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Steering Committee Restructuring Workgroup

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

NCCEH staff present: Ehren Dohler

- As a reminder, the Steering Committee Expansion and Improvement proposal includes three broad goals and four specific changes to meet those goals:
 - Three broad goals:
 - Improve decision-making and strategy to improve CoC performance and future CoC applications
 - Build communication channels, capacity, and relationships within the CoC
 - Expand connections to new partners and funding sources
 - Four changes:
 - Add at-large seats to the Steering Committee
 - Add a Funding and Performance Subcommittee and a Policy and Advocacy Workgroup
 - Enhance Steering Committee meeting content and the process for information-sharing
 - Develop additional training for Regional Leads and Steering Committee members
- The proposal also recommends certain types of at-large Steering Committee members:
 - 1-2 people with lived experience
 - 3-6 representatives from state government
 - Representatives may be from: DHHS, Public Safety, HFA, Dept. of Education, Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs, Dept. of Commerce
 - 3-5 representatives from other sectors
 - Representatives may be from: the health sector, business sector, PHA, domestic violence sector, legal services, or youth homelessness sector
- The subcommittee discussed the best way to recruit people with lived experience:
 - Melissa: Starting with Champions for Change makes sense – they will have at least talked about how to do this.
 - Monica: can ask Regional Committees – do they have someone on their RC who might be good for this?
 - What if we have more than two candidates?
 - Ehren suggested put together information form and asking steering committee.
 - Monica: maybe cross that bridge when we come to it?
 - LaTasha suggested instead that the subcommittee should choose the candidates beforehand – having someone publicly voted down by the steering committee could hurt relationships. The rest of the subcommittee agreed.
 - Melissa: They have a former employee who was a former client. He served on Executive Committee for PRC. Semi-retired. Could be good. Melissa will reach out.
- The subcommittee reviewed options for each of the state government seats

- DHHS:
 - NCCEH brainstormed Jessa Johnson, Stephanie Williams (currently on CAC), Trish Farnum, and Jeff Smith as potential options. NCCEH will reach out to them.
 - Jim will talk to local DSS director about who would be good. State DSS conference coming up later in the month.
 - Jim also suggested the Office of Rural Health.
- NCCEH doesn't have great connections to the Department of Public Safety, but will talk to Nicole Sullivan who might be able to recommend someone.
- HFA: NCCEH suggested Paul Kimball, Jennifer Olson, and Emila Sutton as potential candidates.
- NCCEH suggested Lisa Phillips, who is the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison state-wide coordinator, to represent the Department of Education
- Terry Allebaugh will suggest potential candidates from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.
- Iris Payne or Melody Adams could be good candidates from the Department of Commerce.
- The subcommittee reviewed options for each of the other sector seats:
 - Health Care Sector:
 - Jim: NC office of rural health, Community Health Association, both good ideas. North Carolina Free Clinic Assc – based in Winston.
 - Jim knows people in office of rural health: He will ask both as a seat and for connections to free clinic and health association.
 - Jim could talk to director of local FQHC
 - Nicole Boone (regional lead for Region 11) works in a local public health office – she could be helpful to connect us to the state-wide association.
 - LaTasha: Someone from Vidant Duplin is active in their regional committee. She might be able to connect us to someone at Vidant who would be good.
 - LaTasha will talk to her contact.
 - The subcommittee brainstormed potential business sector partners to reach out to
 - Private foundations:
 - Jim suggested the Duke Endowment, RJ Reynolds
 - SECU
 - Jim will ask Pitt County about league of municipalities and association of county commissioners.
 - Home Loan Bank
 - State Chamber of Commerce
- The subcommittee brainstormed potential PHA directors
 - Stanly County: they just added a homeless preference in the last year. Melissa will talk to them.
- For the DV sector someone on the Women's Council or Dana Mangum from NCCADV would be good.
 - Ehren asked the subcommittee to talk to providers in regions for insight into who might be good.
- Legal services:
 - NCCEH brainstormed the NC Fair Housing Project, NC Legal Aid, and Disability rights.
 - Monica will talk to Pisgah Legal



- The subcommittee brainstormed potential people in the youth homelessness sector:
 - NCCEH can talk to the NC United Way.
 - Jim will talk to the local DSS director
 - LaTasha: Council for Women Youth Involvement used to be involved in Regional Committee – she can reach out.
 - Monica suggested someone in Juvenile Justice.
- Jim also suggested reaching out to the faith community.
- The subcommittee discussed the process for selecting at-large members:
 - Provide a job description and ask people to commit to it and sign it.
 - In advance of making the offer.
 - Candidates will submit a bio or resume for the Steering Committee to review
 - This subcommittee will make a recommendation to the Steering Committee to approve.
- The subcommittee did not have time to talk about the other aspects of the proposal. They will discuss those at the next meeting.
- The next meeting will be the second or third week of October. Ehren will work to find a time that works for everyone.



