

North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Balance of State Steering Committee Special Meeting 10.18.11

Regional Leads Present:

Albert Barron, Jim Curtin, Sharon Foust, Amanda Hopkins, Jane Motsinger, Joel Rice, Jackie Sheffield, Michele Steele, Paulette White

Regional Leads Absent:

Anne Friesen, Mary Brown, Kristi Case, Debbie Cole, David Collins, Melissa Ledbetter, Amy Modlin, Vanessa Neustrom, Katherine Pullicino, Teena Willis

Interested Parties Present:

Michael Best, Ellery Blackstock, Gertie Crute, Nicole Dewitt, Jennifer Kerr, Laura McDuffee, Faye Pierce

NCCEH Staff Present:

Emily Carmody, Nancy Holochwost, Denise Neunaber, Emila Sutton

Update on FY2011 NOFA

- The Project Review Committee met on October 13 to share and review scores for project applications (Exhibit 2s). NCCEH staff totaled the final scores for each application.
- NCCEH staff is continuing to work on Exhibit 1 portion of the application. Some applicants are continuing to work on Ex. 2 edits.
- HUD asks us to submit final, full application no later than October 26 to ensure it will travel through esnaps system by October 28 deadline.
- The NOFA application timeline flowchart was reviewed.

Project Review: New Projects

- A list of the new project applications, in ranked order according to score, was reviewed:
 - Smoky Mountain Center Central Region LME S+C, Eastpointe LME S+C, Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare LME S+C, Five County Mental Health LME S+C, Greenville Housing Authority S+C, Community Link SHP-PH, Greenville Community Shelter SHP-PH, Beacon Center LME S+C
 - A motion to approve this ranking for inclusion in the final application was made and approved [Curtin, Motsinger].

- The Steering Committee was also to give NCCEH the authority to divide the remaining \$1.6 million of pro rata amongst the top-scoring Shelter Plus Care applications.
 - In the past, the remaining funding has been offered to the top 3-4 S+C applicants, depending on who could use the money and make the necessary changes to the Exhibit 2 and match/leverage letters. This year, applicants will have to make these changes by Oct 21.
 - Staff suggested that the remaining funding be offered to the top four ranked projects, which are all S+C. The fifth-ranked project is the Permanent Housing Bonus project and cannot be increased. The sixth- and seventh-ranked projects are SHP-PH projects, which are ineligible. The eighth-ranked is S+C, but because this is the applicant's first project, staff suggested it might be better for it to remain at its original level. The committee discussed this and suggested that the Beacon Center be offered a chance to increase their budget if the top four scoring agencies were not able to use all of the remaining pro rata.
 - Prior to the Steering Committee meeting, Melissa Ledbetter confirmed with staff that she would be interested increasing her project budget. Albert Barron and Jim Curtin agreed to do so on the call. Joel Rice declined to increase his project budget. Mary Brown was not on the call; NCCEH staff will follow up if there is remaining pro rata after higher-ranked applicants adjust their budgets.
 - A motion was made and approved to give NCCEH the authority to split the remaining funding amongst these applicants [Sheffield, Foust].

Project Review: Renewal Applications

- A list of renewal applications, in order of their scores, was reviewed. Since renewal applications are not required to be ranked in the final application to HUD, this order is only important for applicants to know where they scored relative to others.
- NCCEH staff will share the actual project scores and common areas where significant points were lost on an upcoming call.
- A motion to approve the renewal project list to be included in final application was made and approved [White, Curtin].

Exhibit 1: Strategic Performance Goals

- Each year in the Exhibit 1, the BoS is required to report on its performance on five strategic performance goals designated by HUD and to set numeric objectives for the next 1, 5, and 10 years. The Steering Committee reviewed a chart of the five strategic goals, the BoS's performance in 2011, and suggested numeric objectives (recommended by NCCEH staff) for 2012, 2017, and 2022.
 - Increase the number of beds for chronically homeless people:
 - 2011 performance: 142 beds.
 - Suggested objectives are 157, 168, 179. The Steering Committee approved these.

- Increase the percentage of people staying in permanent housing over 6 months to 77%:
 - 2011 performance: 86%
 - Suggested objectives are 87, 88, 89%. The Steering Committee approved these.
- Increase the percentage of people moving from transitional housing to permanent housing to 65%:
 - 2011 performance: 81%
 - Suggested objectives are 82, 83, 88%. The objectives set in last year's application were higher than these; staff reevaluated them based on the actual numbers that HUD sees with transitional housing. The suggested 88% ten-year goal was our one-year goal from last year, which we have realized will take the BoS more time to achieve. The Steering Committee discussed this and agreed to 82% for the one-year goal, 83% for the five-year, and 85% for ten-year.
- Increase the percentage of people employed at program exit to 20%:
 - 2011 performance: 40%
 - Suggested objectives are 28%, 29%, 30%. Last year's performance was 41%; the reason there's only this small difference between 2010 and 2011 is because the TAPR does not include employment information, so this data had to be taken from the most recent full APR, which was usually from the year before. Since we don't know what the actual 2011 performance is, staff suggested using the same goals that were set in 2010. The Steering Committee agreed to these goals.
- Decrease the number of homeless households with children:
 - 2011 performance: 347 households
 - Suggested objectives are 335, 310, 300. These are the same goals as 2010 since the BoS did not meet these numeric objectives. Staff suggested that since HPRP funds are ending and the recession is continuing, it makes sense not lower the goals any more. Committee members commented that even these numbers seem high; staff countered that the BoS needs to set some ambitious goals, especially since the federal strategic plan aims to end family homelessness by 2020. BoS should strive to meet these goals, if the BoS doesn't meet the goals, this can be explained in next year's application. The committee suggested 340 as a goal for 2012 and agreed to 310 and 300 for the five- and ten-year goals.

Next Steps

- S+C applicants who are being offered extra funding will be contacted today by NCCEH staff. Applicants must submit changes to the Exhibit 2 and updated match/leverage letters by Friday, October 21.
- Oct. 24: approved applicants hit submit AFTER being told to do so by NCCEH.
- Oct. 25: NCCEH accepts Exhibit 2s in esnaps.
- Oct. 26: NCCEH submits final application in esnaps (according to HUD's recommendation).

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