



North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Governance Board Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

[Zoom Meeting Recording](#)

Board Members Present: Lori Watts (Region 1), Kristin Dunn (Region 2), Carolyn Proctor (Region 3), Lauren Singleton Pendergraft (Region 4), Erin Gaskin (Region 5), Jai Baker (Region 6), Tonya Gray Young (Region 7), Dr. Dia Thomas (Region 8), Anita Lynch (Region 9), Ashley Kornegay (Region 10), LaKitra “Kit” Claude (Region 11), Lynne F. James (Region 12), Brian Fike (Region 13), Kay Carroll, Angela Harper King, Jackie Lucas, , Erin Joy Crossfield, Brooks Ann McKinney, Tim Gunthrie, Makala Perez, Cassandra “Cassie” Rowe, Elizabeth Waugh, Charlene Elliot, Allison Dahle, Teena Willis, Benjamin “Benji” Horton, Kerry Bashaw, Timothy “Tim” Rogers

Board Members Absent: Emily Lowery (Region 2), Chasity Houck (Region 3), Melissa Hewitt, Lisa Phillips, Cynthia Figueora, September Tuttle, Rebecca Laton, Tara Peele

Collaborative Applicant & Lead Agency Staff Present: Dr. Latonya Agard, Andrea Carey, Alicia Price-Blanks, Tamara N. Owens, Natasha Posey, Mary Ann Priester, Natalie Rivera, Teresa Robinson, Jenny Simmons, Ashley Von Hatten, Mira Sanderson

Guests/Public Attendees: Approximately 69 additional attendees were present virtually.

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Quorum was reached and the meeting was called to order.

The consent agenda was circulated for review before the meeting and is available at <https://ncceh.org/governance-board/>.

Jackie Lucas motioned to approve the consent agenda without changes or objections. Dr. Dia Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no opposition and abstention.

COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT UPDATES

Current Governance Board members have been assigned staggered terms. Some members will serve one-year terms ending in July 2027, while others will serve two-year terms ending in July 2028.

The Governance Board also approved a Governance Charter amendment to add a new Regional Leadership position: [Regional Lived Experience Representative](#). This amendment will now be presented to the CoC Membership for a vote and must receive approval from a majority of voting members before it can take effect.

ESG Local Competition – Conflict of Interest

If both the Regional Lead and Regional Lead Alternate have a conflict of interest, the Region may designate an alternative representative who does not have a conflict of interest to vote on its behalf. This representative will serve only for the funding allocation vote during the Governance Board meeting on August 4 (ESG) or August 11 (CoC).

The ESG and CoC Team will contact Regional Leadership if a conflict of interest has been identified and an alternative representative is needed

Nominations for the Executive Committee are now open!

If you would like to self-nominate or nominate another Governance Board member for an Executive Committee Officer position, please email mira.sanderson@ncceh.org. Nominations will remain open through July 31. Executive Committee Officer elections will take place during the August 4 Governance Board meeting.

Regional Opportunities

There are currently vacancies in Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, and 11. Open positions include Project Review Committee Representatives, Scorecard Committee Representatives, Webmasters, and Unsheltered Access Coordinators.

To view the current vacancies and learn more about the roles and responsibilities of each position, please review the slide deck available on the [NC BoS CoC Governance Board webpage](#).

COC PROGRAM COMPETITION

- Local CoC Program project applications are due Friday, July 24, at 5:00 PM in ZoomGrants.
- CoC Program Competition Office Hours will be held on July 15 at 10:00 AM and July 22 at 1:00 PM. Please visit the Funding Opportunities page for additional information.
- The Governance Board will hold an additional meeting on Tuesday, August 11, at 10:30 AM to review and approve the Priority Listing recommended by the Project Review Committee.
- Regional Leadership has received a Smartsheet form to report Coordinated Entry (CE) case conferencing meeting attendance for existing CoC Program grantees in their region. The completed form is due Monday, July 20, 2026.

Collaborative Applicant Support Request

NCCEH has created a Smartsheet to collect information from NC BoS CoC member organizations about partnerships with other systems, including education, workforce development, foster care, law enforcement, and behavioral health. This information will be used to strengthen the Continuum of Care (CoC) Collaborative Application.

Organizations may complete the form individually, or Regional Leads may submit a single form on behalf of their region. While participation is optional, your responses will help strengthen the application, improve the CoC's competitiveness, and maximize potential funding opportunities. The form closes on August 7.

Partners Health Management was approved to be able to use the Transition Grant Request on their current Permanent Supportive Housing project to reallocate part of the existing project into a Transitional Housing project.

ESG PROGRAM COMPETITION

- Regional Review attendance forms will be sent to Regional Leads, Regional Lead Alternates, and Coordinated Entry (CE) Leads on July 14. Completed forms must be submitted to bos@ncceh.org by 5:00 PM on Friday, July 24.
- The Project Review Committee Applicant Selection Meeting will be held on Friday, July 31, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

2026 COORDINATED ENTRY EVALUATIONS

The 2026 CE Evaluations showed increased participation across provider and household surveys, with positive feedback on the accessibility and effectiveness of the CE system. Providers reported strong engagement with case conferencing and referrals but identified opportunities to improve the HEART assessment for individuals fleeing domestic violence, strengthen referral and matching processes, and address shelter and housing shortages. Household surveys indicated that most participants felt respected, understood the HART assessment, and were aware of their rights, though many emergency shelter respondents reported receiving limited assistance with finding permanent housing. The evaluation findings will be used to develop recommendations for the Coordinated Entry Council to improve the CE system.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND REMINDERS

Upcoming meetings and key dates, along with more detailed content, can be found in the slide deck posted on the NC BoS CoC page at <https://ncceh.org/governance-board/>.

Lynne James motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brian Fike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Next Governance Board Meeting:

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 10:30 A.M.