

NC BoS CoC Lived Expertise Advisory Council (LEAC) meeting: September 8, 2023

Attendance: Alyce Knaflich, Rachelle Dugan, Joel Rice, Jaime Stepp, Laurel Benfield (staff), Elliot Rhodes (staff)

Membership and recruiting update -

Alyce shared that she is planning on stepping down from the LEAC, and many of her other CoC related roles, as she moves toward retirement and creates more space in her schedule. She will stay on the LEAC until the end of the year. The group congratulated her and thanked her for her service.

CoC program competition (LEAC certification of representation of PLE is required) -

Laurel presented a draft of a letter to include in the CoC Program Competition certifying that the LEAC exists and supports the NC BoS CoC to use CoC Program funding to prioritize the most vulnerable in each community. The group asked questions about how the letter would be used and how it would be linked to their personal identity and career. All present agreed to review and sign the document after a review.

Preparing for Client Bill of Rights trainings -

The group discussed planning for presenting information on the Client Bill of Right (CBoR) to Regional Committees, starting in October. Alyce confirmed that the LEAC is on the agenda for the Region 02 Committee meeting on Oct 5th. Laurel noted the need to include recruitment in the planning for these presentations, but not in Region 2, since membership from this Region is strong. Laurel will send the CBoR document and link to the recorded training to Regional Lead Emily Lowery for distribution ahead of the regional committee meeting. The expectation will be that agencies review the policy ahead of the meeting and come prepared for discussion. Staff suggested moving to regions in Eastern NC after October to include recruitment for the LEAC as an agenda item. Joel agreed to look into presenting in Region 09 for November, and staff will identify a second region as well. The agenda for each presentation is as follows:

Discuss the policy, reinforce its importance.

What you need from providers: post the CBoR, train their staff on the policy and its implications.

Discussion:

Recruitment (not region 2)

Budget goals for 2024 -

Laurel presented information that NCCEH is currently considering its budget for 2024, and asked the LEAC members what they thought should be prioritized in addition to hourly compensation. The LEAC noted the following:

Attending national conferences

Travel expenses for in-person meetings

In-person meeting (1 time per year)

Technical support (laptop or tablet)

Financial support for wifi bills

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm. Next meeting will be October 13, 2023.