

North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

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NCCEH Update

Dear friends,

A lot has happened since our last update went out. We're seeing a lot of success in the face of continued changes and a couple of new obstacles. Here's a rundown of what's happened in the last six weeks:

- HUD released the Continuum of Care regulations. These much-anticipated regulations give us a clearer picture of how HUD intends to run the Continuum of Care competition and gives CoCs more tools for running effective and cost-efficient systems to end homelessness.
- The State released the first Emergency Solutions Grants Application. The State has made significant changes to the application to encourage communities to retool their crisis response systems, including an emphasis on funding rapid re-housing programs. (Take advantage of NCCEH's ESG consultation offer below!)
- The CHIN Advisory Committee has been holding important discussions in order to ensure communities' ability to comply with HEARTH and to use performance measures to improve systems. Charlotte's CoC voted to join CHIN, becoming the 100th county to join CHIN in what is now a state-wide homeless management information system.
- Over 60 individuals from North Carolina attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. last week. We all were inspired, educated, and challenged. NCCEH staff led the group to the Hill for congressional meetings.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs released its second round of funding for the Supportive Services for Veterans Families program. Programs in Raleigh, Winston-Salem, and Asheville received funding to implement this rapid re-housing program.
- NCCEH held a call about former residents of Adult Care Homes coming into our homeless system. It's important to track these individuals so we can do our best to ensure their access to resources. You can track individuals in CHIN and through our reporting process. (See below to read the notes from the call to find out more.)
- The NC General Assembly did not include funding for the North Carolina Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs (NC ICCHP). This council has funded the Balance of State CoC, NC SOAR, training and technical assistance for communities and agencies, Ten-Year Plans, CHIN, and research on the cost-effectiveness of permanent supportive housing. Senators' and Representatives' offices

were flooded with your calls and emails. While the funding was not included, your advocacy efforts did make an impact! We look forward to continuing to work with you in order to restore the NC ICCHP funding next year. At this point, we are hoping DHHS will step up and cover the cost of some of these important programs. NCCEH Board and staff are committed to continuing to advocate to secure this funding.

Through all of these successes and challenges, we are grateful for your partnership. We continue to take great strides in ending homelessness. The new federal rules and resources that we advocated for will help us continue to see more progress.

We must have the State as a partner in order to fully take advantage of these opportunities. Membership dues enable us to advocate at the state level for needed policy improvements and funding.

Thank you to all of you who are members of NCCEH. If you aren't a member of NCCEH, please [join today](#).

We know how to end homelessness. With your help, we can.



Denise Neunaber NCCEH Executive Director

Tracking New Homeless from Adult Care Homes

After receiving reports from two different shelters that former residents of Adult Care Homes (ACHs) were appearing in the shelter system, NCCEH held a webinar on July 9th.

Changes in how some Adult Care Homes are able to bill Medicaid may lead to more individuals needing shelter.

This issue is related to, but is NOT because of, the Department of Justice's investigation on North Carolina's Olmstead Act infractions.

These issues are explained and resources are shared in the [transcript from the webinar](#). All homeless providers (including shelters, transitional housing, and outreach) should begin tracking former ACH residents in CHIN and use NCCEH's reporting process. Instructions are included in the transcript.

NCCEH will continue to post information and resources on our ACH webpage: www.ncceh.org/ach

State ESG Application Released

On July 11, the State ESG Office released its application for Emergency Solutions Grants funding. Application materials are posted at www.ncceh.org/esgapplication/.

To help answer questions about the application process, the State has created an [ESG Information Packet](#) and a set of [FAQs](#).

The State is also hosting two Q&A webinars for ESG applicants. If you missed the webinar on the 17th, be sure to catch the next one:

- Thursday, July 26, 10:00-12:00

To join the webinar, call [919-662-4658](tel:919-662-4658) at the starting time and connect to <https://dhhs.ncgovconnect.com/ncesgintro>. On the website, sign in by typing your name into the guest field you will see.

ESG applications must be received by the State by Monday, August 13th.

ESG Consultations Available

Does your community have questions about applying for ESG funding? Would you like feedback as you plan your funding priorities and program designs?

NCCEH is offering phone consultations with our director Denise Neunaber to CoCs and Balance of State Regional Committees. These hour-long calls will help answer your community's questions as you work on your ESG applications. CoC coordinators and Regional Committee leads can contact NCCEH at [919-755-4393](tel:919-755-4393) or email [Nancy Holochwost](mailto:Nancy.Holochwost@ncceh.org) to schedule a call.

As an additional benefit, NCCEH is offering ESG consultations to individual agencies that are members of NCCEH. Not a member? [Sign up here!](#) Not sure if your membership is current? Check our [membership list!](#)

HUD Releases CoC Program Interim Regulations

The HEARTH Act consolidates all of HUD's competitive homeless assistance grants into a single, new program: the Continuum of Care Program. On July 14, HUD released the [interim regulations](#) for the CoC Program.

The interim regulation will be effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. HUD is encouraging

stakeholders to comment on the regulations once they're published; comments are due by 60 days after the publication date.

HUD has also created an [Introductory Guide to the CoC Program](#), a 16-page document that summarizes CoC responsibilities, program components and requirements, and eligible costs under the new CoC Program.

The CoC Program will change the way NC communities apply for and implement federal funding for homeless programs. We encourage all communities to read the regulations and guide!

New Web Resources

Rapid Re-Housing Training Modules

The National Alliance to End Homelessness is creating modules on the five key elements of successful rapid re-housing programs. The first two modules, on [housing barriers assessments](#) and [housing searches & landlord relationships](#), are posted in the NCCEH Learning Library.

HUD Guides on New Homeless Definition

To help providers understand changes under the new homeless definition, HUD has created a series of guides: [SHP, SPC, and ESG eligibility](#); [recordkeeping requirements](#); and criteria for the [at-risk of homelessness](#) definition.

USICH Report: Alternatives to Criminalization

[This report](#), the result of a national summit on alternatives to laws that criminalize homelessness, identifies new solutions and highlights communities that have implemented successful alternatives.

JAMA Article: Cost-Effectiveness of Supportive Housing

The Journal of the American Medical Association has published [an article](#) showing that supportive housing cuts costs associated with caring for chronically homeless people.

Remember to check our [Learning Library](#) for regularly updated articles, research, and reports!

Upcoming Events

State ESG Application Webinar [view event](#)

Thursday, July 26, 10:00 am
via conference call

Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting

[view event](#)

Tuesday, August 7, 10:30 am
via conference call

SOAR Caseworker Dialogue Group [view event](#)

Thursday, August 16, 10:00 am
via conference call

There are many more events listed on our webpage.

[View our calendar](#) to learn more!

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Development Director [view job](#)

ACLU-NC

Community Development Coordinator [view job](#)

NC Housing Finance Agency

Director of Policy and Outreach [view job](#)

NC Center for Voter Education

[View our full job board.](#) Have a job opening you'd like us to post? [Email us](#) the listing! Be sure to include contact information for how to apply.

NCCEH Membership

Thank you to all of our members for your support! Membership Dues allow us to advocate at the federal and state levels for an end to homelessness in North Carolina.

New and Renewed NCCEH Members

Margaret Baird

Floyd Davis
Sioux Free
Willie Gibson
Trish Hobson
Jackie Hundt
Frankie Lawrence
Marigny Manson
Carl Matthews-Naylor
Donna McCormick
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Bethesda Center
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Community Link
Crumley Roberts
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