

# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## Governance Board Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2026

**Regional Leads Present:** Derek Lancour, Kristin Dunn, Chasity Houck, Lauren Singleton Pendergraft, Erin Gaskin, Jai Baker, Tonya Gray Young, Terence Staten, Ashley Kornegay, Lakitra “Kit” Claude, Lynne F. James, Brian Fike,

**At–Large Members Present:** Melissa Hewitt, Angela Harper King, Jackie Lucas, Daniel “Danny” Jordan, Erin Joy Crossfield, Brooks Ann Mckinney, September Tuttle, Makala Perez, Cassandra Rowe, Joseph Chilton, Charlene Elliot, Allison Dahle

**Board Members Absent:** Region 8 (Dr. Dia Thomas and Priscilla Ward), Karen Carroll, Cynthia Figueora

**Interested Parties Present:** Alissa Pritchett, Amanda Temmermand, Amber Brafford, Angela Wallace, Anita Foxx, Audrie Capps, Bonnie Harper, Bre Griffin, Carolyn Proctor, Caty Martin, Charlene Elliot, David Pierce, Donna Hodges, Emilie O., Evelyn Campbell, Jana Elliot, Jessica Joyner, Joseph Chilton, Karen Chandler, Kecia Robinson, Kelley Hayward, Kim Hemphill, Kim Crawford, Latoya Smith, Laura Spivey, Lori Watts, Lynnae Trujillo, Melissa McKeown, Michele Walsh, Michelle Edwards, Monica Frizzell, Morganne Bert, Pamela Hinton, Peggy Hendrix, Rebecca Laton, Robert Hudson, Sade Craine, Shelly Ashlyn Chandler, Sommer Rector, Teena Willis, Tiffani Staten, Veronia Harris, Zachary Branch

**NCCEH Staff Present:** Dr. Latonya Agard, Alicia Harvey, Alicia Price-Blanks, Andrea Carey, Ashley Von Hatten, Dashia Shanks, Jenny Simmons, Joanne Cain, Mira Sanderson, Natalie Rivera, Natasha Posey, Rachelle Dugan, Teresa Robinson

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### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Without changes or objections, the consent agenda was approved by common consent. The consent agenda was circulated for review before the meeting and is available at

<https://ncceh.org/governance-board/>.

### **Balance of State Updates & Reminders**

Liz Carbone shared details about several upcoming opportunities:

- The **April Workshop Series** will take place on April 23 on The State of Fair Housing, presented by Legal Aid’s Project Director: Hope Williams. To register, visit:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfsw80sQc3KSYHCZFgMUKVAgwOLezwx3EcvL-au12KLMNJSA/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfsw80sQc3KSYHCZFgMUKVAgwOLezwx3EcvL-au12KLMNJSA/viewform?usp=send_form)

- Registration is now open for the **Bringing It Home Conference**, happening May 27–28, 2026 at the McKimmon Center. Both virtual (\$65) and in-person (\$125) registration options are available. We are excited to announce that Rene Willis (CEO and President of the National Low Income Housing Coalition) will serve as this year’s keynote speaker! To register, visit: <https://nchousing.org/bringing-it-home-2026/>

### **Back@Home Update**

Jackie Lucas provided an update on the Back@Home program’s progress and status as of April 1.

### **Program Exits & Outcomes**

- 130 households have exited the program.
- Of those, 58 transitioned into permanent supportive housing, indicating strong outcomes for individuals with the highest needs.
- An additional 10 positive exits by the end of April.

### **Current Enrollment & Support**

- 495 households remain in rapid rehousing:
  - 466 are receiving financial assistance.
  - 30 are receiving case management only as they transition off financial support.
- 25 households were enrolled through the Helene response, showing program adaptability.

### **Overall Program Snapshot**

- 952 households are currently enrolled across all program components:
  - 125 in SSO (Supportive Services Only)
  - 495 in rapid rehousing
  - 297 in permanent supportive housing
- Since its inception, the program has served over 3,000 individuals across 1,523 households statewide.

### **Funding Transition & Program Performance**

- Despite the expiration of COVID-era funding, transitions have been managed effectively.
- Most program exits are expected to be positive, reflecting strong program performance.

### **Key Success Factors & Ongoing Focus**

- Success is attributed to the dedication of service providers supporting households through transitions.
- The program remains focused on housing stability, thoughtful transitions, and responsible resource management.

### **Next Steps / Communication**

For any follow up questions, please email [backathome@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:backathome@dhhs.nc.gov)

### **Program Overview – Trillium Health Resources**

#### **Permanent Supportive Housing**

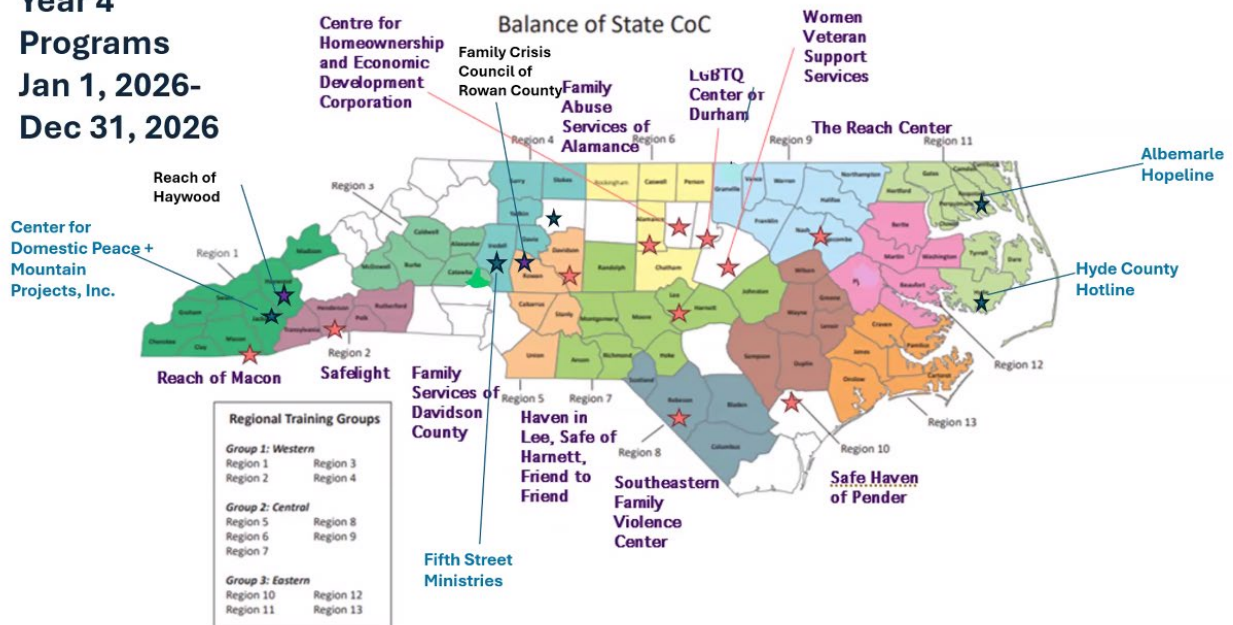
- Trillium’s CoC Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) grants serve individuals and families who are chronically homeless.
  - People who have experienced homelessness for at least one year, or repeatedly, while struggling with a disabling condition such as a serious mental health condition, substance use disorder, or physical disability.
- Covers 35 counties in eastern North Carolina
- Provides long-term rental assistance and supportive services.
- Serves approximately 160 households per month, 206 adults and 59 children.
- Total PSH annual funding: \$2,212,786.00

#### **Rapid Rehousing**

- Trillium’s CoC Rapid Re-housing (RRH) grant serves individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness.
- Covers Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow, and Pamlico counties.
- Provides short-term rental assistance and supportive services.
- Serves approximately 21 households per month, 25 adults and 13 children.
- Total RRH annual funding: \$266,459.00

### **Program Overview – North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

**Year 4  
Programs  
Jan 1, 2026-  
Dec 31, 2026**



**Homeless Definition, Category 4**  
Any individual or family who:

- is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;
- has no other safe residence; and
- lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.

**ESG and CoC Competition Updates**

**FY2025 CoC Competition Updates**

CoC grants expiring in Q1 of 2026 were awarded in a unique partial award announcement released by HUD on March 31. This is the first step toward grant agreements for two of our PSH grants, but we have not heard from HUD about when the remaining awards will be announced.

Also on March 31, NAEH announced that the US District Court of Rhode Island ruled that the newly imposed criteria for the [CoC Builds](#) funding opportunity were unlawful. This includes the disqualification of/point reduction for organizations that provide harm reduction services, have

specific inclusion policies for transgender clients, and operate in jurisdictions that don't have policies criminalizing public camping. The ruling orders the policies to be vacated and set aside and for already-appropriated funding to remain available for award.

On April 1, NAEH announced that the First Circuit Court of Appeals has rejected the administration's request to overturn a recent court order that blocked their attempts from implementing "unlawful and unreasonable restrictions" in the [FY2025 CoC Program Competition](#). This means that HUD must renew all existing grants that expire in 2026 and that they cannot implement the December 2025 NOFO for grants that expire in Q2-Q4.

### **Revising the ESG & CoC Local Competition Processes**

From April 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>, NCCEH staff responsible for hosting the ESG and CoC local competitions will be meeting in person to dedicate time to the revision of our processes. We recognize that both funding opportunities have been intensive application processes, and we aim to simplify each process to reduce the administrative burden on both applicants and NCCEH.

While there are federal requirements about what must be included or what must happen during these competitions, each Collaborative Applicant is tasked with determining how many additional components are needed to ensure adherence to CoC-specific funding priorities. We will have one of our HUD TA providers, Heather Dillashaw, joining us on April 8<sup>th</sup> to guide our revision process.

### **What's Under Review:**

- Utilizing ZoomGrants for both competitions, creating an organized workspace for our applicants and a place for NCCEH to keep materials for scoring reference [FY2025 CoC Program Introduction to ZoomGrants](#)
- How can NCCEH streamline our processes to reduce applicant burden and work alongside the NC ESG Office
- How to best utilize an Intent to Apply/Renew process, if at all for ESG
- What measures of grantee performance or capacity should we review during the competition vs. outside of the competition (reducing required documentation)
- Ensuring our CoC Grantee Agreement captures current grantee responsibilities and creating an ESG Grantee Agreement to clarify expectations
- How to support competition-adjacent activities such as CoC GIW review, timely APR/CAPER submissions, preparing CoC Applicant Profiles in e-snaps, etc.

### **Next Steps**

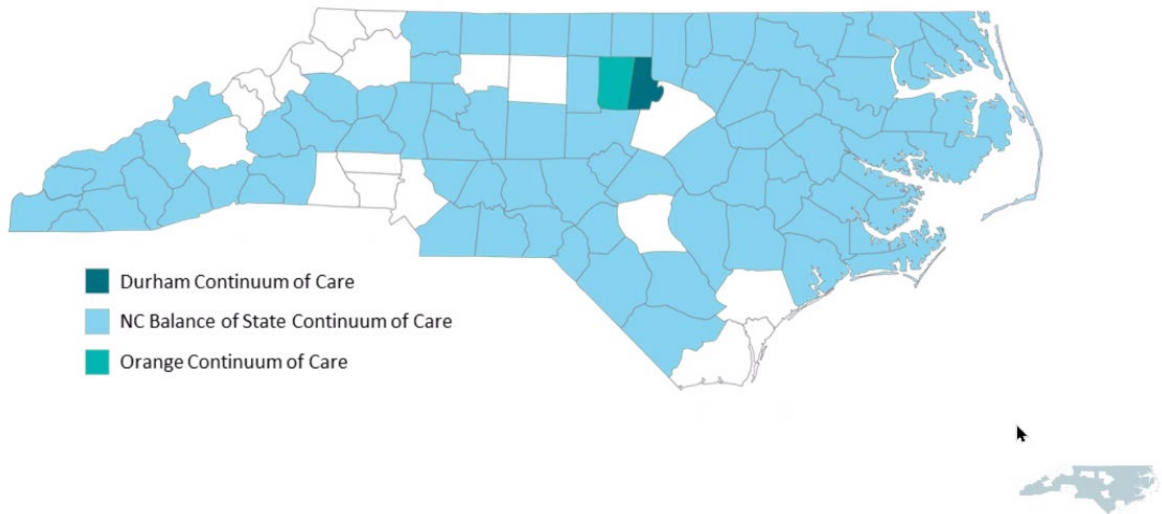
NCCEH will inform NC BoS CoC membership when we hear more about award announcements from HUD for CoC Program grants expiring in Q2-Q4 of 2026.

Stay tuned for announcements about upcoming ESG and CoC funding competitions, including competition revision summaries and informational webinars for new and renewal applicants.

<https://ncceh.org/events-trainings/>

### **HMIS Advisory Board**

## **HMIS@NCCEH is a collaboration between 3 CoCs & 81 Counties**

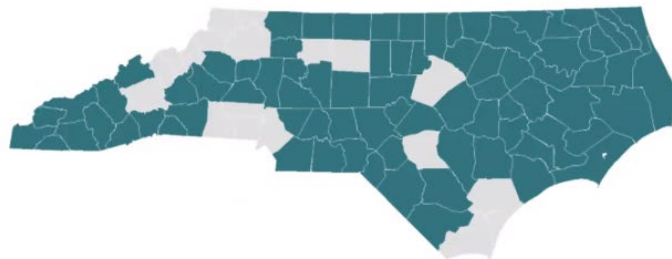


### **Governance decision-making**

HMIS Advisory Board reviews policies before they are passed by the CoCs

- HMIS Lead Agency
- Data Quality Plan
- Privacy and Security Plan
- Policies and Procedures
- HMIS Vendor selection

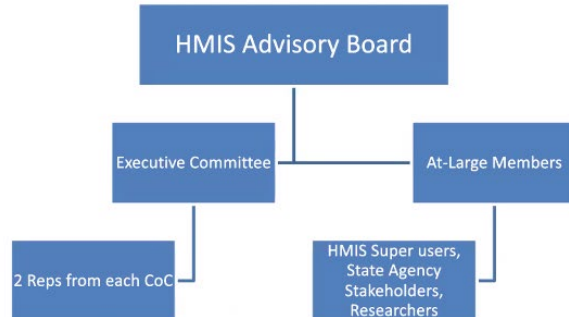
HMIS @ NCCEH 81 Counties



## Governance decision-making

HMIS Advisory Board leads governance on:

- Oversight of HMIS budget
- Oversight of HMIS Lead Agency
- Oversight of HMIS administration and configuration



## Your 2025-2026 HMIS@NCCEH Advisory Board

### Executive Committee

Colin Davis (Chair) and Anthony Henderson representing Durham  
Erin Gaskin and Jenny Simmons (Vice Chair) representing NC Balance of State  
Jessica Aldavé (Secretary) and Danielle DeCaprio representing Orange  
Andrea Carey representing HMIS Lead Agency

### At Large Members

Kateline Christiana (Orange County Housing Department)  
Dr. Mike Fliss (UNC/DHHS Injury and Violence Prevention)  
Kielana Ham (The REACH Center)  
Lola Johnson (Urban Ministries of Durham)  
Bettie Teasley (NC Housing Finance Agency)  
Nicole Wilson (Durham VAMC)

## Time to vote!

We need to replace one CoC rep and can add 1-2 At-Large members to support oversight, management, and improvement of the HMIS implementation.

Two excellent nominations came in:

For new CoC Representative: Audrey Dooley, Thrive, Region 2 Coordinated Entry Lead  
For a new At-Large Member: Priscilla Ward, Place of Grace

A Board Member asked a clarifying question regarding the number of representatives. Currently, there is one official vacancy for a CoC representative; however, there is always capacity for additional at-large members, and a nomination for an at-large member was submitted.

Audrey Dooley and Priscilla Ward were both absent and unable to verbally confirm their acceptance however, we are proceeding under the assumption that they have accepted their nominations.

Lynne James motioned recommending Audrey Dooley as the CoC Representative and Priscilla Ward as an At-Large Member. Brian Fike seconded the motion.

Staff will distribute a vote via email.

If you have any questions about the HMIS Advisory Board or are interested in helping improve HMIS, please feel free to reach out to Andrea or the Data Center team at [andrea@ncceh.org](mailto:andrea@ncceh.org) or [hmis@ncceh.org](mailto:hmis@ncceh.org). We welcome your ideas and participation!

### **Upcoming Meetings and Reminders**

- Lived Expertise Advisory Council, *Friday, April 10, 12 P.M. – 1 P.M.*  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
- Client Advocacy Collaborative, *Wednesday, April 15, 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.*  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
- Funding and Performance Subcommittee, *TBD, 2:00 – 3:00 P.M.*  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
- Coordinated Entry Council, *Monday, April 20, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.*  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
Meeting ID: 897 8280 4661
- Veterans Subcommittee, *Monday, May 4, 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.*  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
Meeting ID: 837 9246 1651

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## NC Balance of State CoC *First General Membership Meeting*



**May 27-28, 2026**

*More Information Coming Soon!*

### Next Governance Board Meeting:

*Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 10:30 A.M.*