

North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Balance of State Steering Committee Meeting

2.1.11

Regional Leads Present:

Leonard Tillery (for Chris Battle), Jim Curtin, Wanda Feldt, Sharon Foust, Lakasha Fredlaw-Best (for Laura Hartman), Amy Modlin, Jane Motsinger, Joel Rice, Jackie Sheffield, Michele Steele, Paulette White

Regional Leads Absent:

Albert Barron, Kristi Case, Debbie Cole, Ramona Gilbert, Beverly Hall, Melissa Ledbetter, Vanessa Neustrom, Teena Willis

Interested Parties Present:

Bonnie Bettini, Kim Braxton, Mary Brown (The Beacon Center), Emily Carmody, Jean Crabtree (Southeastern Services), Nicole Dewitt, Nancy Holochwost, Nancy Hunter, Laura McDuffee, E. Anne Moser, Denise Neunaber, Faye Pierce, Nikki Ratliff, Glen Silver, Emila Sutton, Talaika Williams

Approval of January Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes was made and approved [Rice, Feldt]. It was noted that the date needs to be changed.

2010 CoC Renewal Project Awards

- HUD announced funding for the 2010 renewal projects on January 19. The list for NC is posted on the NCCEH website at <http://www.ncceh.org/2010CoCApps/>.
- The BoS received funding for 27 renewal projects for a total of \$2,887,346:
 - 12 Shelter+Care projects
 - 5 SHP-Permanent Housing projects
 - 7 SHP-Transitional Housing projects
 - 3 HMIS projects

2011 Application Intent Form

- NCCEH has created a form for all agencies that intend to apply for either new or renewal funding in 2011. The form is posted on the website at <http://www.ncceh.org/BoSgrantees/>.
- Regional Committee leads can share the form with organizations that are interested in applying. Staff will share forms submitted with RC leads.

- There is no due date for the form; interested organizations should fill it out as soon as they know they intend to apply for funding.
- This form does not replace the pre-application.

Regional Committee (RC) Leadership

- As was discussed at the last meeting, staff have created a Regional Committee Lead job description and posted on the NCCEH website at <http://www.ncceh.org/BoS/>.
- Each Regional Committee should elect or re-approve its lead during the January or February meeting and email minutes recording the election to bos@ncceh.org.
- Staff will re-establish RCs based on the minutes received.

AHAR Update

- NCCEH staff submitted data on behalf of the BoS to the AHAR (Annual Homelessness Assessment Report to Congress).
- Of the seven shells submitted, five were useable (Emergency Shelter Individuals and Families, Transitional Housing Families, Permanent Supportive Housing Individuals and Families) and two were not useable (Transitional Housing Individuals and Summary). Staff is waiting to hear if the data in the veterans shells is useable.

Point-in-Time Update

- The Point-in-Time Count was held the night of January 26th.
- Sheltered and Unsheltered Count forms are due from all BoS agencies by this Friday, February 4th. Agencies do not need to turn in the Homeless Demographics & Needs Surveys.
- Steering Committee members discussed how their communities conducted their counts.
 - Pitt County – A group of interns conducted surveys at the local DSS to try to capture the numbers of people at-risk of homelessness. There is also a group of volunteers who go out on the street almost every night, so they were able to easily locate unsheltered homeless persons on the night of the PIT. There is a shift in the people who are now unsheltered; most of them are there because of unemployment, especially from the construction industry.
 - Bladen County – Two churches that provide food and clothing and the Sheriff's department contributed information to the count. A street count of unsheltered homeless persons was also conducted.
 - Kerr-Tar – The region only conducted a sheltered count, deciding not to conduct a services-based count because of concerns about duplication. De-duplication techniques were discussed, including using the Demographics & Needs Survey to avoid counting people twice.
- Denise participated in a meeting sponsored by the USICH that discussed creating a common language about homelessness that can be used by all agencies that work with the homeless population.
 - Denise will update BoS agencies on that conversation as it develops.

Subcommittee Meetings and Dialogue Groups

- Dates for the BoS Transitional Housing, Permanent Housing, and Families Committees quarterly meetings were reviewed. These committees are open to all interested parties in the BoS. Dates for the meetings are posted on the NCCEH website calendar.
 - The Transitional Housing Committee will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am (Feb 8, May 10, Aug 9, Nov 8)
 - The Permanent Housing Committee will meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am (Feb 15, May 17, Aug 16, Nov 15)
 - The Families Committee will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am (Feb 22, May 24, Aug 23, Nov 22)
- NCCEH also conducts Dialogue Group conference calls on various subjects. These calls include participants from across the state and offer an opportunity for more TA.
 - Current Dialogue Groups are Rural Communities (for homeless service providers in rural communities), SOAR Caseworkers (for SOAR-trained caseworkers), and Emergency Shelter (for directors and staff of shelters).
 - The calls are free for members. Non-members who want to try out a call can participate in their first call for \$10.
 - Participants should register for the calls on the NCCEH website. The dates are listed on the website calendar.

APRs and QPRs

- All grantees must turn in their APRs to NCCEH. Two agencies are still missing 2010 APRs.
- All grantees must turn in Quarterly Progress Reports to NCCEH.
 - QPRs are due 30 days after the end of each quarter of the grantee's operating year.
 - The current QPR form is posted on the NCCEH website at <http://www.ncceh.org/BoSgrantees/>.
 - The list of QPRs due in January, February, and March was reviewed.

Regional Committee Updates

- Onslow County: The United Way board has voted to approve housing to the Onslow Homeless Coalition. The Coalition has also changed its name to CAN DO (Community Advisory Network Developing Onslow) and it will serve as an advisory board to the United Way. The co-chairs are Julia Collins and Kathleen Holbrook. CAN DO is planning to start working on its Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. Jacksonville is also holding its first Veterans Stand Down today.
- Pitt County: Holding its first Project Homeless Connect event on March 2 at the Greenville Convention Center. They have had a great response from service providers and the university and have a good group of volunteers signed up. Contact Paulette White if you are interested in visiting.

- Five County: Had their homeless school liaison present to the Regional Committee meeting. Other RCs that are interested in doing the same can let NCCEH know if they need help finding their liaison or others working in homelessness in schools.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 1 at 10:30.