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NC Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Minutes

June 1, 2021

Regional Leads Present: Kristen Martin, Emily Locklear, Arwen March, Bonnie Harper, Andrea Merriman, LaTonya Penny, Marie Watson, LaTasha MacNair, Lakitra Claude, Peter Peedin, Lenize Patton, James Mercer

At-Large Members Present: Ellen Blackman, Lisa Phillips, Jefferey Rawlings, Cassandra Rowe

SC Members Absent: Destri Leger, Pamela Atwood, Eric Edwards, Jason Gray, Angela Harper King, Brooks Ann McKinney, Kelly Ross Benton, Isaac Sturgill

Non-voting participants: Emily Lowery, Tonya Freeman, Kerry Bashaw, Mary Erwin, Tandra Chamberlain, Tammy Gray, Gail Henson, Manuel Hyman, Derek Lancour, Steven Phillips, Peggy Owens, Chrishonda Ham, Misty Fuller, Cara Moraitis, Chipper Long, CCS Scotland, Hillary Thrower Hege, Troy Walkup, Lori Watts, Michele Welsh

NCCEH Staff Present: Brian Alexander, Andrea Carey, Kevin McNamee, Debra A. Susie, Ashley VonHatten, Jeremy Ratcliff, Allie Card

Approval of Consent Agenda

- The consent agenda was sent out for review prior to the meeting and is posted at: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/>
- The consent agenda was voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Without changes or objection, the consent agenda was approved by common consent.

Introduction of New Staff

Interim Executive Director Brian Alexander introduced two new staff that will work on the NC BoS CoC project: Jeremy Ratcliff and Allie Card.

NAEH Capitol Hill Day

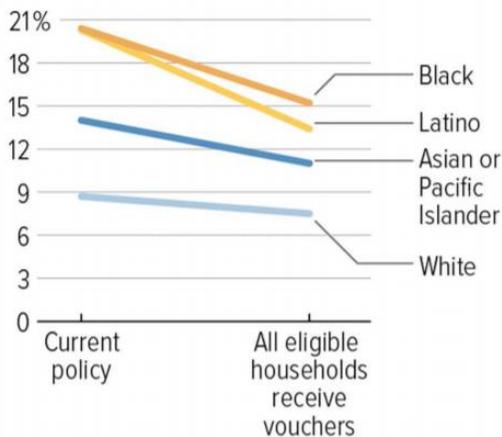
The National Alliance to End Homelessness is hosting a virtual event on June 16th and has asked NCCEH, together with the Homeless Services Network of Charlotte Mecklenburg, to help coordinate the participation of community leaders in meetings with NC's Congressional delegation. More than 700 homeless advocates have registered for Capitol Hill Day so far,

including 26 from North Carolina (as of May 20th). NAEH has contracted a company to secure 250+ virtual meetings with Senators, Representatives, and their staff based on who has registered. The registration link to participate in Capitol Hill Day is <https://endhomelessness.org/capitol-hill-day-2021/>.

Since the era of mass homelessness began in the 1980s, Congress has never seriously considered the scale of investment it would take to address the root causes of homelessness. One long overdue consideration in the package is a proposal for universal housing vouchers—an entitlement classification that has long been afforded to health care via Medicaid and food via SNAP and child nutrition programs. This represents an unprecedented opportunity for homeless advocates.

Expanding Housing Vouchers to All Eligible Households Would Cut Poverty and Reduce Racial Disparities

Percent of people in poverty by race/ethnicity



Note: Currently about 1 in 4 households eligible for a voucher receives any type of federal rental assistance.

The President’s American Jobs Plan includes \$213 billion for housing. There is a heavy emphasis on capital investments to build and rehabilitate rental housing as well \$20 billion for new tax credits to develop about \$0.5 million of affordable homes for new homeowners. Congress is being asked to add mandatory, multiyear funding to the economic recovery package to make housing vouchers available to many more renters. Two prep sessions have been scheduled for participants to go over talking points and propose community-based illustrations to support the need for more (and ongoing) federal resources for homeless assistance and affordable housing.

- National Prep Session on Monday, June 7 at 3 P.M. EDT.
- Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hE_A5tZrQgqxkhM04rjE0w
- This session will be recorded.
- NC In-State Prep Session on Thursday, June 10, at 11:00 A.M.

A Consumer Advisory Council

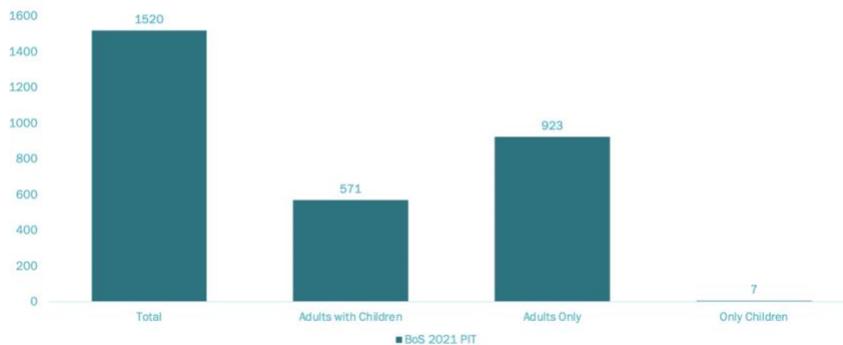
Explicitly incorporating people with the expertise of having experienced homelessness can and should be done to help guide CoC decision-making, clarify CoC policies at the provider level, and provide an opportunity for individual engagement at the CoC level. NC BoS CoC has two at-large Steering Committee seats reserved for people with lived experience of homelessness.

Additionally, multiple other Steering Committee members identified that they have experienced homelessness. CoC staff and Steering Committee members have been working toward a proposal to form a Consumer Advisory Council to function as a subcommittee of the CoC Steering Committee. A formal proposal for incorporation into the CoC Governance Charter is anticipated at the July Steering Committee meeting.

2021 PIT/HIC Update

Andrea Carey from the NCCEH Data Center gave an update on the 2021 Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Count that took place on January 27, 2021.

2021 Point-in-Time Count



One way to look at the data is by household type - a majority of the people experiencing homelessness, and chronic homelessness, are in adult-only households. (Adult-only households may have more than one adult in them.)

Emergency Housing Vouchers

Ashley VonHatten gave an overview of the Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) program recently released by HUD.

Continuums of Care will have a critical role in this process:

- Targeting: PHAs must work with CoCs to determine the best use and targeting for EHV's along with other resources available in the community;
- Referrals: EHV's will not be filled from PHA's current waiting list- all EHV's are referred from coordinated entry systems;
- Eligibility: CoCs are responsible for determining whether the family qualifies under one of the four eligible categories for EHV's

Next Steps

- Week of May 31, 2021: Second workgroup meeting to discuss eligible populations and preferences for NC BoS CoC.
- Week of June 7, 2021 - June 30, 2021: Workgroup will meet to discuss implementation and processes. NC BoS CoC will work to draft MOUs.
- Week of July 5, 2021: NC BoS CoC Steering Committee approval of MOUs
- Week of July 12, 2021 – July 30, 2021: NCCEH will prepare individual MOUs for each PHA (in NC BoS) who accepted EHV. *Please note PHAs must enter into an MOU with the CoC, which for NC BoS CoC (NCCEH) is the Collaborative Applicant. MOUs cannot be with individual providers or communities.

Meetings and Reminders

- **Bringing It Home Conference**, *Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8 and 9*
- **COVID-19 Local Leadership Response Sharing Call**, *Every other Wednesday afternoon at 1:00. June meetings: June 9 and 23*
 - Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>
 - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
- **NAEH Capitol Hill Day**, *Wednesday, June 16*
 - Registration: <https://endhomelessness.org/capitol-hill-day-2021/>
- **Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting**, *Wednesday, June 16, 9:00 – 10:00 A.M.*
 - Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621>
 - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621
- **BoS HMIS User Meeting**, *Thursday, June 17, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.*
 - Register here: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1502/>
- **Coordinated Entry Council Meeting**, *Monday, June 18, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.*
 - Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>
 - Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
- **Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting**, *Tuesday, June 29, 10:00– 11:00 A.M.*
 - Presentation: <uberconference.com/brianncceh>
 - Audio: (401) 283-4752 Pin: 13939
- Next Steering Committee Meeting is Tuesday, July 6, 10:30 AM – 12:00 P.M.