

NC BoS Racial Equity Subcommittee

July 19, 2023

Attendees: Christina Rary, Kim Grady, Kenett Melgar, Kisha Darden, Lorelei Watts, Gretta Worley, Mary Erwin, Tujuanda Sanders, Tonya Gray, Alanda Richardson, Marieanne Canales, Deniece Cole,

Staff: Andrea Carey, Teresa Robinson, Tim Bender

Celebrations / Announcements:

Andrea asked for attendees to share personal celebrations since the last meeting and other important announcements.

2023 Racial Equity Assessment:

Andrea Carey presented the “2023 Balance of State Racial Equity Analysis – Final Data Review” to the workgroup. The presentation covered key findings of the 2023 Racial Equity Analysis.

While the 2023 REA findings continued to align with previous year’s data, this year’s analysis was the first time data was able to be presented at the Regional level. Specifically, comparing regional Census demographic data to regional PIT homelessness data. As a result, a few clarifying questions were asked:

- Clarify or explain Region 6’s high Native American / Alaskan percent share of homeless population when the Census data suggests this racial group represents a very small portion of overall population.

A comment was made during the meeting about the reliability of PIT data responses due to a potential lack of trust. Are vulnerable persons willing to share full and accurate information about their homelessness experience during a PIT survey? And if not, how do we adjust for that?

To Discuss Next Month:

- No topics identified

Next Meeting:

- None scheduled