NC Balance of State CoC Steering Committee
Minutes

June 7, 2022

Regional Leads Present: Derek Lancour, Kristen Martin, Tonya Freeman, Pamela Hinton, Kristen McAlhaney, Natasha Elliott, Marie Watson, Emily Locklear, James Stroud, LaTasha McNair, Kit Claude, Tujuanda Sanders, Brian Fike

At-Large Members Present: Ellen Blackman, Angela Harper King, Lisa Phillips, Tiffany Askew, Rachelle Dugan, Jeff Rawlings

SC Members Absent: Isaac Sturgill, Cassie Rowe, Brooks Ann McKinney, Torie Keeton

Interested Parties Present: Beth Chartrand, Michele Welsh, Leanne Greer, Kim Hemphill, Lori Watts, Susana Rodriguez, Susan Pridgen, Amy Modlin, Kisha Darden, Tyese Gabriel, Emily Lowery, Leila McMichael, Lesly Delgado, Kendra Martin, Kecia Robinson, Melissa McKeown, Elle Peterson, Sarah Lancaster, Stacy Gibson

NCCEH Staff Present: Brian Alexander, Laurel McNamee, Allie Card, Andrea Carey, Adrianna Coffee

Approval of Consent Agenda
- The consent agenda was sent out for review prior to the meeting and is posted at: https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/
- The consent agenda was voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Without changes or objection, the consent agenda was approved by common consent.

FY2022 CoC Competition Update
The initial phases of the FY2022 CoC competition have begun:
- Registration is now complete for the CoC as of 5/6
- Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) – we are expecting this to be released at any time
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – August release?

NCCEH staff have begun to slowly prepare for this year's competition:
- New CoC Applicant webinar held on March 3:
  - Webinar Recording: https://youtu.be/Rag6V5HuzC8
- FY22 CoC Funding Priorities have been approved.

- o Posted on the website at: https://www.ncceh.org/media/files/pages-page/2b7f75d2/2022-coc-funding-priorities-final.pdf
- Renewal applicant APRs were due on 5/31 and are being reviewed by NCCEH staff.
- Intent to Apply process ready:
  - o The Intent to Apply form is mandatory for all agencies applying for new CoC funds and can be submitted at: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2cf2061052884e979b8587ab91438811
    - ▪ Any agency wanting to apply for a new CoC project in the FY22 competition is required to submit a form.
    - ▪ Asks for preliminary information about proposed project(s)
    - ▪ NCCEH staff will review and follow-up with the agency to discuss
      - Staff will schedule follow-up calls later in the year once we have more details.
    - ▪ Rolling-basis, non-binding
    - ▪ Deadline: 2 weeks after NOFO release
- Eligible activities: Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing

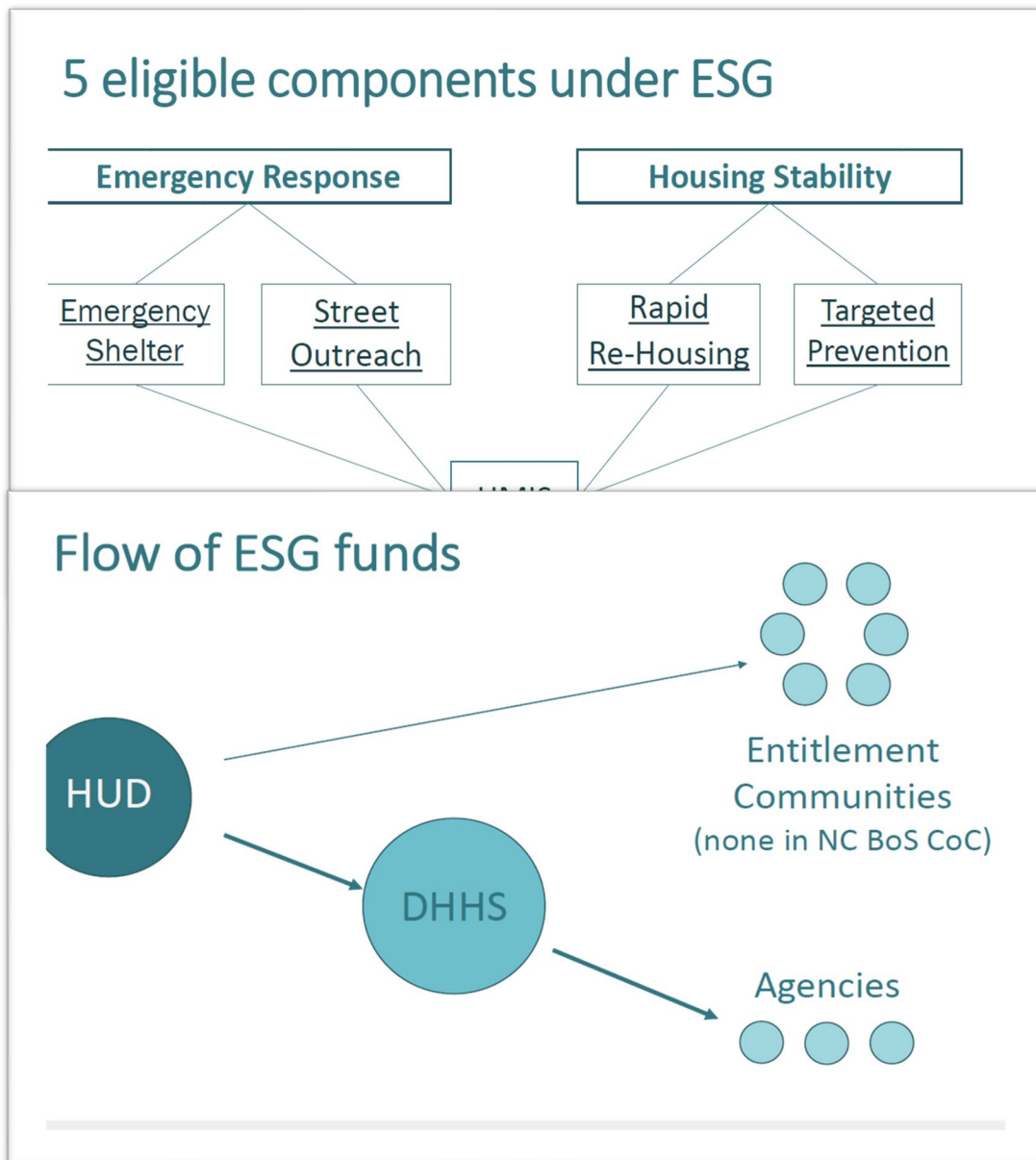The Scorecard Committee completed its work to update CoC scorecards:
- Recommended new and renewal scorecards were posted to the website at: https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/
- The Scorecard Committee focused on:
  - o Usability: Updated wording in questions and instructions to assist scorers to use the scorecards more easily
  - o Points: Adjusted question point totals to meet new HUD criteria for scorecards
  - o Equity: Refined the section to better define CoC priorities and benchmarks
- The Scorecard Committee updated the Performance Sections of the scorecards to ensure that 20% of points measured System Performance Measures.
  - o Increased points for questions measuring System Performance Measures traditionally evaluated by the scorecards.
  - o Removed Performance Section questions that were no longer relevant or didn't differentiate between applicants.
  - o Added additional System Performance Measures questions to the Performance Sections:
    - ▪ (PSH) What percentage of people who exited to PH returned to homelessness within 2 years?
    - ▪ (RRH) What percentage of people who exited to PH returned to homelessness within 2 years?
- Equity Section updated to assist project applicants to better understand what will be expected and documented.
  - o Changed 2 existing questions to standards:
    - ▪ Does the applicant hold annual trainings on its Anti-Discrimination Policy as required by the CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy?

- (Nonprofits) Do individuals that are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC) comprise at least 20% of your Board of Directors?
  - Added 2 new questions for points:
    - (Nonprofits) How many of your Board of Directors have experienced homelessness?
    - What percentage of manager or director level positions are BIPOC?
- Marie Watson made a motion to approve the FY22 new and renewal scorecards as recommended by the Scorecard Committee which was seconded by James Stroud. The FY2022 New and Renewal Scorecards were unanimously approved.
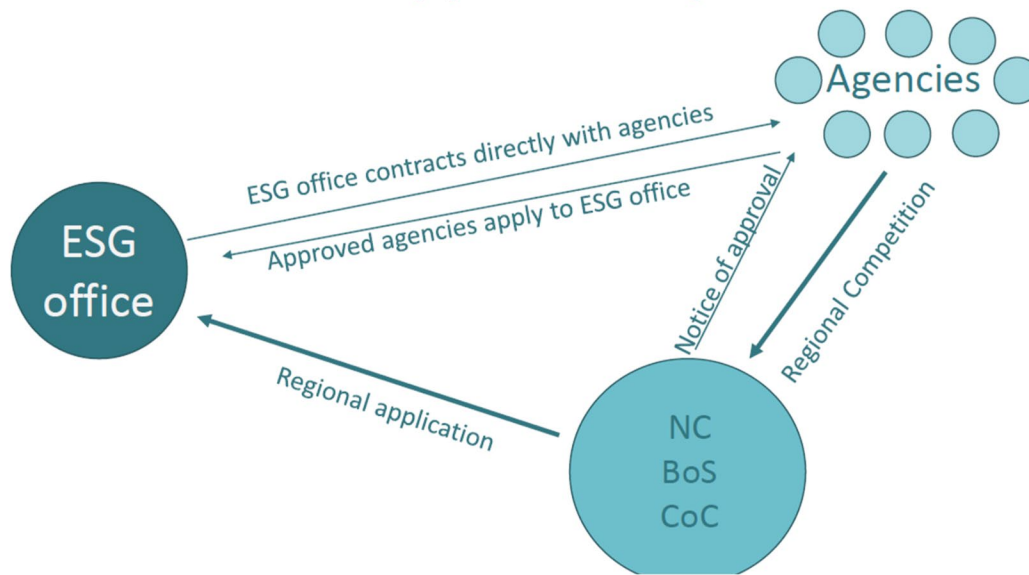
ESG Program Overview

Purpose
- RRH, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, HMIS, Homelessness Prevention
- HUD sets priorities for the ESG program

Flow of ESG application process

NCCEH staff are working to improve the ESG competition

- Focus on scorecard, application process, and role for Regional Committees
- Two planned webinars:
  - June 29 – Regional Committees in NC BoS CoC
    - Role of RCs in the ESG competition process
  - July 20 – Potential project applicants in NC BoS CoC
- CY23 ESG Funding Priorities
  - Last updated in 2019, before process updates were made
  - Document updated and reviewed by Funding and Performance Subcommittee
  - Proposed changes
    - Shifting the audience of the document to the Project Review Committee
    - "Encouraged" changed to "Eligible"
    - Performance
    - Racial Equity
  - Funding Priorities
    - Ensure people experiencing homelessness have access to low-barrier, housing-focused shelter, rehousing assistance, and supportive services
      - Programs should cover all counties within the region
    - Only applicants with the financial capacity to administer public dollars should be funded.
    - Coordination at the regional level ensures the best results for people experiencing homelessness

- Applicant agencies attend at least 75% of Regional Committee meetings.
- Regular attendance at case conferencing meetings
    - Measuring and improving performance at the agency, regional, and CoC levels is a priority for the CoC. Timely, accurate data collection is imperative to this priority
    - The NC BoS CoC is committed to impacting outcome disparities seen across marginalized communities.
    - The NC BoS CoC is committed to consistency and transparency in decisions regarding funding for the ESG program. The Project Review Committee and NCCEH staff use the following as established precedent when making funding recommendations:
        - Remaining funds allocated to RRH financial assistance
        - Allocate funding to late submissions only when funding remains
        - PRC and NCCEH will review funding request in the current application compared with the previous amount funded.
        - The CoC will default to funding renewal applicants, placing conditions on those with difficulty meeting written standards requirements.
    - See Appendix 1, which shows a grid of service coverage by county and project type.
    - Motion to approve CY23 ESG Funding Priorities was made by James Stroud and seconded by Lisa Phillips. This document was unanimously approved.

Edits to NC BoS CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy
- Minor changes to wording have been made to the existing document throughout to make the document transparent, accurate, and consistent.
- The document includes a new section: Racial Equity Policy
    - An overview of this new section was provided.
    - There are benefits and challenges of adding a Racial Equity Section.
- Motion for approval of Anti-Discrimination Policy for 2022 was made by Natasha Elliott, seconded by Rachelle Dugan. The Anti-Discrimination Policy was unanimously approved.
- Anti-Discrimination Policy Webinar is tomorrow, June 8.

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence CoC-RRH Project Update
- NCCADV Overview
    - TA
    - Public Policy
    - Training
    - Advocacy
- NCCADV was awarded $2,139,002 in DV Bonus Funds through the FY21 CoC Competition to serve survivors of DV experiencing homelessness in the NC BoS CoC.

- DV and Homelessness are often intertwined.
- Safe at Home DV RRH
  - NCCADV will partner with 10 subrecipient DV agencies to provide coverage across the NC BoS CoC.
  - Goals: 106 survivor households served with rental assistance and wrap-around trauma-informed services
- Project Activities include
  - Housing and landlord identification
  - Assessment of HH needs
  - Assessment of HH supportive service needs
  - Housing search and counseling services
  - Provision of rental assistance
  - Assistance with moving costs
  - Utility deposits
  - Case management
  - Outreach services
  - Referral to additional services in the community
  - Participation in learning community
- Timeline
  - RFP released 5/18 and deadline for applications in 7/29
  - Subrecipients finalized 8/31
  - 18-month implementation beginning October 2022
- RFP available at Resource File - Coalition Manager
- Any questions can be sent to Beth Chartrand at bchartrand@nccadv.org

Emergency Housing Voucher Update

PHAs within the NC BoS CoC continue to have low lease up of their Emergency Housing Vocuers (EHVs). See below dashboard:

EHV Dashboard

PHA Code	PHA Name	Total Awards	Active Issuances	Current Leased Vouchers	Unit Utilization
NC022	Housing Authority of the City of Greenville	27		26	96.30%
NC159	Western Piedmont Council of Governments	30	14	13	43.33%
NC025	Rockingham Housing Authority	15	2	4	26.67%
NC161	Isothermal Planning & Development Commission	32	29	7	21.88%
NC050	Wadesboro Housing Authority	15		2	13.33%
NC008	Housing Authority of the City of Concord	26	13	2	7.69%
NC901	North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs	414	321	23	5.56%
NC144	Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc.		29	2	0.00%
NC018	Housing Authority of the Town of Laurinburg	15			
NC035	Sanford Housing Authority		1		
NC072	Statesville Housing Authority		10		
NC075	City of Albemarle Department of Public Housing	15			
NC089	Bladenboro Housing Authority	15	2		
NC118	Roanoke-Chowan Regional Housing Authority	15			
NC120	Chatham County Housing Authority	15			
NC137	Nash-Edgecombe Economic Development, Inc.		32		
NC145	Economic Improvement Council, Inc.		10		
NC152	Mountain Projects, Inc.		1		
NC155	Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc.		12		
Total		**634**	**476**	**79**	**12.46%**

*https://www.hud.gov/ehv as of 6/2/2022

Housing Search
- All EHV PHAs are required to provide housing search assistance:
    - Help a family identify and visit available units during their housing search
    - Find a unit that meets the household's disability-related needs
    - Provide transportation and directions
    - Assist with the completion of rental applications and PHA forms
    - Expedite the EHV leasing process for the family
- Not all PHAs have the capacity to meet this requirement
- NCCIA and NCCEH will roll out a robust housing search plan in July 2022.

Upcoming Meetings and Reminders

The Steering Committee was directed to review the following meetings and reminders for June 2022.

- • NC BoS CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy Training, *Wednesday, June 8, 2:30 – 4:00 P.M.*
    - o Register here: https://www.ncceh.org/events/1553/
- • ESG Competition Webinar for Regional Leads and Alternates, *Wednesday, June 29, 1:30 – 3:00 P.M*
    - o Register here: https://www.ncceh.org/events/1554/
- • Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting, *Wednesday, June 15, 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.*
    - o Presentation: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621
      Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621
- • NC Local Leadership Response Sharing Call, *Wednesday, June 15, 1:00 – 2:00 P.M.*
    - o Presentation: https://zoom.us/j/5799039481?pwd=UFkwNCtLdUszeG94Y2prS0ttRkVmdz09
- • NC BoS CoC HMIS Reports Training Office Hours, *Thursday, June 16, 1:00 – 2:30 P.M*
    - o Presentation: https://zoom.us/j/5799039481?pwd=UFkwNCtLdUszeG94Y2prS0ttRkVmdz09
- • Coordinated Entry Council Meeting, *Monday, June 27, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M*
    - o Presentation: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621
      Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621
- • Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting, *Thursday, June 23, 11:00 A.M-12:00 P.M*
    - o Presentation: uberconference.com/briannccch
      Dial: (401) 283-4752 Pin: 13939

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, from 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

(NOTE: This is one week later than usual due to the July 4th holiday)