

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

Attendance: Laurel Benfield (staff), Elliot Rhodes (staff), Alyce Knaflich, Rachele Dugan,

Celebrating Alyce: Alyce's last meeting with the LEAC. When asked about her reflections and desires for the LEAC: she encouraged the group's continued focus on the Client Bill of Rights, engaging directly with people experiencing homelessness, and to focus on prevention. Staff and other members shared their appreciation for her work and dedication to the group.

Client Bill of Rights (CBoR) Presentation: Laurel lead a debrief of the CBoR presentation for the Region 07 Regional Committee, which included feedback that some agencies are hesitant to adopt the policy. The group then discussed upcoming presentations. Instead of changing the structure of the presentations Rachele suggests keeping the questions other regions have asked as examples for future presentations.

Technology Assistance Grant update: Laurel provided an update that NCCEH has submitted a letter of intent and is pursuing a grant opportunity for technology assistance for LEAC members. She noted that the current grant opportunity may help with hardware like computers and portable wifi devices but would not support ongoing wifi payments. Alyce suggested to investigate communication companies for the wifi coverage.

NLIHC: Laurel provided an update from attending the National Low Income Housing Coalition's State and Tribal Partner Convening, which featured a Tenant Leaders Cohort, a group like the LEAC working on national policy. Applications will be out next year for the next cohort and Laurel encouraged interested LEAC members to apply.

Scorecards: Laurel presented a new timeline for the LEAC to submit edits to the CoC Program Competition scorecards for the NC BoS CoC. Members reviewed a draft scorecard for 2024 and set a timeline to individually review the draft and propose updates at the January meeting.

Membership: The group continued a conversation on how to recruit more people to the LEAC. Alyce suggested reaching out directly to agencies.