



WNC
HOMELESS
COALITION

Regular Meetings -2nd Thursday of the month

9/8/2022, 2021 10:00 am -11:00 am

Referral and Monitoring Meeting/RRH Selection Committee 11:00-12:00 pm

MINUTES

INTRODUCTIONS

Name	Agency
• Derek Lancour	– Vaya Health
• Lori Watts	– Vaya Health
• Rick Matheni	– Restoration House – Swain
• Sarah Hisey	– Full Circle Recovery – Macon County
• Millie Simpson	– Center for Domestic Peace
• Laurel McNamee	– NCCEH
• Gretta Worley	– HERE in Jackson County
• Veronica Murphy	– REACH of Macon
• Karen McCracken	– 560 Broadcasting / Candidate for NC Senate
• Michelle Bentley	– REACH of Clay
• Denise Bean	– HERE in Jackson County
• Mark Carden	– Mountain Projects
• Kenett Melgar	– Blue Ridge Health
• Zoe Mollencop	– Blue Ridge Health (Haywood/Jackson – Street Outreach)

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- Review & Approval of last month' Minutes
 - **Gretta Worley** *motioned, Veronica Murphy seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, no one was opposed, the motion carries*
- Balance of State Steering Committee Update
 - Steering Committee updates and documents can be found at <https://www.ncceh.org/bosminutes/>
 - NA: Not Applicable because September BoS Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for 9/13/22; new update will be done at October meeting for both Sept & Oct BoS Steering Committee meetings that fall after September's regional meeting and before October's regional meeting
- Coordinated Entry Update (Gretta Worley)
- Rapid Rehousing Update (Gretta Worley)
 - Served 36 individuals, 22 Adults, 14 Children
 - 11 Households Housed
 - \$22,547.53 spent
 - \$32,452.47 remaining balance to be spent by 12/31/22

- Back@Home Update (Gretta Worley)
 - Program ends 9/30/22
 - 75 households housed
 - 12 households prevented from eviction
 - 87 households served
- Permanent Supportive Housing Update (Derek Lancour)
 - 40 households in total
 - 72 persons served in total
 - 56 adults
 - 16 children (2 children added to households in last month)
 - 34 currently housed (1 rehouse in last month)
 - 6 looking for housing (primarily Haywood and Jackson with 1 in Graham and Clay)
 - Spending through 1st quarter of grant cycle is just over 17.5% but minimum goal would be 22.5%
 - Renewal applications were already submitted to BoS by the 2 required deadlines (8/12 and 8/19)
 - No revisions required and just needed verifications on what was submitted
 - BoS Steering Committee approved project review ranking during 9/6/22 meeting
 - Vaya Health Western PSH ranked #4
- Agency Report Outs
 - Mountain Projects – Mark shared that Section 8 waiting list in Haywood is now open; can do by phone (828-452-1447) or in person or online:
 - <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/NC3130>
 - <https://mountainprojects.org/section-8/> is Mountain Projects website for further information
 - Pat Bennet is contact in Haywood – 828-586-2435
 - Jackson Section 8 waiting list is open as well
 - Karen McCracken – 560 Broadcasting / Candidate for NC Senate, focusing on Housing Security, 540 Broadcasting – 2 local radio stations; interested in community involvement
 - Laurel reminded about 9/16 deadline for CE Satisfaction surveys – feedback on regional level case conferencing; Derek will send out again link to survey; sent prior on 8/30

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- Unsheltered Coordinated Entry Workbook (Denise Bean will update spreadsheet accordingly)
 - Discuss and compile info/resources for future follow up
 - On a county-by-county basis; identify entities providing street outreach and/or identify entities that would be open to providing street outreach in the future
 - Identify frequency of their street outreach efforts
 - Identify the type of activities (Referral, VISPDAT)
 - Identify follow up activities for each entity and the frequency of their follow up
 - Summarize the overall process for an unsheltered household in our community getting engaged with Coordinated Entry and what that will/should look like

- Interaction with a front door project, usually a shelter program. HERE is the only Street Outreach program in the region contributing to HMIS.
 - Laurel McNamee with NCCEH discussed Unsheltered Coordinated Entry Workbook and took questions. Ashley Von Hatten will invite both Derek and Gretta next BoS Coordinated Entry Council Meeting.
 - Now a vacancy in Unsheltered Coordinator role for this region with Destri Leger no longer serving in this role. Who can fill this role? Possibly Rick Matheni of Restoration House. He will run by Parker Chatham after meeting to see if role he can take on.
 - Workbook is a project for regional unsheltered access coordinators; plan for entire region to support persons who are outside/unsheltered; Coordinate to get these persons into Coordinated Entry so they can then access ESG and CoC programs if applicable; Structure to begin a plan; Who is the point of contact in each of the 8 counties that can reach out to the unsheltered
- VISPDAT Thresholds discussion for Region 1
 - Current:
 - RRH – individuals 5-8 scores / families 6-10 scores (deposits, up to 2 months’ rent assistance)
 - RRH – individuals 8-11 scores / families 10-14 scores (outstanding payments, up to to 3 months’ rent assistance)
 - PSH – individuals 12-17 scores / families 15-22 scores (long term rent assistance for persons chronically homeless, disabling condition)
 - Slightly lower PSH score than before
 - Greta reminded that Family VI-SPDAT is only for households with children under 18; couples only, no children complete the Individual only VI-SPDAT for each adult with highest score being the Head of Household.
 - Rick with Restoration House inquired about ranges
 - Any Adjustments?
 - Derek advocated to lower slightly for PSH to accept Individuals with score of 11; families with score of 14; need to add persons into PSH program and better support with options
 - Greta made a motion to accept new thresholds for the VI-SPDAT scores; Denise Bean seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - New thresholds:
 - RRH – individuals 5-11 scores / families 6-13 scores
 - PSH – individuals 11-17 scores / families 14-22 scores
 - Rick Matheni commented that in last week he has seen an increased need in unsheltered persons and the need for PSH.
 - Vacant Region 1 Leadership positions
 - Webmaster: vacant; still vacant with Lori and Derek sharing the duties – Lori – minutes, Derek – reminders, scheduling, webmaster, relaying info to regional committee
 - Unsheltered Access Coordinator: vacant (Destri Leger has vacated per Laurel/Ashley - NCCEH); possibly Rick Mathni from Restoration House
 - Region 1 ESG Competition
 - Regional Leadership webinar from 6/29/22

- RFA for CY'23 ESG Annual Allocation funding released on 7/19/22
 - Webinar for all applicants 7/20/22; recording posted to website
 - Project Apps are due to NCCEH by 6pm on 8/12/22
 - Project Application Review 8/15-8/23
 - Project Review Committee Selection Meeting 8/24
 - Steering Committee Project Application Recommendation Approval 9/13
 - Appeals Due 9/16
 - Steering Committee Appeals Conversation (tentative) 9/20
 - Project & Regional Applications to NC DHHS 10/3
- FY 2022 CoC Competition
 - NOFO released 8/1/22
 - Short time frame (less than 2 months)
 - Intent to apply for new applicants was due by 6pm on 8/10/22
 - Project Applicants Deadline 1: Friday 8/12/22, 6 pm
 - Project Applicants Deadline 2: Friday 8/19/22, 6 pm
 - Project Application Scoring, 8/22-8/30
 - Project Review Selection meeting 9/2, 10 am
 - Special Steering Committee meeting to approve ranked list, Tues 9/6, 10:30 am
 - Project Applicants Notified Tues 9/6
 - Final app due to HUD 9/30/22
- Special NOFO for Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
 - 8/8/22 webinar
 - Special NOFO Priority Listings Approval – 9/20, 10:30 am – 12 pm
 - Special NOFO Appeals (tentative) – 9/27, 10:30 am – 11:30 am
 - Apps due by 10/20/22 at 8pm
 - BoS recommends that interested parties review entire draft with a focus on section E
 - Currently looking to identify the Oversight Agency which would be the grantee
 - Oversight Agency would contract with CoC Financial Assistance Coordinator
 - Rental assistance and landlord recruitment
 - Oversight Agency would also contract with local providers
 - Oversight Agency responsible for:
 - Administering grant funds
 - Reporting
 - Drawdowns from HUD reimbursement
 - Project budget line items
 - Make decisions
 - Ensure match criteria is met
 - Financial Assistance Coordinator
 - Contract with Oversight Agency to locate and pay for units
 - Landlord engagement
 - Work with local providers to ensure entities follow the prioritization guidelines
 - Quick and regular payments to secure units
 - Deposits
 - Rent

- Utilities
 - Other eligible expenses
- Regional Service providers
 - Contract with Oversight Agency
 - Provide street outreach and engage folks
 - Connect to shelter
 - Provide access to CE for unsheltered along with Case Management
 - Work with Financial Assistance Coordinator to procure units
 - Provide housing stabilization and tenancy supports
- Regional Service providers would follow
 - Harm Reduction
 - Housing First
 - Trauma Informed Care
- Currently only accepting apps for Oversight Agency
- Project types
 - PSH
 - RRH
 - Street Outreach SSO
 - SSO- other
 - CoC planning (collaborative applicants only which would be NCCEH)
- Unsheltered set aside
 - Serve categories 1 and 4 (79 Counties)
 - Literally homeless or fleeing DV
- Rural set aside
 - Same as Unsheltered but serve the 55 rural counties (does not include Haywood from Region 1)
 - Additional activities
 - Up to 6 months of rent
 - Pay utilities after 2 months of non-payment
 - Short term shelter (hotel and motel stays)
 - Repair/rehab units
 - Capacity building
 - Emergency food and clothing assistance

NEXT RAMM MEETING – 9/22/2022 at 11 AM

NEXT COALITION MEETING – 10/13/2022 at 10 AM