

## North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## NC Balance of State CoC Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 3.21.24

Members Present: Amy Modlin, Bonnie Harper, Melissa Hewitt, Lynne James, Sarah Lancaster

NCCEH Staff Present: Brian Alexander, Jenny Simmons, Elliot Rhodes

## Minutes:

Brian welcomed members and walked through the meeting agenda.

Brian provided an introduction to the FY2024 CoC Program Funding Priorities process.

- CoC Funding Priorities set NC Balance of State CoC priorities for allocation of funds. The draft FY2024 CoC Program Funding Priorities document shared in advance of the meeting maintains the overall funding priorities from prior years.
  - Ensure essential infrastructure elements are in place, including HMIS and coordinated entry.
  - Ensure adequate coverage of permanent supportive housing across the CoC.
  - Increase the availability of rapid rehousing.
  - Ensure CoC funding is being used well, including potentially re-allocating some funding from projects that have patterns of low spending or poor performance.
- Decision Point: Does the structure of the general CoC priorities still make sense?
  - Members stated they believed the general CoC priorities for CoC Program funding should remain the same.
- CoC Funding Priorities set NC Balance of State CoC regional priorities for the allocation of CoC Bonus and reallocated funding. Because of the SNOFO funding allocation, these have shifted slightly. The draft FY2024 CoC Program Funding Priorities indicate the following regional programmatic priorities:
  - Priority 1: PSH in regions that need a significant increase in PSH units to meet the need based on the 2023 PIT/HIC. Same as FY2023 priorities
  - Priority 2: RRH in regions that indicate severely inadequate resources based on the 2023
     PIT/HIC. Designated for regions, which show <10% RRH stock versus the 2023 PIT count.</li>
  - Priority 3: RRH in regions not indicated as a Priority 2 region and PSH in regions that have some unmet need based on their 2023 PIT/HIC. Designated for regions which show > 10% RRH stock versus the 2023 PIT count.
  - Priority 4: Regions have enough PSH stock to meet their needs based on the 2023
     PIT/HIC. Same as FY2023 priorities.
- Decision Point: Does the updated approach to new RRH regional priorities provide enough guidance?
  - Members stated they believed the new approach to the regional programmatic priorities made sense based on the data for the tables in the document and the new

Back@Home Balance of State RRH resources.

- Decision Point: Acquisition, Rehab, and New Construction
  - The CoC has not allowed applications for these expenses in past competition due to limited bonus funding and availability of other federal/state funding for affordable housing development.
  - Members stated they believed the CoC should continue to not allow for these types of applications in the competition.
- Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing Joint Component (TH-RRH) Projects
  - The CoC has not allowed applications for these project in past competitions due to continued high barrier shelter, relatively low numbers of unsheltered individuals, and low shelter utilization rates.
  - Members stated they believed the CoC should continue to not allow for these types of applications for general population in the competition.

## DV Bonus

- The CoC has allowed potential TH-RRH and/or SSO-CE projects (CoC-wide only) dedicated for survivors of interpersonal violence.
- Members stated they believed the CoC should continue to allow agencies to apply for the project types using DV Bonus funding in the competition.
- Sarah made a motion to recommend the draft FY2024 CoC Program Funding Priorities document as presented for Steering Committee approval. Bonnie seconded the motion. Members approved the draft document unanimously.
- Next Steps
  - Staff will finalize the draft FY2024 CoC Program Funding Priorities document and post to the NCCEH website for Steering Committee member review.
  - The Steering Committee will consider approval of the document at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
  - After approval, staff will post the final version to the CoC Program competition webpage and notify CoC stakeholders.
- Next meeting: Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM where we will preview FY23 SPMs.