

# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## Balance of State Steering Committee Meeting

11.2.10

### Regional Leads Present:

Chris Battle, Jim Curtin, Wanda Feldt, Sharon Foust, Melissa Ledbetter, Amy Modlin, Vanessa Neustrom, Michele Steele, Paulette White, Teena Willis

### Regional Leads Absent:

Albert Barron, Kristi Case, Debbie Cole, Ramona Gilbert, Beverly Hall, Laura Hartman, Jane Motsinger, Joel Rice, Jackie Sheffield

### Interested Parties Present

Emily Carmody, Nancy Holochwost, Emila Sutton, Lynn Inman, Bonnie for Joel, Faye Pierce, Ellery, Brenda Williams, Talaika Goss-Williams, Don Rogers, Laura McDuffee, Nancy Hunter, Mike Tillman, Nicole Dewitt, Marcy - MYR

### Approval of October Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes was made and approved [Inman, Curtin].

### 2010 CoC Application:

- All Exhibit 2's have been reviewed. Each application was scored by staff at NCCCH and a community representative. The two scores were averaged and added to the staff-only section score to achieve a final project score.
- The current priority is to work on Exhibit One and get Exhibit Twos finalized in eSNAPS.
- There was \$883,613 left in available pro rata funding. As in previous years, the Steering Committee had decided that the extra funds would be offered to New Shelter Plus Care Projects. The Steering Committee discussed the process and criteria used last year for offering applicants the remaining funding.
- A motion was approved to offer the remaining funds to top three ranked S+C projects who:
  - Had experience running Shelter Plus Care Projects
  - Are able to increase their services match to remain at 1:1 ratio and their leverage ratio to 2:1
  - Projects must be able to complete the needed application changes in eSNAPS by Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> for on time submission.
  - Must be able to commit to accepting increased funding by the afternoon of November 3rd.

[Neustrom, White]

- Top Three S+C applications were, Piedmont BHC, Smoky Mountain Center Southern Region and Orange-Person-Chatham Area Program S+C. All three were represented on the call and are eligible for \$294,537 per project. All three wanted to accept the increase and confirm with NCCEH by Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kristi Case was unsure about being able to provide the match, but wanted to attempt to confirm it. If any of these projects are unable to meet the requirements set by the Steering Committee, NCCEH was empowered to offer funds to other projects as long as they meet the requirements. In the event that NCCEH needs to offer funds to other projects, applicants will be contacted in the order they were ranked.

#### **Approval of New and Renewal Projects**

- The Steering Committee reviewed and approved the submission and ranking of projects as presented. [Inman, White]

#### **CoC Performance Goals**

- The goals were created based on recommendations by the Permanent Housing Committee, Transitional Housing Committee, and Families Committee
- The CoC Performance Goals for the 2010 CoC application were reviewed and approved as presented [Curtin, Case].

#### **CoC Educational Needs Policy**

- There is a new question on Exhibit 1 that asks if homeless children are connected to educational resources in their communities.
- The Families Committee recommended a written policy:
  - To ensure these requirements are met, the CoC asks providers to designate a staff member who oversees the educational needs of children. This staff member's responsibilities include working with their school system's homeless liaison and linking children to services for which they are eligible.
- The Education Policy was reviewed and approved as recommended [Inman, Sheffield].

#### **Additional Info Needed**

- The Steering Committee discussed another new question on Exhibit 1: Do agencies use HMIS as a way to screen for mainstream benefit eligibility? If so, which mainstream programs do you screen for?
- No one reported using HMIS as a screening tool.
- CHIN can set this up if agencies want to use it. It does not connect to Benefits Bank or any other program; just lines up client's eligibility with benefits.

#### **Deadlines**

- Final Exhibit 2 revisions: due Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> (except for one project who received feedback later –due Nov. 4).
- New S+C projects with increased budgets: changes in eSNAPs due Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Ex. 2 PDF and Logic Model spreadsheet should be sent to NCCEH.
- NCCEH will contact applicants to hit the Submit button.
- The Application is due to HUD November 18.

**Regional Committee Updates**

- Southwest: Working on housing participants with new S+C project awarded from 2009
- Hickory–Catawba: Hunger and Homeless Awareness events schedule for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week in November, getting lots of press, city councils and county commissioners proclamations for official awareness week.
- Pitt: Recognizing national hunger and homeless week, centered around shelter, which has seen increase in numbers; a fraternity and sorority are doing asleep out the last Friday and Saturday.

**Other:**

- PIT count will be one day of the last week of Jan 2011. Some definitions of classifications have changed and therefore forms will also change. (Chronically homeless now includes families, for example) NCCEH will update the forms and send out exact date.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 7 at 10:30AM