stakeholders and have identified a path forward for ongoing CE system improvements
 - Ensure structure is in place to continue pulling data HUD



HUD CE Equity Initiative

- Where are we now?
 - Building the team and foundational work
 - Creating Core Team that is representative of BIPOC and people with lived experience
 - Chart out who is currently on the Core Team, what perspectives/experiences do they bring to the team and identify who is missing (what voices/representatives are not present).



HUD CE Equity Initiative

- Who should also be part of the Core Team
 - People with Lived Experience
 - Black, Asian Latinx, Pacific Islanders, and Indigenous populations
 - People who identify as LGBTQ and transgender and gender-expansive people
 - People living with disabilities
 - People with experience with the criminal justice system
 - Housing/Service providers
 - Coordinated Entry Team Decision Makers
 - CoC lead
 - Data Lead
 - Victim Service providers
 - Veterans
 - Youth



HUD CE Equity Initiative

- Develop a plan to identify and recruit members (with the help of NC BoS CoC Steering Committee!)
 - People with Lived Experience
 - Engage previous and/or current clients of NC BoS CoC CE system
 - Consult with Lived Expertise Advisory Council
 - Black, Asian Latinx, Pacific Islanders, and Indigenous populations
 - People who identify as LGBTQ and transgender and gender-expansive people
 - People living with disabilities
 - Current and/or former Moving On clients
 - People with experience with the criminal justice system
 - Re-entry Council connections
 - Victim Service providers
 - NCCADV
 - Veterans
 - SSVF providers
 - Youth
 - McKinney Vento Homeless Liaisons





Meetings and Reminders

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- **Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting, February 16, 11:30 AM – 12:30 P.M.**
 - Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621>
 - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621
- **NC Local Leadership Response Sharing Call, Wednesday, February 16, 1:00 – 2:00 P.M.**
 - Presentation:
<https://zoom.us/j/5799039481?pwd=UFkwNCtLdUszeG94Y2prS0ttRkVmdz09>
- **NC BoS CoC HMIS User Meeting, Thursday, February 17, 2022, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.**
 - Join for HMIS PIT/HIC support (for overdue projects only):
<https://zoom.us/j/5799039481?pwd=UFkwNCtLdUszeG94Y2prS0ttRkVmdz09>



Meetings & Reminders

- **Coordinated Entry Council Meeting**, *Monday, February 21, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.*
 - Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>
 - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733

- **Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting**, *Thursday, February 24 , 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.*
 - Presentation: uberconference.com/brianncceh
 - Audio: (401) 283-4752 Pin: 13939



Adjournment

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, March 1- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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