



**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care Region 4 Committee**  
**Davie, Iredell Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin (DISSY)**  
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**DISSY Meeting Minutes**

**Date and Time:** 02/20/2024 at 11:35am

**Those in attendance:**

Sherry Ingalls- Fifth Street Ministries	Robin Martin- The Shepherds House
Jessica Stevens – The Shepherds House	Mary Williams – Fifth Street Ministries
Lisa Reynolds- Family Promise of Davie County	Seth Horton- Kernersville VA
Destiny Bottoms – The Shepherds House	Polly Simmons – The Shepherds House
Laurenn Singleton - The ARK	Pamela Hinton – Partners
Karisa McDaniel – Partners	Jana Elliott – The Shepherds House
Linda Haney- Fifth Street Ministries	Brenda Forbes- Positive Wellness Alliance
Lakeischa McGee- Family Promise of Davie County	Latonya Freeman- PSH
	Joey Wilson- ESUCP

**Call to Order – Introductions and Welcome:**

- Pamela Hinton called the meeting to order.

**Review of Minutes from January meeting:**

- Did not happen

## Agency Updates:

- Mary Williams- Back at Home enrollment continues. 14 enrolled for Surry, Stokes, and Yadkin counties. 4 more needing approval at case conferencing. Davie and Iredell counties are also starting enrollment.
- Karisa- Wants to make sure that the folks identified at Davie County's PIT count get connected to services.
- Joey- No updates
- Shepherd's House- Still finalizing corrections on PIT count
- Family Promise- Transitional housing opening for a family in Davie County. Their shelter is full.
- Fifth Street- 7 new enrollments for Back at Home program in Iredell and Davie Counties.
- Brenda- PWA has no updates
- Seth- No program updates, just refer any veterans to him
- The Ark- No program updates. They are working on getting 2 single women into permanent shared housing in Yadkin County.

## Point in Time Count Update:

- Unsheltered counts:
  - Davie- 18
  - Stokes- 1
  - Yadkin- 3
  - Iredell- 19
  - Surry- 60
- Shepherd's House- Street outreach event was very successful with partner agencies but didn't have a lot of unsheltered folks to show up.
- Karisa- Davie County had a great event with a variety of community partners.

## Discussion:

- Outcome of survey
  - Allen was not in attendance to share outcome so this will be pushed to next month.
- Create a short summary of "Why Join DISSY"
  - Each lead was asked what they are doing to invite and retain members
  - We need to create a pitch or statement to invite individuals to join
    - Pamela- "Get what you need in one group"
    - Karisa- What is the incentive to attend meetings? Ideas on how to grow your agency, funding opportunities, collaboration opportunities, etc. "Collaboration starts at home."
    - Joey: Join the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness Balance of State Continuum of Care for impactful change. We're a dedicated collective committed to eradicating homelessness across the following counties: Davie, Iredell, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin. By joining our coalition, you'll be part of a dynamic network of individuals, organizations, and advocates actively working toward housing stability for all. Together, we leverage resources, advocate for policy change,

and implement innovative solutions to address the complex challenges of homelessness. With your support, we can create lasting systemic change and ensure everyone can access safe, affordable housing. Join us in making a difference and building a brighter future for North Carolina.

- He will work on shortening this
- Lauren- We need to avoid acronyms and confusing jargon.
- Seth- Who do we want to attend? What would be most beneficial for them specifically? What would be most attractive to those stakeholders? Plan meetings accordingly.
- Jana suggested a quarterly or twice a year combined county collaborative meeting.

### **Letter of Support from Vaya:**

- Pamela signed off on behalf of DISSY to support Vaya in a \$4M grant request for child/youth mental illness.

### **Other Discussion:**

- Who else should be at these meetings?
  - PTRC/HUD and YVEDDI representatives
    - YVEDDI is needed because there are gaps in transportation in our communities
  - MT. Airy Housing Authority
  - NC DHHS representative
- Should DISSY take on a project like addressing transportation needs in mt airy?
  - Joey will invite Rochelle Mason with YVEDDI to join a meeting with focus on transportation in Mt. Airy
- Monthly Spotlights:
  - March- shared living (Bonnie and/or Lauren)
  - April- transportation (Rochelle Mason) and housing authority

### **Upcoming meetings & reminders:**

- <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/>
- Next BoS Steering Committee meeting: Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 20:30am
- Case Conferencing: Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:30am
- Next DISSY Meeting ZOOM: Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11:30am

Pamela Hinton adjourned the meeting to start case conferencing.