

North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Balance of State Steering Committee Meeting

3.2.10

Attendance:

Denise Neunaber
Susanna Birdsong
Nancy Holochwost
Laura Hartman
Wanda Feldt
Joel Rice
Amy Modlin
Talaika Williams
Jim Curtin
Jane Motsinger
Michelle Steele
Shakirah Francis
Vanessa Neustrom
Joan Bliss

Jackie Sheffield
Melissa Ledbetter
Jennifer Olson
Laura McDuffee
Nancy Hunter
Bill Warren
Ellery Blackstock
Kim Braxton
Lynn Inman
Debbie Cole
Jennie Connor
Donna McCormack
Sharon Foust

Approval of February Minutes

- It was noted that Debbie Cole needed to be added to the attendance list. A motion to approve the February meeting minutes was made and approved [Rice, Modlin].

Old Business

- Each region must report to bos@ncceh.org who their Regional Committee has elected to serve as the lead and provide minutes of the meeting when the election took place.
- Each Regional Committee can have a webpage on the NCCEH website. ARMM has finished theirs and Pitt County is currently working on theirs. Other regions should email nancy@ncceh.org to begin.
- BoS Structure Review Committee
 - This is a new, temporary committee whose purpose is to review BoS policies and procedures. The committee will provide guidance to NCCEH on creating structure within the BoS. NCCEH will use this guidance to create a manual for new areas that have not participated previously and to provide the best TA possible to all regions.

- NCCEH will send out an email reminder about joining the Structure Review Committee, and anyone interested in participating should respond.

Federal Policy Update

- HUD: HEARTH Legislation
 - We expect the 2010 CoC application to look the same as last year's, but a new application should be in place in 2011 and it will look very different.
 - All program types will be combined (SHP, S+C, etc.).
 - The match requirement will be required across the whole BoS, not per project, and will change to 25%, including cash and in-kind resources. It is not yet clear when the 25% requirement will go into effect for renewals of existing projects.
 - Rural continua can choose to compete under rural grants so that they compete against other rural areas. The rural application will look different than the application for urban areas.
 - Some admin money for coordinating the CoC will be available.
 - The ESG program will change to Emergency Solutions Grant and will be able to fund HPRP-like activities.
 - HUD Headquarters is looking at the TA they can provide to CoCs. We all should anticipate seeing and having to learn about the changes in the next year. The changes should be posted on the HUD HRE website in the future, and NAEH is working on materials about the HEARTH legislation and what communities should do to prepare for it.
- US Interagency Council on Homelessness (US ICH)
 - HUD, DHHS, the VA, and other federal agencies serve on this committee. Barbara Poppe, the former Community Shelter Board director in Columbus, OH, is the new ICH director.
 - The HEARTH legislation requires the ICH to create federal Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness by May 20.
 - The ICH has a website where interested parties can give feedback on what should be in the plan: <http://fsp.uservoice.com>. The forum is open until Monday, March 15.
 - The ICH will also be holding several forums across the country.
 - Denise represented North Carolina's interests while participating in a feedback session in Los Angeles and a Chronic Homelessness Workgroup in Washington, DC.
- McKinney-Vento Appropriations
 - Congress is taking up appropriations this week for fiscal year 2011.
 - Advocates are requesting \$2.4 billion for McKinney-Vento, which is the amount needed to fully implement the HEARTH legislation. The President has \$2.055 billion in his budget.
- AHAR (Annual Homelessness Assessment Report)

- The AHAR uses HMIS information from communities across the country to produce a national report on homelessness to Congress.
- The BoS contributed information this year, but our HMIS data was only used for one of the four categories (transitional housing for families). In the other three categories (emergency shelter for singles, emergency shelter for families, and transitional housing for singles) the HMIS data was not complete enough to be accepted. HMIS participation has to go up so the BoS can fully contribute to the AHAR. The AHAR is used to determine policy and funding, and our communities need to be represented.

Upcoming Activities

- Point-in-Time Count data will be compiled in March.
- The eHIC and PIT must be reported to HUD through esnaps between April 1 and 30 this year, instead of being part of the CoC application process as they were last year.
- Renewal grantees should have received an email from Libby Stanly that HUD will be communicating with grantees via email this year, not through regular mail.
 - Anyone who has problems should contact NCCEH.
- An email went out last week from CHIN about eleven trainings they have lined up in the next month. Dates and times are posted on the CHIN website (nchomeless.org) and on the NCCEH calendar. Regional leads should encourage agencies in their communities to attend if they need training.
- The BoS Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing, and Families subcommittees will meet in April. NCCEH will be in contact with committee leads in the next week.
- The new Structure Review Committee will meet and develop policies and procedures for the BoS.
- NCCEH will be doing more regional TA, attending Regional Committee meetings, and responding to specific TA requests.

Regional Committee Updates

- Pitt County saw a decrease in their unsheltered chronically homeless population in this year's PIT, a trend that started about 4 years ago. Some people known from past years are now housed through the HUD-VASH program. Their housing inventory saw an increase in PSH, which was a goal emphasized in their Ten-Year Plan. Their SOAR program has 3 trained staff, one to be housed at Greenville Community Shelter, and they are working with the police department to refer people from the street to SOAR caseworkers.
- Onslow County is developing a relationship with the homeless coordinator from the VA. Onslow has been designated an underserved area and now needs to learn how to access resources.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 6 at 10:30 AM.