



# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## NC Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024

**Regional Leads Present:** Lori Watts, Emily Lowery, Amber Story, Pamela Hinton, Erin Gaskin, Natasha Elliott, Kerry Bashaw, Dr. Dia Thomas, Shawanda Barnes, LaTasha McNair, Lakitra Claude, Lynne James, Brian Fike

**At-Large Members Present:** Rachelle Dugan, Angela Harper King, Kea Alexander, , Lisa Phillips, Erin Joy Crossfield, Brooks Ann McKinney, Joseph Chilton

**SC Members Absent:** Melissa Hewitt, Cassandra Rowe

**Interested Parties Present:** Denice Ariztia, Benjamin Horton, Melissa McKeown, Kendra Martin, Kim Crawford, Tonya Gray, Amy Modlin, James Stroud, Teena Willis, Jason Smith, Laurenn Singleton, Michele Welsh, Cory Bragg, Crystal Gwendo, Bonnie Harper, Bre Griffin, Melissa Lowell, Kecia Robinson, Robert Hudson, Alyce Knaflich, Sarah Lancaster, Kim Hemphill, Lori Watts, Monica Frizzell, Catherine Kastleman

**NCCEH Staff Present:** Brian Alexander, Laurel Benfield, Allie Card, Adriana Diaz, Jenny Simmons, Debra Susie, Ashley VonHatten

### Approval of Consent Agenda

- The consent agenda was sent out for review prior to the meeting and is posted at: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/>
- The consent agenda was voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Without changes or objection, the consent agenda was approved by common consent.

### FY2024 HUD CoC Competition

FY2023 CoC Program Awards were announced on January 24, 2024. The NC BoS CoC received \$14,783,081 in project awards (up from \$13,636,358 in FY2022).

- All Projects in Tier 1 were funded – all renewal projects
- 1 HMIS Expansion grant funded
  - 2023 HMIS Expansion Balance of State
- No new DV Bonus project funded

The Scorecard Committee is beginning its work to recommend the FY2024 new and renewal scorecards. There are Scorecard Committee members from most regions. The Scorecard Committee will meet over three consecutive weeks:

- February 7, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
- February 14, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- February 21, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Scorecard Committee recommendations for the FY2024 new and renewal scorecards will be presented to the Steering Committee on March 5th. There is an updated Regional Roles and Responsibilities document with Scorecard Committee added to it for clarification:

<https://www.ncceh.org/files/13413/>.

HUD has initiated the first steps of the FY2024 CoC Program competition:

- CoC registration – Due to HUD by March 7, 2024 (Complete, waiting for HUD’s review)
- Grants Inventory Worksheet (GIW) – usually follows 6 weeks after the CoC Program registration deadline
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - ? – To Be Announced Later This Year – likely in the summer

FY2024 New and Renewal Project Application Webinars will be held in March:

- New CoC Project Applicant Webinar – Wednesday, March 6th at 10:00 AM
  - Intent to Apply
  - Register at: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1670/>
- Renewal CoC Project Applicant Webinar – Thursday, March 14th at 10:00 AM
  - Intent to Renew
  - Pre-Competition Scoring and Standards Review
  - Register at: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1669/>

### **Community Link RFP for PSH Grant Transfer**

The NC Balance of State CoC seeks proposals for the transfer of a currently operating CoC Program-funded PSH grant:

- Northern PSH Combo
  - Counties served: Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Person, Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Warren, Vance, and Rockingham (NC BoS CoC Region 6 & part of Region 9)
  - Budget: \$1,453,687 (\$1,255,740 in Rental Assistance; \$127,836 in Supportive Services; \$70,111 in Administrative Costs)
  - Match: \$363,422
  - Bed/Unit: 201 beds in 119 units
  - Grant operating year: 06/01/2024 – 05/31/2025
- Timeline:
  - RFP issued: Tuesday, February 6, 2024

- All RFP documents Due: By 12 PM on Tuesday, February 27, 2024
- Project Review Committee Meeting to review proposals: Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 1:30 PM
- Steering Committee to consider agency for grant transfer as recommended by the Project Review Committee: March 5, 2024,

For more information: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/prospectivegrantees/>.

### **Letter of Support Request**

United Way of Forsyth is seeking a letter of support from the NC BoS CoC for its Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant application. Funded by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, the [SSVF](#) Program's purpose is to fund private, non-profit organizations that provide supportive services to very low-income Veteran families who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. SSVF uses a Housing First approach that emphasizes permanent housing placement as the primary objective, and services provided include: case management, supportive services, and financial assistance.

United Way of Forsyth provides SSVF services in Surry, Stokes, Yadkin, Davie, and Davidson Counties in Regions 4 and 5 of the NC BoS CoC and served 12 households in 2023.

A Letter of Support requires the agency to:

- Participate in Regional Committees
- Take referrals through the coordinated entry system
- Provide data from NC HMIS as requested

Lynne James motioned to approve United Way of Forsyth's Letter of Support request. Erin Gaskin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Steering Committee Strategic Planning**

NCCEH staff facilitated a continued conversation with Steering Committee members about regional and at-large strategic goals for 2024. Regional Leads were asked to share one to two strategic priorities for their regional committees in 2024 and what action steps could be taken to accomplish those priorities. At-large members were asked to share one to two strategic priorities for cross-sector partnerships that they could act on in 2024. Common themes were the need to be better connected within each region, engaging new providers and community members, and strengthening buy-in for Regional Committees.

### **Upcoming meetings & reminders**

- **PIT/HIC Office Hours, Wednesday, February 14, 10:00 – 11:00 A.M.**  
Register at: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1667/>
- **Scorecard Committee Meeting #2, Wednesday, February 14, 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**  
Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88424395236?pwd=9sQdCXx1z9qvmETTgEXaorTwZmidCx.1>

Meeting ID: 884 2439 5236

Passcode: 011821

- **Funding & Performance Subcommittee, Thursday, February 15, 2 – 3 P.M.**  
Join Google Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/asv-fdov-kym>  
Or dial: (US) +1 929-249-4814  
PIN: 256 826 060#
- **Coordinated Entry Council, Monday, February 19, 10 – 11:30 A.M.**  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84840397905>  
Meeting ID: 848 4039 7905
- **HMIS Monthly Training, Wednesday, February 21, 10:00 – 11:00 A.M.**  
Register at: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1666/>
- **Scorecard Committee Meeting #3, Wednesday, February 21, 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**  
Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81773110881?pwd=cOn9PQ2cDlu3SLzvpS5v3tr3TCz3Qa.1>  
Meeting ID: 817 7311 0881  
Passcode: 223073
- **Racial Equity Subcommittee, Wednesday, February 21, 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**  
Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83264838597?pwd=TzVCWtM4WXdvSVJqbDVIR1I0NnMrUT09>  
Meeting ID: 832 6483 8597
- **Local Leadership Response Call, Wednesday, February 21, 1 – 2 P.M.**  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83792461651>  
Meeting ID: 837 9246 1651

### **Next Steering Committee meeting**

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:30 A.M.