

North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Balance of State Steering Committee Meeting

July 21, 2009

10:30 AM via conference call

ATTENDANCE:

Jennifer Olson, Denise Neunaber, Nancy Holochwost, Susanna Birdsong, Kimberly Brown, Hunter Thompson, Vicky Basinger, Tim Emmert, Melissa Ledbetter, Amy Modlin, Kim Braxton, Michelle Steele, Nancy Hunter, Kristi Case, Jane Motsinger, E.B. Freeman, Bill Warren, Dennis Holmes, Kenyatta Wheeler, Marcy Lewis, Beverly Collins, Teena Willis, Marta Davies, Lori Lafferty, Nancy Kaufman, Kimberly Brown, Martha Are, Wanda Feldt, Donna McCormack, Walter Vincent, Josh Bryan, Don Rogers

ACCESS TO BOS MATERIALS ON WEB:

- Many BoS materials are posted on the NCCEH website:
 - BoS Overview: <http://www.ncceh.org/bos/>
 - BoS General Info and Meeting Minutes: <http://www.ncceh.org/BoSminutes/>
 - Info for Prospective Grantees: <http://www.ncceh.org/BoSgrantees/>
- BoS blog (<http://ncbos.wordpress.com/>) contains news, updates, and alerts about new posted materials

PRE-APPLICATIONS:

- A list of pre-applications received by Nancy Parks-Hunter was provided. Steering Committee members are asked to make sure all agencies in their community who submitted pre-applications are on the list.
- Nancy Parks-Hunter has given feedback on all pre-applications received. Any agency who has a revised version should submit it.
- Pre-applications will be sent to the Review Committee, which will rank the projects according to the scorecard ([posted online](#)) to be sure the BoS submits the strongest applications.

HUD DATES:

- The HUD webcast with updates on the application process is available in their online archives (<http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/archives/homspecneed.cfm>).
- HUD anticipates putting out the full CoC NOFA on August 24.
- Prior to that deadline, the BoS is concentrating on the registration process:
 - HUD will send the BoS a worksheet that lists all projects HUD thinks should be renewed.
 - The BoS must make sure all our projects are on that list.
 - Any project that expires in 2010 must be on that list to be renewed this year.
- Any grants that were first awarded in 2002 **MUST** be on this year's round of renewals, regardless of where the grants are in the renewal cycle.
 - Congressional funding appropriations for 2002 had a 'drop dead' date of this year, so programs begun in 2002 will lose funding if they are not renewed.

HUD CHANGES:

- In this round of funding, renewals will be announced separately from new funding projects (renewals announced in fall of 2009, new projects in spring of 2010).
- Certificates of Consistency with Consolidated Plan will be going with Exhibit 1, not separately into Exhibit 2.
 - Agencies that get certificates from their own communities have to send them to the BoS.
- The CoC process is expected to coordinate with recovery funding, but specifics are not known.
- Housing emphasis and leveraging now only count as point values for new projects.
- Supportive housing and S+C programs that had previous agreements with HUD to allow for up to 10% more than local FMR on their applications can no longer do so - FMR must be no higher than 100%.
- Permanent housing funding bonus (for new PH projects) is now not limited to chronically homeless persons. Agencies are still encouraged to use some of the bonus for chronically homeless persons.

HPRP APPLICATION:

- The HPRP RFA is available online (<http://ncceh.org/en/rel/22/>).
- Applications should be sent to Martha Are at OERI and must be postmarked by August 7th.
- Notes from the 2 Q&A calls sponsored by OERI will be posted on www.ncceh.org for review. OERI is considering holding another call if needed.
- Local approval is an element of the application process:
 - Applicants are asked to obtain a letter of support from their CoC or Ten-Year Plan to make sure communities are planning and partnering as much as possible.
 - Applicants in the BoS have the option of presenting either to their regional committee or to a sub-committee of the BoS if no regional committee is available.
 - Applicants who are leaders on their regional committees and who are also going to be the lead agency on their application should present to the BoS sub-committee.
 - Anyone interested in sitting on the BoS sub-committee should email or call Jennifer Olson.
- Jennifer Olson is compiling a list of interested agencies that are looking to link up with others in their region, which will be posted on the NCCEH website.

HPRP SHARING AND QUESTIONS:

- Surry and Yadkin are applying together, which has gotten agencies at the table who have previously not worked together in local CoC conversations. Their crisis agencies are also joining CHIN through this.
- Q: A Salvation Army representative said they were told not to apply individually – what does this mean?
 - A: Agencies should not apply alone; they should apply as part of their community.
- Q: What characteristics are we looking for in lead agencies?
 - A: They need to have strong fiscal processes, since they will be managing a lot of money that will be audited by multiple partners. Experience with sub-contracting is also helpful.
 - They also need the capacity to pull together all the information from themselves and sub-contractors for very detailed reports that will be required by the federal government within a few days of the end of each quarter.
- Q: What should the lead agency look for in partner agencies?
 - A: Capacity for service provision or referrals, depending on what your project entails.
 - Also check for strong, stable fiscal processes, since the lead agency is held responsible for the actions of the partners.
- The State will compile a scorecard for local CoCs/regional committees to use when reviewing proposals.

Next Steering Committee Meeting: August 4, 10:30 AM