

North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Balance of State Steering Committee Meeting

5.3.11

Regional Leads Present:

Mary Brown (Twin County), Kristi Case, Jim Curtin, Wanda Feldt, Amanda Hopkins (Wilson-Greene), Melissa Ledbetter, Amy Modlin, Tamara Veit (for Jane Motsinger), Vanessa Neustrom, Joel Rice, Michele Steele, Paulette White, Teena Willis

Regional Leads Absent:

Albert Barron, Debbie Cole, David Collins, Sharon Foust, Ramona Gilbert, Beverly Hall, Laura Hartman, Jackie Sheffield

Interested Parties Present:

Martha Beatty (Hoke County), Bonnie Bettini, Kim Braxton, Nicole Dewitt, Mitch Fahrer, Tieka Martin-Green, Donna McCormick, Laura McDuffee, Betty Perkins, Faye Pierce, Don Rogers, Jenny Simmons (Western Highlands), Kanika Turrentine, Nina Walker, Talaika Williams

NCCEH Staff Present:

Nancy Holochwost, Denise Neunaber

Approval of April Minutes

There being no changes needed, a motion was made and approved to approve the minutes [Inman, Modlin].

FY2010 CoC Awards

- HUD announced funding awards for new CoC projects from the 2010 competition. The BoS was funded in full for a total of \$4,115,259 in new projects. When added to the \$2,887,346 in renewal project funding, the BoS received a total of \$7,002,605 from the 2010 application.
- All 11 North Carolina CoCs that applied for new project funding received it. The twelfth CoC (Northwest) did not apply for any new funding. Overall, the state of NC received just under \$6 million in new project funding, and the BoS accounts for \$4 million of that total.
- A list of the BoS new projects was reviewed. The awarded amounts for Shelter+Care grants were slightly different than requested amounts because the FMRs changed slightly since the application was submitted.

- Shelter+Care grantees should receive an award letter from HUD and then can sign their grant agreements and begin their programs. SHP grantees need to do a technical submission first; instructions from HUD will be included with the award letter. Even before these letters are sent out, new grantees can begin planning and collecting documents for their programs. Any grantee who has never administered a program before can contact NCCEH to be connected to an experienced grantee.

Update on FY2011 Application

- Congress approved a federal budget that includes a \$40 million increase for McKinney-Vento, which includes ESG and CoC funding. This amount is not as much as was advocated for, but is still very positive considering the current economic climate.
- This increase means there will be some new money for ESG to fund HPRP-like activities. HUD's priorities are to first fund ESG, then to fund CoC renewals, and then to fund CoC new projects, so we expect that our pro ratas will be at least a little bit lower than last year.
- The North Carolina ESG program is currently deciding how to implement the program with this new funding and is hoping to publicize the new process in October/November. The application process this year will be the same as before; a new application will not go into effect until the 2012 application. It is expected that funding for HPRP-like activities (prevention and rapid re-housing) will go to existing HPRP programs this year to keep them operating (though the amount of money or how it will be distributed is not yet clear). It is expected that the 2012 application will be open to all agencies to apply for this funding.
- Under HEARTH, rapid re-housing will become an eligible activity for CoC funding, but it is not yet clear if this will go into effect this year or later.
- HUD has not yet released HEARTH regulations, so NCCEH can't yet create the pre-application or scorecard. Agencies should do the application intent form now, which helps NCCEH prepare for the application and helps agencies start to understand funding requirements and plan their programs.
 - Emila will send the intent forms we receive to Regional Committee leads. NCCEH staff will contact people who send in forms to clear up confusion about funding requirements, eligibility, pro rata, etc., and will cc Regional Committee leads on those emails.
- Under HEARTH, all permanent supportive housing projects will renew outside of pro rata. Currently, only Shelter+Care renews outside of pro rata; SHP-PH renewals still come out of pro rata.
 - Every year, the BoS has to fund its renewals first, then we see what's left in the pro rata for new projects. Once this new rule goes into effect, only transitional housing and SSO renewals will come out of our pro rata. This is why we've encouraged people to apply for permanent supportive housing – because it leaves room for new projects in our pro rata.
 - Because not all of the BoS counties apply for their pro rata, a Regional Committee can apply for more than its pro rata **if** it is applying for new permanent housing projects that

the community has the need for (as long as the money is available in the total CoC pro rata), because they will never come out of the region's pro rata again.

- If a Regional Committee wants to apply for new transitional housing or SSO projects, it must stay within its regional pro rata, because these projects will continue to be renewed within pro rata every time.
- Some CoCs are unable to apply for new projects because their renewals use all their pro rata every year. We want to prevent the BoS from ever reaching that point.
- Anyone who has questions can contact our office or can request a visit from Denise or Emila for their RC meeting.

FY2012 Advocacy

- Funding amounts for ESG and CoC are dependent on what Congress allocates, and that depends on what we ask for and how good our advocacy efforts are. The ask for 2012 is \$2.4 billion to fully fund HEARTH.
 - Send stories to bos@ncceh.org for NCCEH staff to use in advocacy efforts:
 - Success stories: what have you been able to do with ESG/CoC/HPRP funds?
 - Community updates: what needs in your community could be met with these funds?
- The National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference is July 13-15. BoS participants are encouraged to attend and to join NCCEH in visits to legislators on Capitol Hill Day July 15. Information about the conference is available on the NAEH website at www.endhomelessness.org.

Help from NCCEH

- NCCEH is creating a BoS Handbook that will include explanations about the BoS structure and purpose, FAQs, etc. A draft of the handbook will be shared with the Steering Committee for feedback. Steering Committee members were reminded to send their FAQs to bos@ncceh.org.
- Other help NCCEH can provide:
 - Make presentations to Regional Committees or to regions that are not yet active that are interested in participating
 - TA for grantees on APRs and other documents for HUD, current projects, etc.
 - TA on project applications for 2011

QPRs

- All grantees must submit Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs) to NCCEH 30 days after the end of each quarter of their operating year. These reports help NCCEH track and increase performance across the CoC.
- QPR forms are available to download on the NCCEH website at www.ncceh.org/BoSgrantees
- Emila sent email reminders to grantees who owe QPRs in the upcoming months. A list of QPRs due in the next two months was reviewed as well as a list of overdue QPRs.

BoS Subcommittee Meetings

- BoS Transitional, Permanent Housing, and Families subcommittees meet quarterly throughout the year. The quarterly meetings in May are:
 - TH: May 10 at 10:30
 - PH: May 17 at 10:30
 - Families: May 24 at 10:30
- Participants must register for the calls on our website calendar at <http://www.ncceh.org/en/cev/mon/>.
- Nancy will email information about the calls today for people to forward to their regional contacts.

Regional Committee Updates

- An updated map of active Regional Committees was reviewed.
- Wilson-Greene: Amanda Hopkins, the Regional Committee lead, introduced herself and noted that this committee has just recently become active.
- Kerr-Tar: The Regional Committee has reached out to the local veterans coordinator and they're looking to collaborate on outreach activities to homeless veterans.
- Alamance: Martha Are and Emila attended a meeting last month at which Martha presented on housing and the history of homelessness. Their Regional Committee is looking at the idea of changing their transitional programs over to permanent supportive housing programs. Denise noted that since PSH is only for people with disabilities, everyone should keep in mind that transition-in-place and rapid re-housing models are an important piece as well as we shift our system to have housing stabilization at the center. However, Permanent Supportive Housing will remain the priority for applications through the BoS for 2011.
- Foothills: A new supportive housing project in Taylorsville will be finished by mid-June.
- Hoke County (Martha Beatty): It's very positive to hear so many success stories from other communities.
 - Denise noted that it's important to remember state advocacy as well to make sure these positive activities can keep happening. The state budget affects the services that are available and what we can do to serve people. Currently, there is a push for funding for the Housing Trust Fund, which is a funding source for affordable permanent housing in our communities. Information is available on the NCCEH website at <http://ncceh.org/nchousingtrustfund/>.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 7 at 10:30.