

Steering Committee Meeting

March 2, 2021

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Welcome

Reminders

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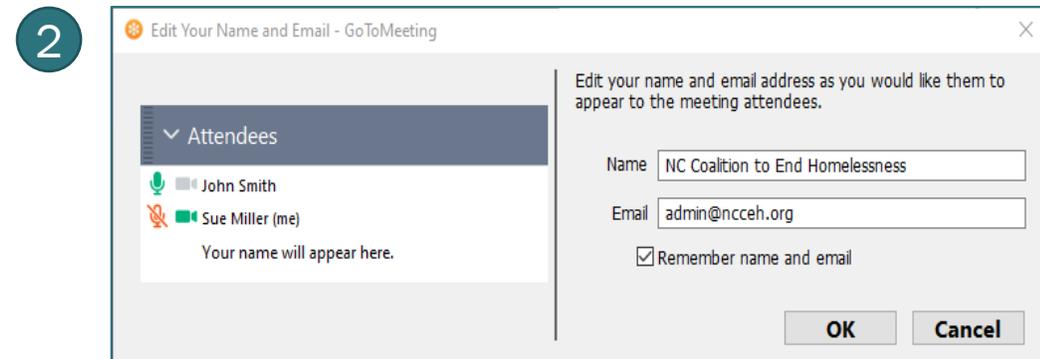
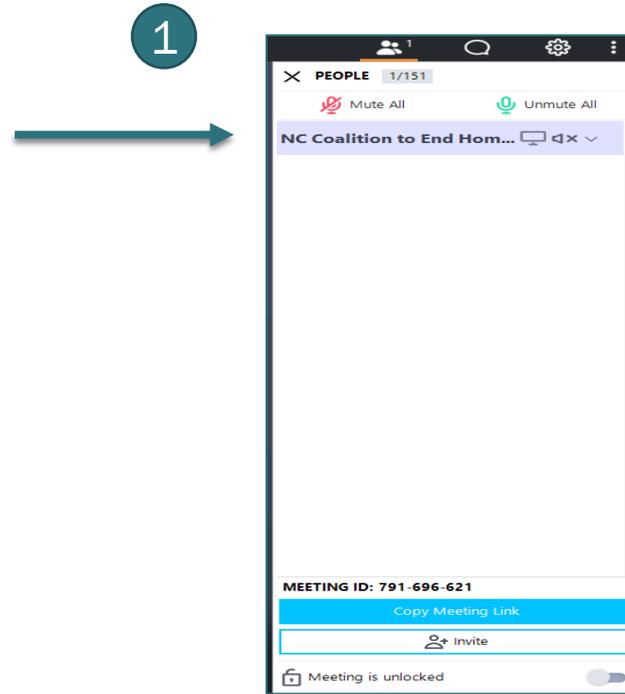
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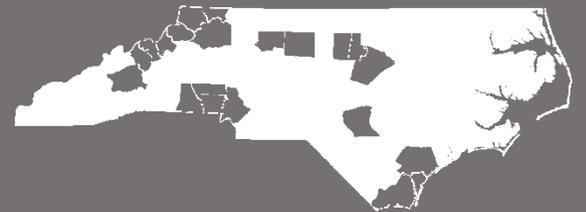


Roll Call

- 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
- FY21 CoC Competition and ESG-CV2 Awards Update
- Coordinated Entry Evaluation Launch
- Housing Connections Initiative Phase II
- Racial Equity Subcommittee Update
- State COVID Vaccine Prioritization of NC Homeless Population
- 2021 HMIS and ICA
- Upcoming Meetings & Reminders



Review & approve consent agenda

Consent agenda:

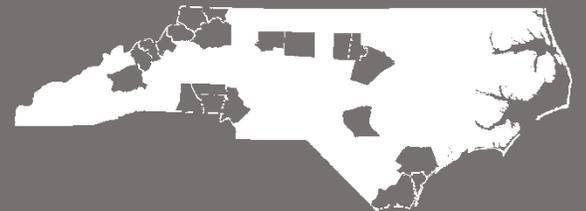
<https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/>

- 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?



FY21 CoC Competition and ESG-CV2 Awards Update



The initial phases of the FY21 CoC competition have started.

HUD announced the initial steps of the FY21 CoC competition:

- Registration – staff have registered on behalf of the CoC – due March 4, 2021
- GIW – usually follows 6 weeks after the registration deadline
- NOFA – early summer?

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

- FPS has begun preparing FY21 CoC Funding Priorities
- 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

Connect interested agencies to the Intent to Apply form or to bos@ncceh.org with any questions they may have.



NC ESG has given us a preliminary list of projects funded through ESG-CV-2.

The list given to the CoC is preliminary. Some Back@Home agencies are still working on updating budgets to include Homelessness Prevention.

- Total NC BoS CoC ESG-CV-2 Award: \$15,906,858
- All applications fully funded!
- The NC ESG Office is currently working on new and amended contracts, which may take some time because many are over \$200,000.

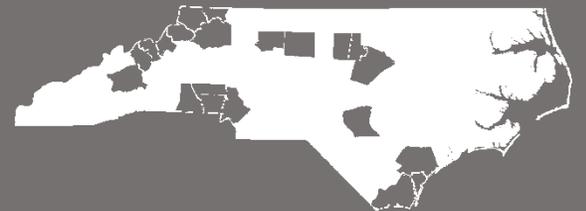


Agency	Region	ES	SO	RRH	HP	HMIS	Admin
HERE in Jackson County	1	\$69,848	\$3,060	0	0	\$4,500	0
REACH of Haywood	1	\$69,847	0	0	0	0	0
REACH of Macon	1	\$69,848	0	0	0	0	0
Vaya Health	1	0	0	\$216,503	\$204,930	0	\$38,312
Blue Ridge Community Health	2	0	\$184,087	0	0	0	\$9,204
Thrive	2	0	0	\$195,501	\$197,985	0	\$19,214
Family Care Center	3	\$118,265	0	\$203,821	\$12,755	0	\$13,747
Family Guidance Center	3	\$163,520	\$140,048	0	0	0	0
McDowell Mission	3	\$133,905	\$31,000	\$147,496	\$130,000	0	\$21,245
Diakonos	4	\$144,727	\$60,000	\$185,000	\$155,348	0	\$24,000
ECHO Ministries	4	\$225,000	0	0	0	0	0
Greater Mt. Airy Ministry	4	\$295,000	0	0	0	0	0
Crisis Ministry of Davidson	5	\$116,500	0	0	0	0	0
Community Link	4	0	0	\$189,484	0	0	\$7,500

Agency	Region	ES	SO	RRH	HP	HMIS	Admin
Family Crisis Council	5	\$14,677	0	0	0	0	0
Homes of Hope	5	\$48,501	0	0	0	\$5,000	\$2,175
Rowan Helping Ministries	5	0	0	\$170,984	\$136,000	0	\$13,000
Turning Point	5	\$25,837	0	0	0	0	0
Union County Community Shelter	5	\$791,059	\$10,000	\$357,478	\$271,040	0	\$71,293
Central Piedmont CA	6	0	0	\$137,571	\$20,685	0	\$7,913
Family Abuse Services	6	\$119,062	0	\$510,740	\$462,054	0	\$54,074
Johnston-Lee-Harnett CA	7	0	0	\$2,062,901	0	0	\$21,813
Friend to Friend	7	\$45,000	0	0	0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Outreach Mission	7	\$146,200	\$56,500	0	0	0	0
Southeastern Family Violence	8	0	0	\$873,855	0	0	\$45,992
The REACH Center	9	0	0	\$1,124,389	\$128,335	0	\$17,933
Hand Up Ministries	9	\$50,000	0	0	0	0	\$2,500

Agency	Region	ES	SO	RRH	HP	HMIS	Admin
Greene Lamp	10	0	0	\$302,750	\$495,255	0	\$37,393
Hope Station	10	\$81,500	0	\$558,389	\$184,200	\$16,500	\$20,600
River City Community Development	11	\$193,310	0	\$377,340	0	0	\$25,000
Center for Family Violence Prevention	12	\$99,360	0	0	0	0	\$4,320
Greenville Community Shelter	12	\$200,000	0	0	0	0	0
Trillium Health Resources	12/13	0	0	\$1,184,630	0	0	0
Onslow Community Outreach	13	\$363,681	0	0	0	\$2,587	\$18,313
NCCEH	All	0	0	0	0	\$151,423	0

NC BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Evaluation Launch



NC BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Evaluation

- HUD requires CoCs to conduct an annual evaluation of the Coordinated Entry System.
- NC BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Evaluation dates for 2021:
 - March 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021 for PSH surveys
 - April 17, 2021 – April 30, 2021 for ES/Unsheltered survey
 - RRH projects conduct surveys on an on-going basis
- CE Evaluation materials are located on the NCCEH webpage, under [BoS Coordinated Entry](#)



NC BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Evaluation

Information

Coordinated Entry Written Standards

The Coordinated Entry Written Standards provide an outline for coordinated entry policy and procedures the Balance of State CoC. [Download PDF](#)

Coordinated Entry Annual Evaluation Materials



NC BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Evaluation

- The webpage includes directions, training slides, and surveys for the following programs:
 - Shelters and Street Outreach programs
 - Unsheltered
 - Emergency Shelters
 - Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing programs
 - Consumer Survey
- All agencies that participate in CE should complete the Service Provider Agency survey



NC BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Evaluation

Coordinated Entry Annual Evaluation Materials

Coordinated Entry Evaluation Directions

- For emergency shelters/street outreach
- Training slides for emergency shelter/street outreach
- For permanent housing programs
- Training slides for permanent housing programs

Unsheltered Consumer Survey: Provide to unsheltered clients after the VI-SPDAT

- Paper form for download

Sheltered Consumer Survey: Provide to clients in homeless shelters after the VI-SPDAT

- Paper form for download

Housed Consumer Survey: Provide to clients who entered rapid rehousing or permanent supportive housing in the last year.

- Paper form for download
- Directions for distributing surveys to clients in rapid rehousing/psh

Service Provider Agency Survey

- Electronic Form

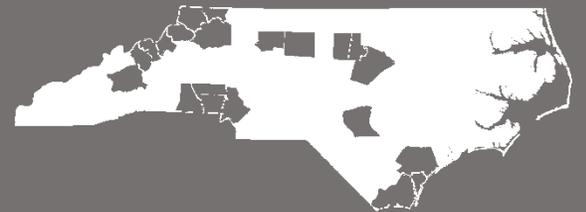


NC BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Evaluation

- Survey collection
 - Agencies will give client option of completing the survey
 - Client completes survey (anonymously) and places in envelope
 - CE Lead and/or identified person collects surveys and scans to ashley@ncceh.org
- Data processing
 - Analyze results
 - Report to ESG office
 - Propose changes to CE system



Housing Connections Initiative Phase II



Landlord Engagement Initiative, Phase I: January 2019 - March 2020

- Focus: to offer financial, coaching, and technical assistance resources to Back@Home Rehousing Agencies to increase access to fair market housing units that were not accessible to low-income households with high barriers to housing, like poor credit, eviction, and criminal histories.
- Results:
 - 164 households, 431 people housed
 - 232 adults, 199 children assisted
 - \$995 spent per household
- Subsequently Phase II of the Initiative was rebranded as Housing Connections, signifying a different approach to landlord engagement.



Rapid Impact Grants of Landlord Engagement Initiative: April - July 2020

- The outbreak of COVID-19 caused NCCEH to delay its implementation of Phase II to deploy a portion of the Healthy Blue funding to support three communities as they responded to the pandemic.
- Results:
 - 165 households, 378 people housed
 - 209 adults, 169 children assisted
 - \$853 spent per household



Housing Connections: What has worked!

- **Move-In Fees** to incentivize landlords to rent to households experiencing homelessness and to allow for more leniency in criminal background checks and reduced screening.
- **Unit Upfit Fees** to pay for smaller repairs or upfits for the unit to meet HQS or habitability standards, so that a tenant can move into the unit.
- **Barrier Buster Fees** to support quick placement of households by eliminating housing barriers such as pet deposits, utility/rental arrears, or other needs to make the unit accessible to the household.
- **Unit Repair Fees** to be used in circumstances where a quick response to minor damage by a tenant will keep the landlord relationship intact. Should supplement the use of rental deposit to cover damages, not replace it. Funds can be used while the tenant is still occupying the unit or after the tenant has left the unit.
- **Housing Stability Bonuses** to incentivize landlords to sign an annual lease renewal with a tenant.



Housing Connections Initiative, Phase II: March 2021 – February 2022

- Focus: To create a system moving beyond recruiting rental units one household at a time and instead securing a larger number of units to quickly connect more households to housing.
- A team of grantees with the greatest capacity to create and build strategic collaborations with landlords, property owners, and property management companies inside and outside their respective communities.
- This collaborative team will represent a broad swath of the state and cover both urban and rural communities.
- Phase II is designed to be dynamic, addressing challenges in its system design and incorporating these in real-time.



Housing Connections Initiative, Phase II:

- Landlord Incentives
- Dedicated Landlord Engagement Staff
- Landlord Engagement Coaching
 - Peer and Individual



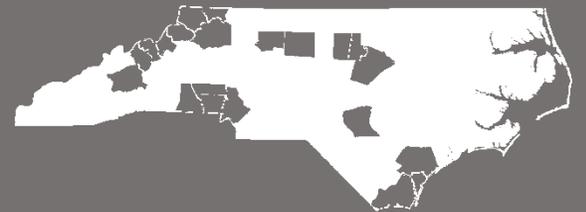
What's Ahead

Landlord Engagement Statewide Strategy

- State Level Leadership Team
 - Bring partners to the table
 - Marketing
 - System Design Strategy
 - Market Analysis
- Dedicated Landlord Engagement/Retention Team (Organization)
 - Maintain LL relationships
 - Secure one-off units
 - Manage unit inventory database for the state
 - Unit inspections



Racial Equity Subcommittee Update



The Racial Equity Subcommittee has established strategic priorities for 2021

Funding Racial Equity Initiatives

Creating a More Equitable Access/Prioritization System

Embedding Equity Into the Framework of All Committees

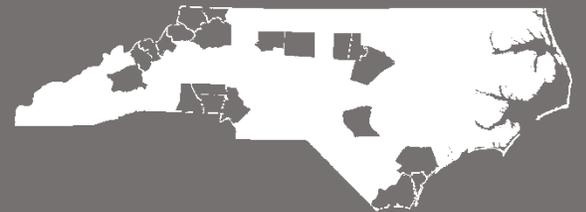


Presentation at NAEH Conference

Dr. Latonya Penny and Kevin McNamee (NCCEH staff) will present on the work of the Racial Equity Subcommittee at the upcoming national conference hosted by NAEH. The presentation will focus on the Racial Equity Dialogue Series hosted by the NC BoS CoC in 2020.



State COVID Vaccine Prioritization of NC Homeless Population



What changed?

- In North Carolina, an October distribution plan included people in homeless shelters in the first phase. But the current plan classifies homeless shelter staff as frontline essential workers, putting them in the state's third group, and shifts people living in homeless shelters into group 4.
- The NC DHHS's phased roll-out of the COVID vaccine failed to prioritize homeless shelter staff and guests in Group 1 with other congregate living facilities, like skilled nursing and adult care homes.



COVID-19 Vaccinations: Your best shot at stopping COVID-19.

YOU HAVE A **SPOT.** | TAKE YOUR **SHOT.**

You have a spot, take your shot. A tested, safe and effective vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies will be limited at first. To save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19, independent state and federal public health advisory committees recommend first protecting health care workers, people who are at the highest risk of being hospitalized or dying, and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19. Keep practicing the 3 Ws—wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—until everyone has a chance to get vaccinated.

1 Health Care Workers and Long-term Care Staff and Residents

ACTIVE GROUP

2 Older Adults

ACTIVE GROUP

3 Frontline Essential Workers

ACTIVE: CHILD CARE AND SCHOOL WORKERS

4 Adults at High Risk for Exposure and Increased Risk of Severe Illness

5 Everyone



Our goal is to vaccinate as many people as quickly as possible given the limited supply of vaccines. North Carolina moves through vaccination groups by aligning to federal priorities while empowering local health departments and hospitals with flexibility to move to the next priority group as they complete groups and have vaccines available.

For more information: [YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/your-spot-your-shot)



Nearly 400 organizations/individuals signed a letter to NC DHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen.



February 23, 2021

Secretary Mandy Cohen
NC Department of Health and Human Services
2001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2000

Dear Secretary Cohen:

We write on behalf of the over 8500 North Carolinians experiencing homelessness that we serve, believing that NC DHHS should prioritize shelter staff and guests with group one for COVID vaccinations given the residential and high risk nature of this work.

The CDC in an update on 2/2/21, states that . . .

“Homeless services are often provided in congregate settings, which could facilitate the spread of infection, including infection caused by the virus that causes COVID-19. Because many people who are homeless are older adults or have underlying medical conditions, they may also be [at increased risk for severe illness](#). . .



Why were homeless shelters deprioritized for vaccines?

Advocates for NC homeless populations say shelter staff and homeless residents should be getting vaccinated sooner and moving them down the list was a mistake.



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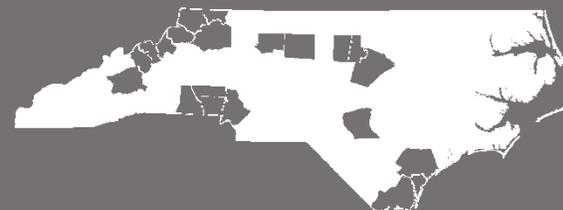


Stateline

States Fail to Prioritize Homeless People for Vaccines

STATELINE ARTICLE March 1, 2021 By: [Lindsey Van Ness](#) Topics: [Health](#) & [Demographics](#) Read time: 7 min

Data Center + ICA Partnership



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Introductions

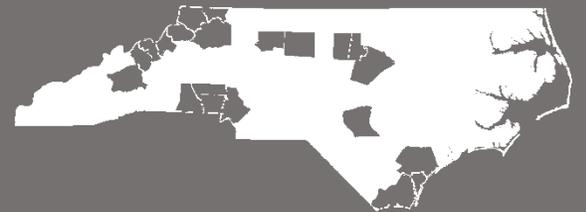
- Two ICA staff will be embedded at the Data Center to support Helpdesk and System Administration
 - Katie Wiseman (katie.wiseman@ncceh.org)
 - Tonya Harris (tonya.harris@ncceh.org)
- HMIS User Meetings in March will include time for introductions

Changes

- HMIS Users will start to see Helpdesk replies
- Support for HMIS PIT/HIC process



Meetings and Reminders



Meetings & Reminders

- **COVID-19 Local Leadership Response Sharing Call, *Every other Wednesday.***
March meetings: March 3, 17, and 31
 - Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>
 - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
- **Coordinated Entry Council Meeting, *Monday, March 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, March 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, March 18, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.*
 - Register here: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1464/>
- **Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting**, *Thursday, March 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, April 6, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Keep in touch

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