



North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Veteran Subcommittee

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1-4 pm

Committee Members Present: Terry Allebaugh, Michelle Blanding, Allison Bond, Marsheta Boyton, Jeff Doyle, Rose Fisher, Mary Fisher Murray, Branden Lewis, James Prosser, John Rakes, Reginald Roy, Jeff Smith, Tiana Terry, Ellecia Thompson, Larry McMullen, Jennifer Herb

Committee Members Absent: Flo Stein, Nicole Dewitt, Brad Stroud

Others Present: Michelle Bates, Jessica Maples, Lucas Vrbsky, Alyce Knaflich, Leo Ficht, Sylvia Senbel

Staff Present: Emily Carmody, Terry Allebaugh, Brian Alexander, Tom Albanese (Abt)

Welcome and Introductions

- Members, staff, and other attendees introduced themselves

Overview of Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC)

- BoS staff provided an overview of the Continuum of Care Including:
 - Definition of Continuum of Care
 - Location of 12 NC CoCs
 - Overview of current and future Regional Committee structure
 - Responsibilities of CoC: CoC Management, System Planning, Data Collection
 - Steering Committee vs. Regional Committee responsibilities

Overview of USICH Benchmarks and Criteria

- Member, Terry Allebaugh, presented an overview of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness' Benchmarks and Criteria to End Veteran Homelessness
 - The community has identified all veterans experiencing homelessness
 - The community provides shelter immediately to any veteran experiencing unsheltered homelessness who wants it
 - The community provides service-intensive transitional housing in limited instances
 - The community has capacity to assist veterans to swiftly move into permanent housing
 - The community has resources, plans, and system capacity in place should any veteran become homeless, or be at risk of homelessness in the future
- 3 states and 35 communities in the US have met the USICH criteria and benchmarks to date
- 2 communities (Forsyth and Cumberland Counties) in NC have met the criteria for ending veteran homelessness. 1 community (Durham) in NC has met the criteria for ending chronic veteran homelessness.
- In NC, state efforts this year will center on:

- Continuing the work of the Governor’s Task Force to End Veteran Homelessness.
- Holding a Grant Per Diem Summit to address continuing issues and changes in program design for the upcoming grant cycle
- Building on the work from the Rapid Results Bootcamp
- Addressing veteran homelessness in rural areas

Envisioning the Work of the Veteran Subcommittee

- The BoS CoC Steering Committee approved the formation of a Veteran Subcommittee in August 2016 to:
 - Finalize and recommend a Balance of State CoC Plan to End Veteran Homelessness
 - Provide ongoing oversight of the plan
 - Support implementation of the 13 Regional plans to end homelessness
 - Evaluate veteran data, including the by-name list
 - Address barriers
- First action step is to review and recommend a plan to the BoS CoC Steering Committee for approval

NC BoS CoC Veteran Plan Review

- BoS staff reviewed the draft plan created in conjunction with the five BoS CoC Supportive Services for Veteran Families providers over the last 6 months
 - Goal: To meet the USICH Benchmarks and Criteria by the end of 2017
 - How: Develop regional veteran systems in each of the 13 Regional Committees
 - Primary SSVF providers will act as navigators for homeless veterans
 - First responder to help veterans access/navigate local system, whether eligible or ineligible for VA programs
 - Add veteran to local by-name list
 - Question: If veteran is ineligible for VA programs, can the CoC require CoC-funded and/or ESG-funded programs to prioritize homeless veterans for permanent housing? Answer: This is possible but would need to be approved by the BoS CoC Steering Committee
 - Challenges:
 - Region 11 does not have full coverage
 - Increased staff capacity at the CoC-level needed
 - CoC-wide access point
 - Flexible funding for emergency shelter and permanent housing needs
 - Increase in VA contract beds for emergency shelter
 - Housing preferences that prioritize veterans
 - Staff reviewed each section and members provided feedback to make changes
 - Motion made to incorporate the changes from membership and recommend the BoS CoC Plan to End Veteran Homelessness to the BoS CoC Steering Committee for approval (Doyle/Prosser) – motion carried

Next steps

- Meeting frequency: every other month. BoS staff will provide a Doodle poll to determine date of next meeting in January 2017
- Workgroup: BoS staff will ask for volunteers for a workgroup to develop a plan template for the 13 regional plans

Next meeting:

TBD



