



North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Balance of State Steering Committee Workgroup Meeting

Monday, March 20

10am – 3pm

Attendance

Workgroup members: Melissa McKeown, LaTasha McNair, Teena Willis, Jim Cox, Monica Frizzell

BoS Staff: Brian Alexander, Ehren Dohler

Goals

The group agreed upon the following list of goals that they would like the Steering Committee to achieve:

- A. Strengthen CoC funding applications by setting priorities and a holding a strong application process
- B. Improve strategic decision making, especially related to funding
- C. Conduct more oversight and monitoring
- D. Create networking opportunities, foster relationships within and outside of the CoC
- E. Provide needed and timely information to local communities
- F. Advocacy
- G. Increase connections to mainstream agencies and resources
- H. Create connections to new funding sources

Then combined those goals into three broader goals:

1. Decision-making and strategy, to improve grantee performance and future CoC applications (Goals A,B,C)
2. Building communication channels, capacity, and relationships within the CoC (Goals D,E)
3. Expanding connections to new partners and funding sources (Goals F,G,H)

Discussion about the status of each goal and how to achieve it:

Goal 1

- We currently do well, but needs tweaking
- Monitoring
 - Need NCCEH staff to provide more information to about grantee performance to Steering Committee
 - Monitoring could be carried out by a subcommittee of the Steering Committee
 - Additional capacity would be necessary, but this would be helped by adding seats.
 - Need to be mindful of how monitoring is presented and carried out. Unclear what the role of the Steering Committee really should be when it comes to monitoring.

- Need threshold amount of non-CoC funded seats on steering committee to fill a monitoring subcommittee to avoid conflicts of interest
- Steering committee needs a way to take action from monitoring.
- Need right representation and voices to make strategic decisions – adding seats that represent different views and populations, as well as people with lived experience would be helpful.\

Goal 2

- Steering committee could have liaisons to inactive groups or counties
- Currently, the short summary NCCEH staff sends out after the meeting is a key method to get information to the rest of the Regional Committees.
- Emphasis on Regional Lead position –
 - Need more training
 - Board orientation
 - Regional Lead Orientation/training
- Create subcommittees and give them more responsibility
- Create a board report prior to meetings, expectation to read it. Only items that need significant discussion will be on the agenda.
- Mentorships for new board members
- Could we have regular training calls on topics important to the whole CoC, outside of the Steering Committee calls?

Goal 3

- Advocacy updates via email or on Steering Committee calls
- Could have an advocacy training
- Could have regular calls about how to tap into resources/partner with mainstream agencies
- This goal would be much easier to achieve with additional seats on the Steering Committee: Adding mainstream agencies and other partners to the Steering Committee would give the CoC more access to additional resources and partners.

Other discussion about improving and adding seats to the Steering Committee

- With additional seats, we could have more subcommittees. This would increase buy-in and investment from Steering Committee members. Subcommittees would then report out at the meetings, which would streamline Steering Committee agendas.
- If we add new SC members from state agencies and others, they won't be as interested in or need the nitty-gritty detail. Need to make Steering Committee agendas more about strategy and big-picture decisions, and find another avenue for sharing some of the grantee-specific information.
 - Could have grantee-specific calls regularly, outside of the Steering Committee calls.
- The Steering Committee should have a balance of representatives that are CoC and non-CoC grantees, and a balance of Regional representation and at-large members.
- Need to more clearly define the roles of NCCEH, BoS Staff, and the Steering Committee
- Adding seats to the Steering Committee would achieve two goals: adding subpopulations to decision-making process and connections to state-wide agencies with resources
- Need to be strategic about who we ask to be on SC – need to be agencies that want us to accomplish our goals so they're invested.



- Adding person with lived experience good idea – need additional support for that person, also recommend having two. Probably can work with Terry and Champions for Change on this.
- Potential agencies to reach out to:
 - DSS
 - Public Instruction
 - Rural Health
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Law Enforcement
 - Corrections
 - State Hospitals
 - Insurance
 - NC Hospital Association
 - Housing Authorities
 - SECU
 - DV

