



WNC
HOMELESS
COALITION

Regular Meetings -2nd Thursday of the month

10/13/2021, 2021 10:00 am -11:00 am

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

Minutes

INTRODUCTIONS

Name	Agency
1. Derek Lancour	– Vaya Health
2. Lori Watts	– Vaya Health
3. Rick Matheni	– Restoration House – Swain
4. Parker Chatham	– Restoration House - Swain
5. Millie Simpson	– Center for Domestic Peace
6. Laurel McNamee	– NCCEH
7. Veronica Murphy	– REACH of Macon
8. Judith Alvarado	– REACH of Clay
9. Denise Bean	– HERE in Jackson County
10. Mark Carden	– Mountain Projects
11. Kenett Melgar	– Blue Ridge Health
12. Zoe Mollencop	– Blue Ridge Health (Haywood/Jackson – Street Outreach)
13. Michael Spurgin	– Blue Ridge Health (Haywood/Jackson – Street Outreach)
14. Daniel Ferreira	– Four Square Community Action
15. Rhonda Blanton	– Community Resources of Macon
16. Amanda Stancil	– Asheville VA
17. Howard Anderson	– Asheville VA
18. Elena Keller	– Eleanor Health Foundation, Healthy Opportunity Pilot (HOP)

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- Review & Approval of last month’ Minutes
 - Parker Chatham *motioned*, Judith Alvarado *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/>
 - September BoS meeting (Kenett Melgar)
 - ESG Scoring recap/process
 - October BoS meeting (Derek Lancour)
 - Special NOFO Oversight Agency= NCORR: NC Rehousing Project Overview
 - Administer grants funded under Special NOFO
 - Contract Management with Financial Assistance Coordinator as Subrecipient

- Contract Management with Regional Service Providers
- Provide oversight to ensure compliance and best practices
 - Long Term Vision: Framework and infrastructure for long term housing stabilization
- Regional Leadership Roles
 - Vote during 4th quarter of 2022
 - Roles begin January 2023
 - Roles need to be submitted by 12/15/22
- EHV Program - allie.card@ncceh.org Allie Card if questions
 - Portable vouchers
 - NC Commission of Indian Affairs: 618 total NCCIA Issuances
- Stability Voucher (SV) Program
 - PHAs must register their interest with HUD via email by 10/20/22 and include letter of commitment from CoC to the collaborate
 - If local PHA is interested, they should reach out to Allie Card (allie.card@ncceh.org)
- PHA partnerships
 - Provided some education about PHAs and guidance for creating partnerships
 - Stated best practices in PHA-CoC partnerships
- Racial Equity Subcommittee update
 - Held 2 events this year and solid attendance (80-90 people during each event)
 - Final event 10/18/22 at 11:30am
 - Registration is at: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1573/>
 - Topic: Building Towards Better: Racial Equity Innovations in the NC Balance of State CoC
- Project CATCH introduction
 - Increase access to childcare and resources to children experiencing homelessness
 - Review homelessness definition and provided some stats pertaining to early child homelessness in NC
 - 1 in 26 children under age 6 experience homelessness in NC
 - 92% unserved
 - Impacts from homelessness reviewed
 - Provided learning and data resources for this population
- Coordinated Entry Update (Denise Bean)
 - If client is homeless 14 days or longer, refer to HERE in Jackson (CE Lead) to put on By-Name list with VI-SPDAT (all agencies except DV)
 - If DV, share with HERE in Jackson initials and VI-SDAT score to put on list manually
 - Derek sent out follow up email 10/13 with Coordinated Entry packet provided by Denise at HERE with reminder that referring party would also need to send VI-SPDAT

- to HERE; DV agencies don't need to send in the packet.
- Recent email from NCCEH on 10/4, that on Friday 10/14, no longer able to accept EHV referrals for NC Commission of Indian Affairs
- Veronica Murphy, REACH of Macon had question about if could get formal training on VI-SPDAT
- Previous Reg 1 training:
 - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zIdRnihlcqOrpwsXKatBJBzHaA1qm6uD>
 - Bos training:
 - https://prezi.com/ebmxox_3qwqd/vi-spdat-version-2/?token=122e1890c8d339d095ede66338e5fe8f3c26741d52591ffe56651822a56fe826&utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy
- Rapid Rehousing Update (Denise Bean)
 - Annual 2022 – Housed 10 households
 - 8 clients Jackson
 - 2-3 looking for housing Macon
 - 1 working with in Swain
 - Allocated \$55,000 for 2022; Balance \$31,207.47, expires 12/31/22
- Back@Home Update (Denise Bean)
 - Ended 9/30/22
 - Since beginning, served 77 households with housing and 9 households with prevention to homelessness over 8 counties
 - Dan Ferreira, Four Square Community Action had a question with Back@Home for a person who has eviction papers, tomorrow, if housed no longer on by name list, will follow up with HERE in Jackson
- Permanent Supportive Housing Update (Derek Lancour)
 - 40 total households served
 - Awaiting 1 more item for new PSH household's referral
 - 71 total persons
 - 56 adults
 - 15 children
 - 36 households are currently in housing
 - 4 households are looking for housing
 - Looking in; Haywood, Graham, Clay, and Jackson
 - 2 rehuses since last month's meeting
 - Spending through 4 months is behind and the current trajectory will not meet 90% minimum spending goal
- Agency Report Outs
 - **Four Square Community Action** – Daniel Ferreira – Broadening scope of activities with hiring social workers; noted rents high, Fair Market Rents (FMR's) even with comparables on proposed rent in this marketplace; landlords asking for too high rents

- **Restoration House** – Parker Chatham, Rick Matheni – Shelter opens 11/15; 11/1 begin taking referrals
- **Community Resources of Macon** – Rhonda Blanton – Drive Thru Flu Clinic today 10/13; COVID Booster Drive Thru soon; Seeing Seniors losing their housing with rent increases
- **REACH of Macon** – Veronica Murphy – Rentals available but rent is outrageous; Shelter repairs from flooding, currently at half capacity because of repairs; some movement to accept additional persons as others move out
- **Other Discussion regarding tight rental market with high rents:** Cullowhee Apts single bedroom apts rented by room many to students, shared housing /creative solutions; some houses substandard can't pass inspection; \$2000/month place in Andrews with no heat; seeing \$1200 + per month; \$2000/month for a camper
- **NCCEH Update** – Laurel McNamee – laurel.mcnamee@nceeh.org
 - Recruiting in 4th quarter for filling leadership roles in 2023 for each region
 - Particularly needed is Unsheltered Access Coordinator who is integral in Point in Time (PIT) at the beginning of 2023 as well as preparing for PIT and reporting after.
 - More info on Unsheltered Access Coordinator role:
 - <https://www.nceeh.org/bos/coordinatedentry/>
 - **Unsheltered Access Coordinator Training (UAC training)** – Training from 11/15/21: <https://www.nceeh.org/files/11691/>
 - **PIT is night of Wednesday 1/25/23**
 - bos@nceeh.org – email if want to be added to list to get notice of Steering Committee meetings and other useful information
 - **ESG questions** - lisa.worth@dhhs.nc.gov, Lisa Worth, ESG office
 - Parker Chatham had a question if can use long term hotel rentals with Rapid Rehousing and PSH Housing funds – check with ESG office on guidelines for unit inspections
 - **Bringing it Home Conference in May'23** – Request for Proposals out now, Statewide Conference on Ending Homelessness
 - **Bringing it Home 2023:**
 - https://nchousing.org/bringing-it-home-2023/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bih_cfp
 - **Proposal form to download:**
 - <https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fnchousing.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2022%2F09%2F2023-BIH-Call-for-Proposals.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>
 - **Submit a proposal:**
 - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/327d991f08f3432ea472883a8b584a19>

- **Asheville VA** – Amanda Stancil and Howard Anderson – Healthcare for Homeless Veterans program in the Asheville VAMC - the walk-in clinic is open M-F, 8:30am-4pm and can be reached on site or at 828-298-7911 ext 1198. Also, the homeless outreach team, can be reached directly by providers or Veterans. Amanda Stancil 828-273-3266 or Howard Anderson 828-708-9603.
- **Eleanor Health Foundation – Elena Keller** – Healthy Opportunity Pilot (HOP)

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- **WNCHC Region 1 Leadership roles open and need to be voted on for 2023**
 - **1 year commitment**
 - Parker Cox requested descriptions of leadership roles. Parker/Rick interested but need more information on Unsheltered Access Coordinator (UAC) position
 - Derek and Denise filling role until UAC position filled. Will vote at 11/10/22 meeting with other 2023 positions. Need UAC role filled to prepare for 1/25/23 PIT
 - UAC training including role information from Nov 15, 2021:
 - <https://www.ncceh.org/files/11691/>
 - **Leadership Roles need to be submitted via Smartsheet by 12/15/22**
 - **Lead:**
 - **Alternate Lead:**
 - **Webmaster:**
 - **Unsheltered Access Coordinator (UAC):**
 - **Coordinated Entry Lead:**
 - **Project Review Committee Representative:**

NEXT RAMM MEETING – October 27, 2022 at 11 AM (cancelled when key partners unavailable to meet)

NEXT COALITION MEETING – November 10, 2022 at 10 AM