



2018 Bringing it Home Conference

Featured Speakers

Day One

Satana DeBerry

Executive Director, North Carolina Housing Coalition

Satana DeBerry, a native of Hamlet, North Carolina, is a graduate of Princeton (B.A.) and Duke Universities (J.D. and M.B.A.), and brings nearly two decades of experience in policy, regulatory, governmental, administrative, human resource and contractual/legal matters. She's worked for the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Washington, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and Durham's Self Help Credit Union. Recently, during 2011-12, she served as Interim Executive Director of Durham Habitat for Humanity.

Secretary Mandy Cohen

Secretary, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Since being appointed as Secretary of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services in January 2017, Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH, and her team have worked tirelessly to improve the health, safety and well-being of North Carolinians. DHHS is a cabinet-level agency with approximately 16,000 employees and an annual budget of \$20 billion. Among her top priorities are combating the opioid crisis, building a strong, efficient Medicaid program, and improving early childhood education. Cohen is an internal medicine physician and has experience leading complex health organizations. Before coming to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services she was the Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). She brings a deep understanding of health care to the state and has been responsible for implementing policies for Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program and the Federal Marketplace. A graduate of Cornell University, she received her medical degree from Yale School of Medicine, a Master's in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health and trained in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. Cohen is married to Sam Cohen, a health care regulatory lawyer. The couple has two daughters, ages 3 and 6.

Jessica Holmes

Chair, Wake County Board of Commissioners

Wake County Commissioner Jessica N. Holmes received her Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law. She is licensed to practice law in North Carolina and New York. Currently, she is an education law attorney for the North Carolina Association of Educators. As a first generation college student, her top priority is addressing the cycle of poverty by ensuring access to a quality education for all students and taking a whole child approach to achieve greatest educational outcomes.

In November 2014, she was elected as the youngest commissioner ever elected in Wake County's history. She currently serves as the only woman on the board and is an at-large representative



representing more than one million constituents and managing a 1.2 billion dollar budget. She prioritizes family oriented policies and is responsible for Wake County's first ever implementation of a paid parental leave policy and a Fair Chance Hiring Ordinance.

She has a strong sense of community and enjoys serving as Chair of the North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children and on the board of directors of Wake County Smart Start and InterAct of Wake County. She formerly served on the board of directors of A Helping Hand, Inc. a nonprofit serving seniors and people with disabilities. Most recently, she had a vision to address affordability in Wake County and worked to create and lead Wake County's first Affordable Housing Committee.

Denise Neunaber

Executive Director, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

Denise Neunaber is the Executive Director of the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH), a position she has held for fourteen years. A native of Austin, Texas and a graduate of Warren Wilson College near Asheville, North Carolina, Denise began working to find an end to homelessness as a Crisis Intervention Counselor in Asheville, working with homeless individuals to access resources and services.

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Dr. Matthew King

Director of Community Planning and Development, HUD Greensboro Field Office

Dr. Matthew T. King joined the HUD Greensboro Field Office as Director of Community Planning and Development in July 2017. He is responsible for the oversight of the Community Planning and Development field office staff and management of the portfolio of all CPD programs for the State of North Carolina. He has been with the organization for seven years and has nine years of previous



experience working with HUD programs at the local government level in a variety of capacities. Previously, Dr. King has worked as a Community Planning and Development Representative with HUD in Milwaukee, WI. He also has several years' experience in local government working as the Housing Enforcement Supervisor in the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, where he gained demonstrated experience in HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Housing Quality Standards (HQS) programs. Prior to being promoted to Housing Enforcement Supervisor, he served as a Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator for the city where he gained demonstrated experience in working with a broad range of CPD community, neighborhood and economic development programs, including five (5) years with CDBG, CDBG-Recovery, CDBG-Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 (NSP 1), and HOME sub-recipient activities. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from the University of Texas Arlington, and a Ph.D. in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas in August 2009.

Champions for Change Panelists

Terry Allebaugh, Moderator

Community Impact Coordinator, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

Terry Allebaugh has dual roles as the Community Impact Coordinator for the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH) and with the North Carolina Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (NCDMVA) as the Ending Veteran Homelessness Coordinator. His primary responsibilities include advocacy and education on the federal, state, and local level to enact policy, encourage funding, and provide technical support for activities that assist NC communities to end all homelessness, with a special emphasis on veterans. Mr. Allebaugh was the founder and long-time Executive Director of Housing for New Hope in Durham. He has 30 years of experience working as a housing and services provider both to build new housing and to create access to sustainable, affordable housing for people stymied in homelessness. Mr. Allebaugh also is an adjunct professor of housing at the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy. He can be reached at 919-755-4393 or terry@ncceh.org

Lisa Brand

Champions for Change

Lisa Diana Brand is a mother, veteran, and advocate for those experiencing homelessness. Originally from Bridgeport, Connecticut, she grew up in Fayetteville, and moved to Durham in 2017. Ms. Brand joined the Army when she turned 18 years old and is a combat veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq. She is a proud mom of three sons: Jordan, 21; Damon, 11, and; Xavier, 10. They are the bright lights in her life. She is a member of the Durham Chapter of Champions for Change



Eric Edwards

Champions for Change

After obtaining his BA, Eric Edwards worked as a lab technician for local government for 10 years. However, the loss of his 5 year old son sent him into a downward spiral of drug use and heavy drinking. After several encounters with the law that ultimately led Eric to checking into rehab, he also became homeless. Two days before Christmas 2015, Eric was at the same shelter he is now the manager of. Just this past, December Eric moved into his own home for the first time. Eric serves on the Champions 4 Change Board and is currently working to open a chapter in Brevard, NC. Eric is a member of Civitan, a help coach for the Special Olympics, and teaches a Getting Ahead program for those with troubled pasts. Things have come full circle for Eric, and he pays it forward any chance he can!

Ruebe Holmes

Champions for Change

Ruebe Holmes is a native of Durham, NC. She is a graduate of Duke University and currently a graduate student at North Carolina Central University. She serves on the Durham County Women's Commission and the NC Inter-agency Council to End Homelessness. She is an advocate for women's issues and ending homelessness.

Workshop Speakers

Brian Alexander

Project Director, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

In April 2016, Brian Alexander joined the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH), a statewide membership nonprofit that works to secure resources, encourage public dialogue, and advocate for public policy change to end homelessness. Brian works as part of the team overseeing the NC Balance of State Continuum of Care, the 79 County region creating a system of care and implementing best practice programs to end homelessness. Brian has worked in homeless services since 2003. Starting as a front-line worker at Homeward Bound of WNC's day center, he transitioned to multiple roles within the agency including shelter director, supportive housing case manager, operations director, and finally Executive Director in his final six years. Under his leadership, Homeward Bound evolved from a traditional homeless service agency focused on basic needs to one leading its community in ending homelessness using Housing First programs. During his tenure, Homeward Bound permanently housed over 1400 individuals with a housing retention rate of 89%, leading the community to a reduction in chronic homelessness by 75%. Brian has served as a community leader on the Asheville/Buncombe County Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee and as Regional Lead in Balance of State.

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Nicole Bagley

Case Manager Journey Family, Urban Ministries of Durham

Nicole Bagley has been employed with Urban Ministries of Durham for almost 7 years in the role of Journey Family Case Manager. Prior to coming to UMD, Nicole gained experience as a Social Worker at Durham County DSS and has experience as a both Mental Health Worker and Director. Nicole has both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Social Work, and her MSW concentration was Community Mental Health. Nicole is a part of the Coordinated Intake Advisory Committee which designed the Coordinated Intake process for homeless families in Durham. In addition to serving homeless families, Nicole has an interest in trauma informed care and crisis management, as well as ending childhood hunger.

Chris Battle

Homeless Programs Coordinator, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services

Chris Battle is the ESG Homeless Programs Coordinator for the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS). As Homeless Programs Coordinator Chris provides program coordination, monitoring and technical assistance for North Carolina's federal HUD Emergency Solutions Grant. Prior to joining the NC DHHS, Chris served 15 years as Executive Director of a private non-profit, serving the homeless and nearly homeless population of Nash and Edgecombe Counties. Chris worked tirelessly within the community as a "champion" for change while pursuing his never-ending quest to end homelessness in eastern North Carolina. Serving as the community CoC lead for 8 years in conjunction with the development and implementation of innovative Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing programs, Chris played a significant role in effecting positive change while moving the community towards progressive engagement and a housing focused approach in addressing homelessness.

Ben Bradley

Project Specialist, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness



Ben Bradley is a passionate advocate for data-driven analysis and decision making in the nonprofit sector. Ben graduated from Rowan University with an undergraduate degree in Entrepreneurship and Economics and spent over two years working with AmeriCorps, leading teams for their NCCC program across the country. After seeing the need for business acumen and data analysis in nonprofits, Ben went on to receive his MBA from NC State University with a focus on Non Profit Management and Data Analytics. Ben joined the NCCEH team in January as a Project Specialist to help manage the HMIS Transition and other data-centric projects for the organization.

Andrea Carey

Support Specialist, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

Andrea Carey is currently a Support Specialist at the NCCEH Data Center. She is originally from Seattle, Washington, graduating from the University of Washington in Political Science. Prior to joining NCCEH two years ago, Andrea was a trainer, organizer, communications specialist and all-around nerd. At the Data Center, she is kept on her toes with all of the great questions fielded through Helpdesk and is excited to share the secrets of HMIS with you! Andrea enjoys connecting both the providers and the community to the power of data and developing efficient systems for social justice.

Emily Carmody

Program Director, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

In May 2010, Emily Carmody joined the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH), a statewide membership nonprofit that works to secure resources, encourage public dialogue, and advocate for public policy change to end homelessness. Emily is the state lead for the NC SOAR program and advises on projects concerning health and human services. Emily has worked in homeless services for ten years in Connecticut, Washington, DC, Michigan, and North Carolina. After receiving her Master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan in 2007, Emily moved to Durham, NC, where she was a member of the Durham County PATH outreach team for 2 years.

Kelice Chance

CPD Financial Analyst, HUD Greensboro Field Office

Kellice Chance joined the Greensboro Field Office of HUD over ten years ago. She serves as the Community Planning and Development (CPD) Financial Analyst. In this capacity she helps manage, support, and maintain fiscal compliance for all grantees throughout the state of North Carolina receiving CDBG, HOME, ESG, HPWA, and COC funding. She is also a Certified Public Accountant who has worked for the US Department of Human Services, Environmental Protection Agency, and NC Office of the State Auditor.

Kelly Clarke

Supervising Attorney, Fair Housing Project, Legal Aid services of NC



Kelly Clarke is the supervising attorney of Legal Aid of North Carolina's Fair Housing Project, North Carolina's only statewide full-service fair housing organization. The project's mission is to eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity for all North Carolinians through education, outreach, public policy initiatives, advocacy and enforcement. In her position, which she has held since 2011, Clarke has litigated statewide fair housing cases as lead counsel and co-counsel, and has expertise in cases involving discrimination based on disability and sex. Prior to joining Legal Aid's Fair Housing Project, Clarke served as a staff attorney in Legal Aid's Raleigh field office from 2004 to 2011. Before that she served briefly as a staff attorney in Legal Aid's Smithfield and New Bern offices. After earning her Juris Doctorate from the University of Denver College of Law in 2001, she clerked for the Hon. W. Earl Britt, Senior U.S. District Court Judge of the Eastern District of North Carolina, in Raleigh. Before becoming a lawyer, Clarke earned a Master of Arts degree in American Indian studies at the University of Arizona, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Wake Forest University. She is a native of Lee County, North Carolina.

Ben Cattell Noll

Technical Assistance Specialist, National Alliance to End Homelessness

Ben Cattell Noll is a Technical Assistance Specialist with the Alliance's Center for Capacity Building. Ben provides collaborative and interactive training, consultation and technical assistance to communities across the country seeking to adopt best practices to improve their homeless services systems with specific focuses on rapid re-housing, systems design and crisis response services. Ben got his start in the field as a permanent supportive housing case manager, developing his skills in participant-centered models and kindling his passion for ending homelessness. He has also managed a team of case managers and specialists within a Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) rapid re-housing program at Friendship Place in Washington, DC.

Kim Crawford

ESG/ Homeless Programs Coordinator, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services

As the new State of North Carolina ESG / Homeless Programs Coordinator, Kim Crawford brings a wealth of housing and homelessness experience to the program. She holds both a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Science in Corporate Communication from Lindenwood College. In addition, she has a Master of Arts, in Religion and Theology from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Kim is a results-driven leader that uses a "hands-on" leadership style to bring value to organizations and foster relationship building. As a change agent, she utilizes her strong business acumen to turnaround underperforming programs. Prior to her arrival at the NC ESG / Homeless Programs office, Kim was the Executive Director of two homeless centers. During Kim's short 4-year tenure in NC, she has served on or chaired several North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH) committees including: Coordinated Assessment Governance Committee, NC Homeless



Management Information System (HMIS) Governance Committee, Regional Lead BoS Steering Committee. Chaired the Alamance County Interagency Council for Homeless Assistance – ACHICA. Spearheaded conception and launch for the ACAC Food Pantry, the Alamance County Project Homeless Connect, and facilitated the successful execution of the first ACICHA “Bad Building Tour,” highlighting the poor quality of affordable housing in our communities. Through her work, Kim effectively promotes interagency collaboration to develop and sustain a comprehensive system of housing and services designed to maximize the self-sufficiency of individuals and families.

Ehren Dohler

Project Specialist, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

Ehren Dohler is a Project Specialist at NCCEH working on the Balance of State Continuum of Care team. Ehren came to Raleigh from Washington, D.C., where he coordinated special projects for the housing policy team at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Before that, he managed Kansas City's 100,000 Homes Campaign and worked on a PATH team in Chicago. Ehren earned his master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration.

Deena Fulton

Prevention Coordinator, North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Deena Fulton is the Prevention Coordinator at the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She manages NCCADV's DELTA Impact program, which aims to prevent intimate partner violence before it occurs. She focuses particularly on the root causes that make multiple forms of violence more or less likely to occur, trauma-informed organizational policies and practices, and evaluation of local prevention programs. Deena also serves on the NC Balance of State Coordinated Assessment Council. Before joining NCCADV, Deena worked at the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault providing training and technical assistance to local practitioners to support the Rape Prevention and Education program. She has also designed and implemented rigorous, mixed-methods evaluation for a school-based rape prevention program, worked in adolescent health, and volunteered in various capacities related to sexual health promotion. Deena graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a BA in Global Studies and a Masters of Public Health.

Romonda Gaston

Director of Housing Choice Voucher, Housing Authority of Winston-Salem

Romonda Gaston has been employed with the Housing Authority of the City of Winston-Salem (HAWS) for the past 17 years. She has been the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Director since 2008. The HCV program consists of approximately 4400 regular Housing Choice Vouchers 158 Moderate Rehab Vouchers and 150 Special Use Vouchers from the City of Winston-Salem.



Samuel Gunter

Director of Policy, North Carolina Housing Coalition

Samuel Gunter is a native Texan, and a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin (B.A.) and Duke Divinity School (M.Div). Prior to NCHC, he was the Faith & Advocacy Coordinator at Habitat for Humanity of Wake County and currently sits on the Advocacy Committee of Habitat for Humanity International, and the Board of Directors of both Habitat for Humanity of North Carolina & the Council of Independent State Housing Associations. Samuel has a background in public policy and community & economic development from his time at the Christian Life Commission, the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition and the U.S. Peace Corps. Samuel is also a Baptist minister and has served churches in North Carolina and Texas.

Jessa Johnson

Supportive Housing Policy Director, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Jessa Johnson holds a bachelor's degree in public planning and master's degree in administration from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ (go Lumberjacks), as well as a graduate certificate in Child and Maternal Health Epidemiology from the University of Arizona. Prior to moving to North Carolina in December 2016, she worked in an array of housing positions, including as an escrow officer, in a city housing and development department, serving on the board of a housing authority, and most recently in housing for individuals living with serious mental illness (SMI). As the Housing Administrator for Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care, holder of a fully integrated behavioral and physical health care contract acting on behalf of the State of Arizona, she oversaw a housing department that consisted of approximately 3600 units of housing for people living with Serious Mental Illness, as well as associated necessary services related to success in housing. Through expanding housing capacity and supportive services, the State of Arizona was able to complete the settlement agreement related to the 30+ year lawsuit, *Arnold v. Sarn*, which addressed the lack of integrated, community based services for SMI individuals. Jessa is married with 2 daughters, age 15 and 3, and has been spending her free time exploring North Carolina.

Brooks Ann McKinney

Director of Vulnerable Populations, Mission Health System

Brooks Ann McKinney, MSW comes to us from Mission Health System in Asheville, NC which consists of 6 hospitals, over 160 clinics, and almost 11,000 employees in a 16 county service area. Brooks Ann is driven by her belief that everyone should have equal access to housing and medical care, regardless of their income. She is determined to prove that we can serve the most vulnerable by addressing the social determinants of health in a large hospital system by collaborating with local and regional Continuum of Care agencies.

Starting as a case manager in emergency shelters almost 20 years ago, Brooks Ann soon realized that housing paired with medical, behavioral, and others support services is the only way we can realistically end homelessness. This led to her involvement with National Health Care for the Homeless Council(NHCHC), starting as director of a new medical respite program for homeless discharged from hospitals, evolved to working within a hospital system to be a catalyst for change. She is a board



member for NHCHC, NAMI, the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee under Buncombe County, and is a member of numerous committees that address gaps in services for the homeless on a local and national policy level.

The last 6 years with Mission Health System as Director of Vulnerable Populations, some of her projects include development of a new medical respite program, community behavioral health crisis center, task force leadership for Permanent Supportive Housing(PSH) project, and a New Access Point(NAP) grant approval for a Health Care for the Homeless Federally Qualified Health Center. In this FQHC model, clinic sites were included to allow physicians and other clinical staff to visit patients in shelters, subsidized housing, and permanent supportive housing sites. This collaboration has been proven to be successful to address cost savings and return on investment for projects focusing on the highest utilizers of the system. In the last year, her focus has been working with leadership of the system starting within the walls of the hospital to promote initiatives that serve vulnerable populations in the region. There are multiple ways in which the hospital now plays an active role within the Continuum of Care(COC). There are two large FUSE(frequent user system engagement) groups that work with the housing agencies to address the needs of complex patients from the Emergency Room and Department of Corrections. The hospital system is included in the COC's Homeless Initiative five year strategic plan and is involved with the community's Point in Time count, Code Purple, and various community groups for advocacy on a state policy level. Mission Health's Community Investment Initiative funds multiple projects for homeless services and agencies that provide medical respite care, PSH, with in kind donations to support the infrastructure of medical clinic services for people experiencing homelessness.

Brooks Ann's hope is that these examples will encourage other hospitals nationally to be involved with their community, and will open doors to funding and support...in hopes that we can end homelessness together once and for all.

Harry Miles

Senior CPD Representative, HUD Greensboro Field Office

Harry Miles is a Sr. Community Development & Planning Representative with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Harry is charged with the stewardship of the department's HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Continuum of Care(CoC) programs. His housing experience encompasses state and local government and Section 8/public housing tenures. Harry received his B.S. in Sociology from Saint Leo University in 2000 and a MPA from Old Dominion University in 2009.

Jenny Moffatt

Housing Specialist Manager, Homeward Bound

A native of Columbus, GA, Jenny Moffatt has spent the last 18 years in Asheville, NC. Jenny is a graduate of the University of Georgia and has a Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Georgia State University. She has been on staff with Homeward Bound of WNC since 2014 and is currently the agency's Housing Placement Director. Jenny and her team are responsible for all landlord recruitment,



retention, and client housing placements for the agency. When not working, Jenny enjoys watching SEC football and re purposing and refinishing furniture.

Courtney Morton

Management Analyst, Mecklenburg County

Courtney Morton is the Housing and Homelessness Research Coordinator for Mecklenburg County Community Support Services. Courtney's role is to connect actionable data and research with community stakeholders in order to inform and drive decision-making around policy, funding and programs that address housing instability and homelessness. Courtney received her Master of Social Work from UNC Chapel Hill and completed her undergraduate studies at Duke University. Prior to working for Mecklenburg County, Courtney worked for a local nonprofit that served families experiencing homelessness.

Kay Moshier McDivitt

Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, National Alliance to End Homelessness

Kay Moshier McDivitt is the Senior Technical Assistance Specialist with the Center for Capacity Building at the Alliance. Ms. Moshier McDivitt has more than 20 years experience developing and administering rapid re-housing and homelessness programs, as well as leading a local homeless coalition and Continuum of Care. As a Technical Assistance Specialist, she develops and delivers training and technical assistance on best practices, including rapid re-housing, retooling transitional housing and building a crisis response system. Additionally, Ms. Moshier McDivitt developed the Alliance's Rapid Re-Housing Learning Collaborative, which helps rapid re-housing providers build their capacity and adopt best practices. Before joining the Alliance, Ms. Moshier McDivitt served as the Community Homeless Advisor for the Lancaster County (Pa.) Coalition to End Homelessness, and also served as Vice President for Programs for Tabor Community Services Inc., during which time she oversaw a number of model program initiatives focused on ending homelessness, including prevention and rapid re-housing approaches.

David Nash

Chief Operating Officer, Asheville Housing Authority

David Nash is the Chief Operating Officer of the Asheville Housing Authority and served for six years as Chair of the Asheville-Buncombe Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee. He has worked closely with supportive service agencies on Asheville Housing Authority's collaborative efforts to place more than 1,300 veterans and others experiencing chronic homelessness in permanent housing over the last eight years. He is a NCCEH Board member.

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Cecelia Peers

Continuum of Care Administrator, Cape Fear Council of Governments

Cecelia Peers is the Homeless Continuum of Care Administrator for Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender Counties. She began this work in March of 2015 at the Cape Fear Council of Governments and prior to that has worked in homeless services for over 10 years. She has held positions in most aspects of the homeless service system, including intake worker, Mental Health Case Manager, Social Services Director and Manager of Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing. She holds a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology from Hunter College, City University of New York, and a Masters in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY.

Nicole Purdy

Support Specialist, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

Nicole Purdy is currently a Support Specialist at the NCCEH Data Center. She is originally from Michigan, graduating from Grand Valley State University with a master's in social work. She worked at a non-profit housing provider in Grand Rapids before journeying south for warmer weather. She worked at the Richmond Virginia Veteran Affairs Medical Center in the HUD-VASH program and then with the North Carolina National Guard in their behavioral health section prior to joining NCCEH a year ago. At the Data



Center, she is working on a variety of projects including Coordinated Entry. Nicole enjoys putting her program knowledge to use in a different setting and figuring out helpful ways to use and look at data.

Jef Rawlings

Rapid Rehousing Case Manager, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action Agency

Jef Rawlings' love of working to help people and change lives began at a very early age. He first came to Johnston Lee Community Action in 1982 as a sophomore in high school through the Johnson County Summer Youth Employee Program. He worked in whatever capacity he was assigned until he graduated from high school and entered NC State. While attending college, I worked in my church and with local charities feeding, clothing and providing financial assistance in Southeast Raleigh while also maintaining a full time job in the private sector. His professional growth in Internet Technology was his mainstay, but the majority of his free time was spent assisting others. He loved working in my chosen profession but the call to social work overwhelmed me. He left the private sector in 2007 and began working for a church based outreach ministry that provided health, nutrition, clothing, housing and financial assistance to the local Raleigh populace. He served in the ministry for 8 years and it was gratifying as he was afforded the opportunity to utilize both of my passions. During the final two years of his time in the ministry and to his surprise, he was offered the position of Crisis Intake Worker with Johnston- Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc. I worked in that capacity assisting families with heating and cooling crises through the Crisis Intervention Program for three years. He was offered a position in the ESG Rapid Re-housing Program in Lee and Harnett counties working with displaced families/individuals. He gladly accepted the position and once again had the opportunity to work in a job that utilized both of my chosen professions. In early 2017, a homelessness task force was organized in Sanford/Lee County. The task force under the tutelage of the NCCEH brought together the faith based community, nonprofits, civic organizations, four local shelters, interested citizens along with city and county elected officials and staff. Out of this gathering S3 (Shelter, Service and Stability) Housing Connect was born. S3 Housing Connect seeks to bring together the needed resources to create a coordinated approach to ensure that homelessness is a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience. He has been selected as the first chairman of S3. During this first year, they have aided in the establishment of the Bread of Life Ministries Extreme Weather Shelter to shelter residents during weather extremes; initiated an emergency hotel program for persons not being serviced by the local shelters and developed short term goals to address the gaps in the safety net for our unhoused neighbors. He most recently attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness, Ending Family and Youth Homelessness Conference in Los Angeles, CA on a scholarship and came home with innovative approaches to landlord retention being attempted across the country.

Tia Sanders-Rice

Data Analyst, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

Tia Sanders-Rice has been a data analyst with NCCEH since 2013. Her work focuses on program and system analyses using HMIS data. She has played key roles in improving HMIS data quality and compliance in North Carolina. Tia is passionate about data and enjoys reading HUD documents.



Tiana Terry

Vice President, Carolina Territory, Volunteers of America of the Carolinas

Tiana Terry started her career working with America's most vulnerable early on which she determined as being purely a part of God's plan. With her Bachelor's Degree in Communications in hand she began employment at a large data management company but when her son became ill she had to leave the position. The situation inspired her to become interested in Black Infant Mortality Reduction (BIM) that led her to join the team project at the hospital where her son was treated. While working with the families Tiana discovered a trend in housing needs amongst the families. Tiana continued to express empathy and compassion to the clients and staff until moving on to another path, working with the homeless population. A Transitional Housing program in her hometown of N.J for homeless women and children was her next step to assisting a population and circumstances that needed attention and is where Tiana provide direct services that exhibited case management, team work and collaborative skills. Tiana later moved from New Jersey to North Carolinas with a goal to continue her calling in helping those most in need. Once in North Carolina she began employment with the Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP). Tiana took this time to become familiar with the population, program, policies and procedures that was needed to become qualified in a well-rounded field. She knew this was the place she was destined to be. A few years later and a great deal of hard work the opportunity arose at Volunteers of America of The Carolinas as a Team Lead for the Supportive Services for Veteran families (SSVF). She quickly made several career advancements which is currently the Vice President of VOA Carolinas. In her roles at VOAC she has been a trailblazer in the homeless community collaborating with community partners in various concentrations while putting Volunteers of America of the Carolinas at the forefront. Tiana has been able to not only meet her professional goals of VOA Carolinas becoming one of the most well-known agencies leading the battle on ending Veteran Homelessness but also her personal goal of being spiritually stable, a wife, a mother, and have job satisfaction!

Jennifer Tisdale

Project CATCH Coordinator, The Salvation Army of Wake County

Jennifer Tisdale has lived in Raleigh for 25 years but began her work with the homeless in Washington DC in 1992. Always an advocate for the underserved she served as a Grants Director for Share Our Strength, a hunger-relief program in Washington DC, an HIV counselor for Planned Parenthood and in Cameroon Africa, as a Guardian ad Litem, the Legislative Liaison for her school district, a Director for a statewide program serving child abuse victims with the NC Attorney General's Office. A graduate from UNC Chapel Hill's Masters in Social Work and Public Health, she is now happy working back with the homeless population and coordinates Project CATCH (Community Action Targeting Children who are Homeless), a program of the Salvation Army, serving over 450 children a year in Wake County and conducting community wide trauma informed care trainings. Project CATCH is recent recipient of a Division of Child Development and Early Education grant which aims to work with collaborative partners statewide to increase access for families experiencing homelessness to child care and early childhood education providers and develop strong cross-sectional relationships. She is now happy to be coordinating a program that works to serve children experiencing homelessness in Wake County North Carolina.



Jasmin Volkel

System Administrator, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

Jasmin Volkel has been an HMIS System Administrator at the NCCEH Data Center since 2015. She currently assists agencies with their data entry needs, state and federal reporting, and improving their understanding and utilization of HMIS. Prior to that, she worked for several years in the child welfare system. First, as a youth-focused case manager at a Mental Health agency in Durham, then as a Graduate Research Assistant on a joint foster care project between Cumberland County DSS and NC State University where she earned her Masters of Social Work. Jasmin is a native New Yorker who currently resides in NC with her husband and children.

Tim West

Program Supervisor, City of Winston-Salem

Tim West supervises housing, community development and public service activities for the City of Winston-Salem and has been there since 1992. The City also serves as the Collaborative Applicant for CoC grants. Tim has been working on CoC grants since the first one in 1994. The City partners with the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem on many projects, and since 1994 they have partnered on special rental assistance projects including CoC Permanent Supportive Housing (or Shelter Plus Care) and the HOME TBRA program. The City and Housing Authority both are active members of the CoC.

Talaika Williams

Housing Manager, Trillium Health Resources

Talaika Goss-Williams has nine years of experience developing housing resources with a focus on identifying and increasing the community's capacity to welcome citizens with disabilities specifically individuals with mental health issues, substance use issues and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities. She has assisted in securing more than \$7 million in federally funded housing grants for people who are experiencing homelessness. She is currently the Housing Manager of the Housing Department at Trillium Health Resources. Prior to her position as Housing Manager she was a Housing Coordinator for the LME/MCO in the eastern part of the state, was the Lead Career Consultant for the Pitt County JobLink Career Center and worked as a Youth Career Counselor for several years within the Workforce Development System. Talaika served on the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness' Board of Directors for 6 years until March 2017 and currently serves on several committees. Talaika recognizes and believes without adequate, safe and affordable housing individuals are not able to truly recover and live a most fulfilling life.