

Northeastern Homeless Coalition  
Region 11

May 11, 2023

**Minutes**

**Those Present:**

- Tesheena Edmondson – River City
- Kisha Darden – Trillium
- Stacia Billups – Pasquotank DSS
- Tammy Kittrell – Trillium
- Zachary Roupe – Healthy Opportunities Pilot/Access East
- Jon Hawley – City of Elizabeth City
- Montre Freeman – City of Elizabeth City
- Lillian Dance – EIC, Inc.
- Ernest Hines – EIC, Inc.
- Zinia Holley – ACI Dungarvin
- Amy Modlin – Trillium
- Lakitra Claude – Trillium
- Marti Chick-ebey – Hampton VA
- Debra Susie – NCCEH
- Midge Hudyma – ECPPS
- Jacquelyn Miles – Hampton VA
- Raymar Virgo – VOA (Hertford)
- Michele Welsh – Trillium
- Angel Sease – ARHS
- Cherri Brunson – ARHS
- Nicole Rice – VOA (Hyde)

**Roll Call/Introductions**

- The meeting was held face-to-face and virtually. Those present introduced themselves and what agency they were representing.

**HUD Continuum of Care Presentation**

- See the slide show

**General Discussion**

- The committee discussed having a possible shelter in Pasquotank
- The link to the VI-SPDAT training will be sent to committee members in hopes to have more agencies participate in coordinated entry. It was mentioned that once the assessments are complete, they will be sent to Michele so she can add them to the by-name list.
- Someone from the committee will reach out to the head of SOULS in hopes to assist those that are experiencing homelessness with available resources, complete a VI-SPDAT and get them linked to a housing program.

**Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

*The date for the next meeting will be determined at a later date.*

# AGENDA

- Introductions
  - Name, agency, job title
- Presentation
- General Discussion
- Next Steps



# HUD Continuum of Care

North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

# What is a Continuum of Care?

- In order to coordinate activities to meet the needs of individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness and to apply for federal funds, community partners come together to form a Continuum of Care (CoC).
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development Definition:
  - The CoC is a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency. It includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness.
- North Carolina has 12 CoCs.

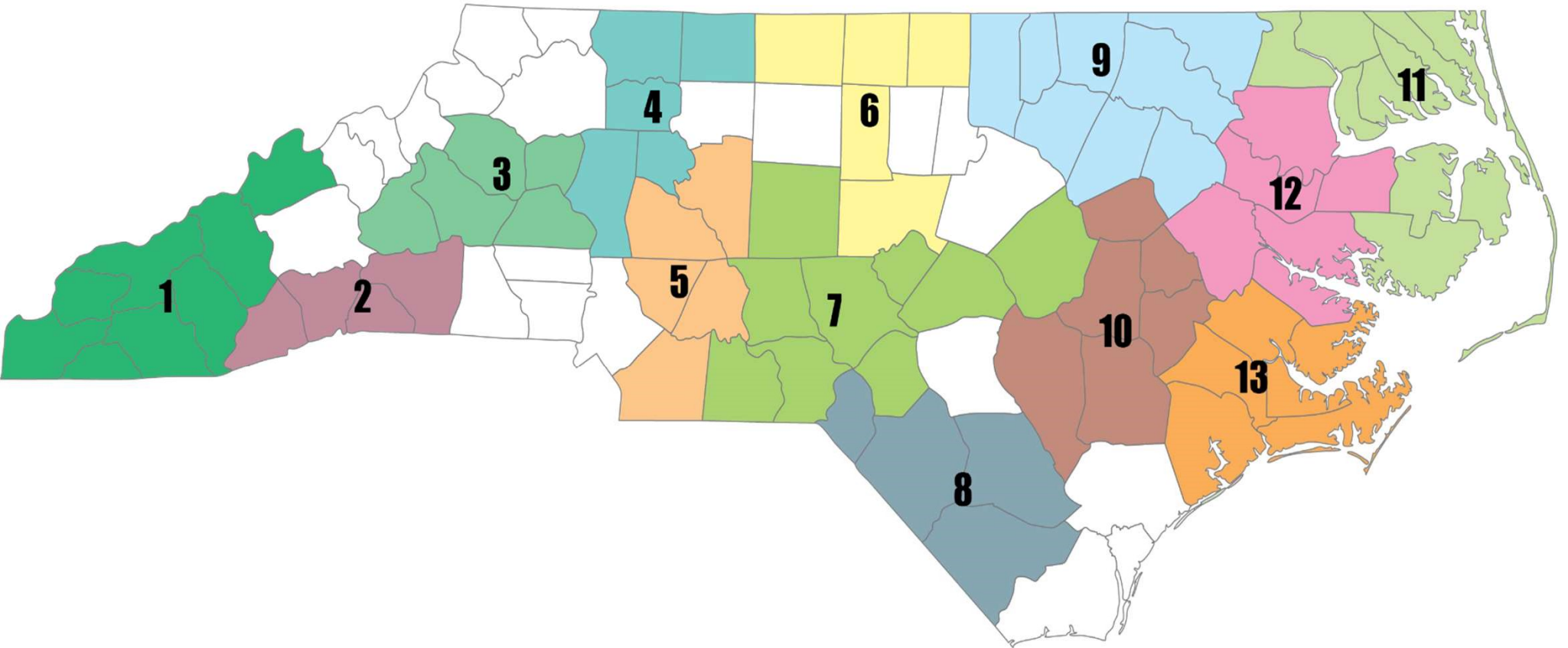
# NC Balance of State

- The Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC) was created in 2005 in order to help rural communities apply for Continuum of Care funding from HUD. CoC funding serves homeless populations through permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, supportive services, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) projects, and is accessed through an annual application process.
- The BoS CoC represents 79 out of 100 counties in the state.

# Regional Committees

- Because the Balance of State is the largest geographic CoC in North Carolina, representing 79 out of 100 counties, it is organized into Regional Committees that coordinate local work and planning. Each Regional Committee is represented by a Regional Lead, who organizes local meetings and sits on the Balance of State Steering Committee.
- Region 11 includes: Hertford, Gates, Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare counties.
- Staff with the NC Coalition to End Homelessness provide administrative support to regional committees. ([www.ncceh.org](http://www.ncceh.org))

# Balance of State CoC Regional Committees



# Regional Committee Leadership Roles and Responsibilities

- Regional Lead
- Regional Lead Alternate
- Webmaster
- Unsheltered Access Coordinator
- Coordinated Entry Lead
- Project Review Committee



# Coordinated Entry

- Coordinated Entry (CE), also known as coordinated assessment, is a system that:
  - allows for a coordinated entry into your local homeless services.
  - increases the efficiency of a homeless assistance system by standardizing access to homeless services and coordinating program referrals.
- As part of the HEARTH regulations that govern CoC and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all CoCs across the United States to implement coordinated entry.

# Coordinated Entry Position

- Trillium has a grant funded CE position that covers Regions 11 and 13
- This position is only *housed* within Trillium, meaning the work is not limited to Trillium members.
- Currently, Region 11 has a decentralized model – all agencies employ a common assessment – VI-SPDAT (Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool) in Region 11 – and referral system for intake.
- This tool assesses how likely an individual is to die on the street.
- Once the assessment is complete, the individual/family is placed on the region's prioritization list.

# Funding Opportunities

HUD Emergency Solutions Grant and Continuum of Care

# Emergency Solutions Grant

- The NC Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Aging and Adult Services is the grantee of NC Emergency Solutions Grant funding.
- Each Continuum of Care is eligible to apply for their fair share allocation of these funds.
- Applicants are qualified local governments and non-profit organizations.
- ESG funds are available for
  - Emergency Shelter Operations
  - Emergency Shelter Services
  - Street Outreach
  - Rapid Re-Housing Financial Assistance and Services
  - Homelessness Prevention
  - Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)

# HUD Continuum of Care

- Each year, HUD announces their Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the CoC grant national competition.
- The CoC Grant provides funding for:
  - Transitional Housing
  - Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Rapid Re-Housing
  - HMIS
  - Coordinated Entry and CoC Planning activities
- The CoC is responsible for review of all new and renewal project applications and scoring them according to performance and alignment with community priorities and HUD goals .

# Why am I Here?

- To promote a communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
- To support community agencies
- To connect people your agency serves to housing resources
- To expand housing resources
- To access funding for your agency
- To improve your community's homeless system
- To share housing **and** other information
- To ensure Region 11 is not left out

# Region 11 Accomplishments

- Operating with a very small regional committee, Trillium has been able to apply for, receive and administer many types of funding over the years.
  - PSH – currently serving 23 households, housing 53 individuals in region 11
  - CE
  - Back@Home Covid - ESG-CV
  - Hotels4Health – during Covid
  - Back@Home Florence
  - HOPE – Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions

# Going Forward

- Regional Committee meetings will be held monthly
  - A Doodle Poll will be emailed next week to the group with potential meeting days and times, in order to set a regular meeting schedule
- Regional Case Conferencing will be held twice a month
  - First one of the month will be held immediately after the regional committee meeting
  - Second one two weeks later at the same time
- At each Regional Meeting:
  - the committee will dive deeper into topics mentioned today. For example: June meeting topic could be the CoC programs and July could be ESG programs, etc.
  - Presentations from agencies/programs that cover counties within Region 11



Thoughts? Questions? Feedback?

