

Steering Committee Meeting

February 2, 2021

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Reminders

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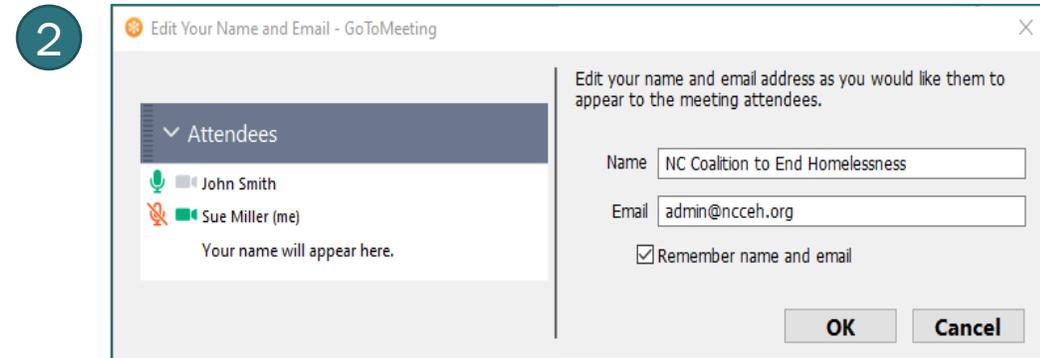
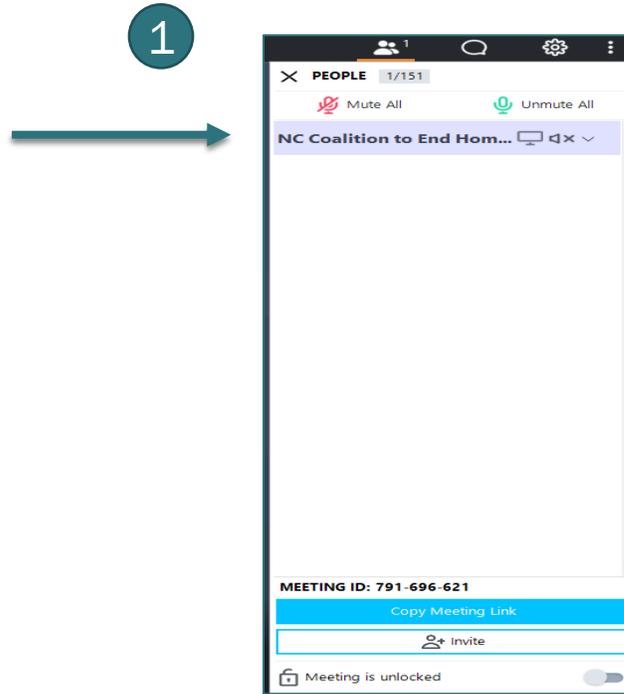
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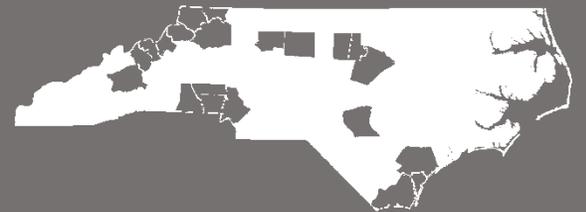


Roll Call

- We will conduct Roll Call for Regional Leads and at-large members to confirm quorum for voting.
- All participants should enter their full names, so we can document their participation in the minutes.



Agenda



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- Consent Agenda
- Public Policies Impacting the NC BoS CoC
- CoC Application Updates
- Coordinated Entry Evaluation
- 2021 Point-in-Time/Housing Inventory Count Update
- Emergency Shelter Learning Collaborative (ESLC)
- Upcoming Meetings & Reminders



Review & approve consent agenda

Consent agenda:

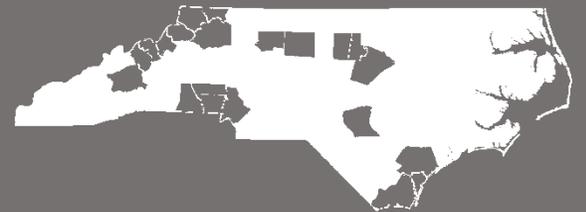
<https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/>

- The consent agenda was sent to the Steering Committee prior to the meeting as part of a board packet.
- The consent agenda will be voted on as a whole at the beginning of each meeting.
- Steering Committee members may request to remove an item from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

Changes or discussion?



Public Policies Impacting the NC BoS CoC



Rental Assistance

The primary issue affecting clients of Legal Aid of NC now is the lack of affordable housing and housing instability due to income loss during the pandemic.

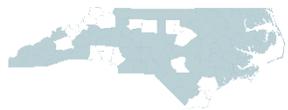
- Most families are over \$5,000 in debt to their landlords.
- The amount of rental assistance currently available is not enough to help every family that needs it.



Eviction Moratoriums

The CDC Moratorium, although helpful, is full of holes:

- It requires tenants to take action in order to receive protection (tenants are not protected until they sign a form called a declaration and give it to the landlord).
- Many tenants still don't understand how the moratorium works and therefore are not protected.
- Landlords are finding loopholes in the law.
- Since many judges are interpreting the law to mean the CDC Moratorium applies to nonpayment cases only, many landlords are filing cases for minor lease violations or simply sending a non-renewal notice for month-to-month leases in order to get around the moratorium.



Access for domestic violence protective order filings during COVID

The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence is advocating for legislative changes to G.S.50B-2:

- Increase court access for domestic violence protective order filings during emergency court closures
- Require Chief District Court Judges to ensure that a judge or magistrate remains available to hear requests for emergency ex parte domestic violence protective orders when courthouses are unexpectedly closed for inclement weather, COVID-19 exposure, and other emergencies.



Creating a stronger rural economy in the context of a rapidly changing state

The North Carolina Rural Center seeks to:

- Expand accessible, affordable high-speed broadband
- Stabilize and transform rural health
- Advance sustainable and affordable housing
- Revitalize water and wastewater infrastructure
- Invest in stronger entrepreneurship and small business development systems

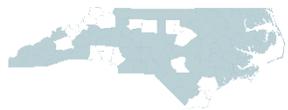
Rural Counts: 10 Strategies for Rural North Carolina's Future,



Housing, Insurance, and Infrastructure

NC Realtors elevates housing as a fundamental need for all people and explores ways to:

- Enforce Fair Housing laws, address the challenges of housing supply by advocating for the removal of exclusionary zoning and other regulatory barriers in order to maintain housing affordability and availability.
- Ensure development fees and approval processes are reasonable. We will address municipal actions regulating property rental and management, including but not limited to short-term rental regulation.



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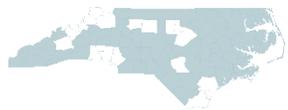
- Address insurance cost increases that affect homeowners and tenants in North Carolina. Drastic increases have been proposed in recent years and successfully blocked thus far. However, there continues to be a push for significant hikes in cost that could be detrimental to homeowners and tenants.
- Ensure that infrastructure has been and continues to be a priority for NCR members. Our communities need sound infrastructure to survive. Growing communities need expanding infrastructure to thrive. Unfortunately, many communities lack necessary infrastructure, especially in rural North Carolina. Needs include broadband connectivity, transportation, and access to water and sewer. Broadband is a main focus for our legislative team.



Keeping families in their homes to promote thriving communities

The NC Housing Coalition follows a policy framework that:

- Promotes equitable access to housing and opportunity that reckons with our long history of racist housing policies and practices
- Ensures that local policies facilitate an adequate supply of quality housing accessible across a community's income spectrum
- Advocates for reliable, dedicated, and coordinated public resources that meet the scale of the housing need.



The Biden Rescue Plan

- Committees working on it now
- Congressional leadership will make decisions
 - NC Congressman David Price is chair of Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development
 - NC Senator Thom Tillis on Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
- NAEH asks:
 - Money for homelessness - \$6.1 billion
 - Additional emergency rental assistance - \$30 billion
 - 500,000 vouchers - \$28 billion
 - Acquisition funds homelessness - \$44 billion
- Timeframe: mid-March



The Biden Recovery Plan

- Universal (“mandatory”) housing vouchers – historic – and may turn up in Biden’s “Recovery”
- Timeframe: proposal in late February after his “Rescue” plan.

Appropriations

- \$300 million increase for homeless assistance
- Timeframe: summer

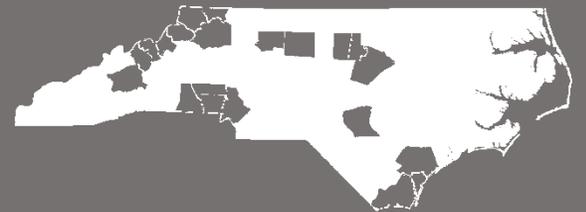


Reconciliation process

- Allows for expedited consideration of issues related to budget, like certain tax, spending, and debt limit legislation
- Can only be used once for each fiscal year and has not yet been used for FY21
- Only requires 50+1 Senate votes and cannot be filibustered



CoC Competition Updates



HUD released FY20 CoC Program awards on January 29th.

All eligible renewal projects automatically renewed at FY19 levels with requisite FMR bumps.

- 29 renewals totaling \$9,070,900
- CoC planning grant totaling \$387,230
- Next steps: HUD Field Office will begin contracting with agencies
- List of awarded projects can be found at: <http://bit.ly/3qXw9cm>

Bonus funding may be available in a separate NOFA.



The initial phases of the FY21 CoC competition have started.

HUD announced the initial steps of the FY21 CoC competition:

- Registration – released in esnaps: due March 4, 2021
- GIW – usually follows 6 weeks after the registration deadline
- NOFA - ?

NCCEH staff have begun to slowly prepare for this year's competition:

- Renewal Applicant slide deck with helpful hints: <https://www.ncceh.org/files/10628/>
- New CoC Applicant webinar: bit.ly/2T5vd7R
- Intent to Apply form still open



Intent to Apply form is mandatory for all agencies applying for new CoC funds.

Intent to Apply form has been posted to the NCCEH website at:

<https://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/>

- Any agency wanting to apply for a new CoC project in the FY21 competition is required to submit a form.
- Asks for preliminary information about proposed project(s)
- NCCEH staff will review and follow-up with the agency to discuss
 - Any agency that submitted an Intent to Apply form for the FY20 competition does not need to submit another.
 - Staff will schedule follow-up calls later in the year once we have more details.

Rolling-basis, non-binding

Deadline: 2 weeks after NOFA release



CoC needs agencies to apply for funds that can run effective programs.

Regional Committee leadership and at-large members can help recruit agencies to apply.

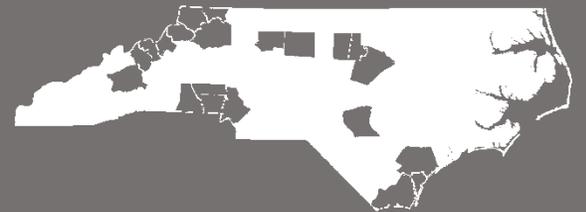
The CoC needs agencies with:

- Capacity to operate CoC programs
- Best practice knowledge
- Willingness to serve the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness

When talking or sharing information with perspective applicants, ensure they understand what is eligible for funding.



NC BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Evaluation

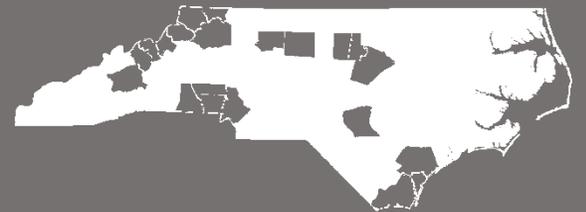


BoS Coordinated Entry Evaluation

- Shelters and Street Outreach programs
 - Unsheltered
 - Emergency Shelters
- Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing programs
 - Consumer Survey
- Service Provider Agency survey
- *Decision Point:* CEC will make final decision on surveys and dates during the February 15, 2021 meeting. (tentative dates below)
 - Rapid Rehousing evaluations – collection ongoing
 - Permanent Housing evaluations from March 1 – April 30, 2021
 - Shelter and Street Outreach evaluations from April 17 – April 30, 2021.



2021 Point-in-Time/Housing Inventory Count



"Snapshot" of our system

The count is a snapshot of homelessness on a given night.
(January 27, 2021)

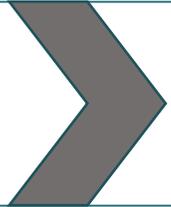
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Unsheltered PIT



*Unsheltered Clients
(Postponed)*



Coordinated Entry By Name Lists

The NC BoS CoC will not submit an unsheltered Point-in-Time Count this year.

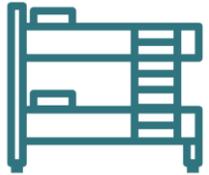
- Due to COVID-19 pandemic: Prioritize a safety-first for clients, staff, and volunteers.
- Connecting unsheltered clients to CE

2022 Unsheltered PIT

- How to utilize CE system for next year
- Later this year, we will meet to plan year-round access to CE.



Data Collection for Point-in-Time Count



Sheltered Clients in Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing



Non-HMIS Projects

Counting Us App submitted Jan 27-Feb 3rd



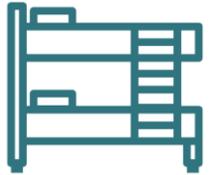
HMIS Projects

HMIS Reports submitted Mar 1-26th

NC BoS CoC is moving forward with the Sheltered PIT Count now!



Data Collection for Housing Inventory Count



All Clients in Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing projects



Non-HMIS Projects

Interview with NCCEH Feb 3-26th



HMIS Projects

HMIS Reports submitted Mar 1-26th

NC BoS CoC is on schedule to submit PIT/HIC well ahead of the April 30th submission deadline.



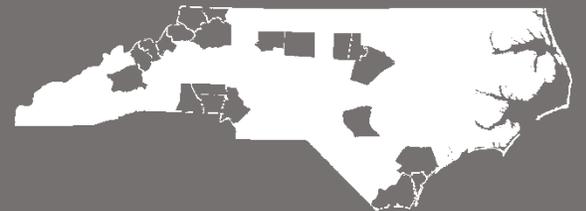
Stay Connected

<https://www.ncceh.org/datacenter/pointintimehowto/>

This page on the NCCEH website is the go-to place to find regular updates, trainings, and other important information.



Emergency Shelter Learning Collaborative (ESLC)



Role of emergency shelters in an effective homeless response system

- Shelters are vital to ending homelessness in North Carolina.
- People in a housing crisis will always need a safe and decent place to go that is immediately available.
- Shelters will most likely be the only place people receive help to resolve their housing crisis and get connected to permanent housing.
- Shelter eligibility, policies, and stays impacts performance outcomes and system flow.



The NC Balance of State CoC supports emergency shelters.

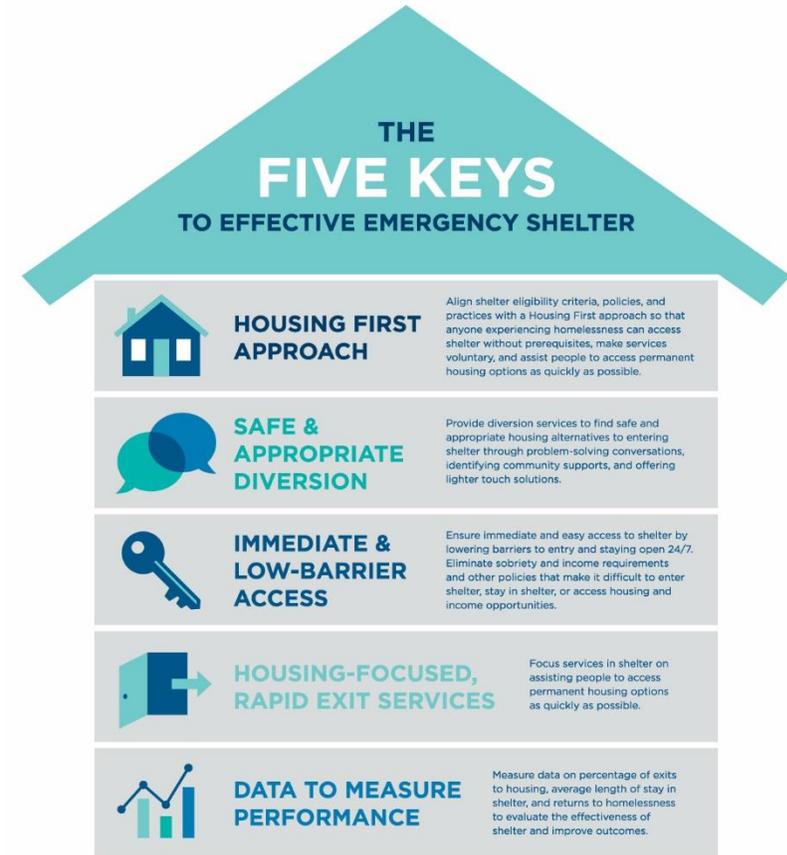
Across the NC Balance of State CoC there is a commitment to:

- **Implementing** a system-wide approach to ending homelessness
- **Aligning** emergency shelters' goals with state and local goals to end homelessness
- **Providing** low-barrier, safe, and housing-focused shelter to everyone
- **Increasing** the number of people that exit from shelter to permanent housing
- **Decreasing** the length of time people experience homelessness



5 Key Elements of an Effective Emergency Shelter

- Housing First Approach
- Safe and Appropriate Diversion
- Immediate and Low-Barrier Access
- Housing-Focused Rapid Exit Services
- Data to Measure Performance



The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) facilitated the Emergency Shelter Learning Collaborative in 2020

- The North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH) contracted with the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) to facilitate an Emergency Shelter Learning Collaborative.
- NAEH is a trusted national partner supporting best practice implementation and policies that end homelessness across the country.



The Emergency Shelter Learning Collaborative is a model for transformational learning.

- This model has been implemented in different communities across the country
- The ESLC has demonstrated success in driving change in:
 - Shelter philosophy - by adopting Housing First
 - Shelter policies - by reducing barriers to shelters
 - Outcomes - by reducing waitlists for shelter and increasing timely exits to permanent housing.
- The ESLC was a partnership between NCCEH, NC BoS CoC, Region 05 shelters, and NAEH



ESLC is a Peer-Learning Model.



Agencies worked together to set goals, troubleshoot, and review progress.



Collaborative efforts strengthened relationships in the region.



NCCEH will begin providing a new cohort-based model of ES technical assistance .

Will pair 2 or 3 shelters in a similar region together

Applicable to DV shelters as well as general population

Peer sharing and learning

Group accountability and goal setting



NCCEH staff will provide intensive training and support in addition to facilitating peer-sharing sessions and collaboration.

Training for case managers and shelter leaders

P&P Reviews

Troubleshooting phone calls



NCCEH will use an aggressive timeline to push ES forward and ramp up the urgency to get people permanent housed.

**3-month
intensive
learning**

**Additional 3
months of
monitoring and
support**



Technical assistance will focus on outcomes for participant shelters.

Increase timely exits to permanent housing

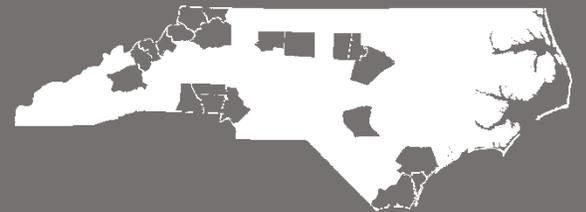
Decrease shelter waitlists

Improve collaboration with community partners

Improve ability to access funding



Meetings and Reminders



Meetings & Reminders

- **COVID-19 Local Leadership Response Sharing Call, *Every other Wednesday.***
February meetings: February 3rd and 17th at 1 P.M.
 - Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>
 - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
- **Coordinated Entry Council Meeting, *Monday, February 15, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.***
 - Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>
 - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
- **Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting, *Wednesday, February 17, 9:00 – 10:00 A.M.***
 - Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621>
 - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621



Meetings & Reminders

- **BoS HMIS User Meeting**, *Thursday, February 18, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.*
 - Register here: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1464/>
- **Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting**, *Thursday, February 25, 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.*
 - Presentation: uberconference.com/brianncceh
 - Audio: (401) 283-4752 Pin: 13939



Adjournment

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, March 2, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Keep in touch

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