



North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Governing Board Minutes

September 1, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

[Zoom Meeting Recording](#)

Executive Committee Members Present: Allison Dahle (Chair), Priscilla Ward (Vice-Chair), Lynne F. James (Secretary)

Board Members Present: Lori Watts (Region 1), Kristin Dunn (Region 2), Chasity Houck (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), Latoya Smith (Region 11), Lynne F. James (Region 12), Brian Fike (Region 13), Kay Carroll, Melissa Hewitt, Angela Harper King, Jackie Lucas, Lisa Phillips, Erin Joy Crossfield, September Tuttle, Cassandra “Cassie” Rowe, Elizabeth Waugh, Charlene Elliot, Allison Dahle, Teena Willis, Benjamin “Benji” Horton, Kerry Bashaw, Timothy “Tim” Rogers, Maria Alyse Bryant

Board Members Absent: Ashley Kornegay (Region 10), LaKitra “Kit” Claude (Region 11), Brooks Ann McKinney, Rebecca Laton, Tara Peele, Charlotte Boyd-Malette, *Angela Wallace (Region 10 Alternate and Treasurer), *Makala Perez

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

Guests/Public Attendees: Approximately 67 additional attendees were present virtually.

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A quorum was established 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/>.

Dr. Dia Thomas motioned to approve the consent agenda without changes or objections. Erin Joy Crossfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no opposition or abstentions.

COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT UPDATES

Balance of State Updates

Subcommittee Updates

- The Veteran's Subcommittee is focusing on resource coordination, strategic recommendations to the Governing Board, and preventing and ending veteran homelessness, with guest speakers, data tracking, and system mapping being incorporated into meetings.
- The Lived Expertise Advisory Council (LEAC) is working to align its activities with the new Governance Charter and planning grant, while also developing a new invoicing process and exploring training opportunities and future priorities.
- The Client Advocacy Collaborative (CAC), formerly known as the Racial Equity Subcommittee, has reconvened after a significant break and is resetting its focus on advocating for policies and practices that improve outcomes for underrepresented individuals and families served across the Balance of State. The group is exploring new ways to advance its mission and is currently welcoming new members.

CoC Membership Meeting – September 23rd

A full CoC Membership Meeting will be held virtually on **Wednesday, September 23, from 1:00–2:00 PM**. [Registration is required](#), and a Zoom link will be provided upon registration.

CoC Program Litigation Update

Natalie Rivera provided an update on litigation surrounding the 2026 CoC Program Competition. She reported that the District Court of Rhode Island vacated the 2026 NOFO, resulting in HUD pausing the competition. She also reported that HUD had appealed the decision and that its request for an emergency stay had been denied. A decision on the appeal remained pending.

Natalie also noted that the experience has provided applicants and NCCEH with insight into the new application process and opportunities to improve future competitions.

Wrapping Up the FY27 ESG Program Competition

Tamara Owens reported that NCCEH submitted the ESG regional application on behalf of the North Carolina Balance of State CoC on August 20, ahead of the August 24 deadline.

Joanne Cain also provided an update on an ESG complaint related to an agency's difficulty accessing ZoomGrants and completing its application. The concern was reviewed by the Project Review Committee, which provided recommendations that were forwarded to the ESG Office, where the matter is currently pending.

FY2025 Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) Grant

Grant recipient responsibilities include maintaining HMIS by-name lists, conducting case conferencing, supporting outreach, prevention and diversion screening, referrals, grievance processes, and evaluating Coordinated Entry system performance.

The RFA and application will be released September 14, with applications due October 9 at 5 PM and award decisions expected by October 30. Grant agreements will be issued before Thanksgiving, with the grant period running December 1, 2026, through November 30, 2027.

Friday, September 4 th at 10 AM	Coordinated Entry & SSO CE 101 Webinar
Monday, September 14 th	SSO-CE Release of Application (RFA) and Application
Friday, October 9 th at 5 PM	SSO-CE Application and Budget DUE
Friday, October 30 th	Applicants selected and awards announced
Friday, November 20 th	SSO-CE grant agreements sent to regional grantees
Tuesday, December 1 st	Start date of FY25 SSO-CE grant

Quarterly Sharing and Visibility Updates

Teresa Robinson provided an update on HMIS visibility and data sharing, noting that recent changes have increased regional access to information to support better service coordination and communication. NCCEH is working toward providing quarterly updates as new projects are added to HMIS.

The most recent update occurred in June/July, with Region 1 still pending required signatures. No new projects were reported for the other regions included in the update.

Questions regarding HMIS visibility or data sharing can be directed to HMIS@ncceh.org.

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/>.

Dr. Dia Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kay Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 A.M.

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Next Governance Board Meeting:

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 10:30 A.M.