



# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## NC Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Minutes

September 7, 2021

**Regional Leads Present:** Keri Guidry, Kristen Martin, Arwen March, Andrea Merriman, Natasha Elliot, Teena Willis, LaTasha McNair, Emily Locklear, Marie Watson

**At-Large Members Present:** Angela Harper King, Brooks Ann McKinney, Cassandra Rowe, Jefferey Rawlings, Lisa Phillips, Ellen Blackman

**SC Members Absent:** Tharesa Lee, Isaac Sturgill, Kelly Benton, Pamela Atwood, Eric Edwards, Torie Keeton, Tujuanda Sanders, Lakitra Claude, James Mercer

**Interested Parties Present:** Emily Lowery, Samantha Hall, Alyce Knaflich, Joey Mosley, Tonya Freeman, Tracy Staley, Lynne James, Kecia Robinson, Teresa Adkins, Kimberly Hemphill, Leila McMichael, Jana Elliot

**NCCEH Staff Present:** Brian Alexander, Laurel McNamee, Jeremy Ratcliff, Allie Card, Debra Susie, Andrea Carey, Adrianna Coffee

### 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.

### ESG Annual Allocation Recommendation

Laurel McNamee walked the Steering Committee through the process followed by the Project Review Committee to consider the 34 renewal applications and 9 new applications for CY2022 ESG funding. NCCEH staff reviewed all the renewal applications, one renewal application was flagged for further PRC review. Each of the new project applications were reviewed two times by 1-2 staff person and 1-2 PRC members.

The PRC used the following criteria as precedent to make consistent decisions for the proposed slate of grantees in each region:

- Allocate extra available funding to RRH financial assistance
  - If one RRH program, give all to RRH applicant.
  - If multiple RRH programs, look at Review Tool performance criteria to determine most effective applicant to allocate funding.
- Attempt to fund good, new Project Applications that can meet Written Standards by 01/01/22
- Evaluate staff and financial capacity to spend requested funding
- Review funding requests in 2022 versus awarded funding amounts in 2021

Several clarifying questions were raised and answered which Brian provided both verbal and written explanations. The presented slate of CY2022 applicants can be seen in the table below:

Region	Agency	New/Renewal	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total Approved
Region 1	HERE in Jackson Co	Renewal	\$5,000	\$19,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$4,500	\$ 83,500
Region 1	REACH of Macon	Renewal	\$0	\$24,607	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 24,607
Region 1	Reach of Clay	Renewal	\$0	\$18,925	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 18,925
Region 2	The Haven in Transylvania	Renewal	\$0	\$35,483	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 35,483
Region 2	Thrive	Renewal	\$0	\$0	\$47,310	\$0	\$0	\$ 47,310
Region 2	Blue Ridge Health	New	\$35,483	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 35,483
Region 3	* Family Care Center	Renewal	\$0	\$21,699	\$40,600	\$0	\$0	\$ 62,299
Region 3	Dulatown Outreach	Renewal	\$0	\$18,607	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 18,607
Region 3	McDowell Mission Ministries	Renewal	\$0	\$40,037	\$36,095	\$0	\$0	\$ 76,132
Region 3	Family Guidance Center	Renewal	\$7,500	\$27,199	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 34,699
Region 4	ECHO Ministry	Renewal	\$0	\$27,201	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 27,201
Region 4	* Diakanos, Inc.	Renewal	\$0	\$51,866	\$67,727	\$0	\$0	\$119,593
Region 4	Greater Mt. Airy Ministry	Renewal	\$0	\$22,523	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 22,523

Region	Agency	New/Renewal	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total Approved
Region 5	Family Services of Davidson	Renewal	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 20,000
Region 5	Homes of Hope	Renewal	\$0	\$56,263	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$ 61,263
Region 5	Union Co Community Shelter	Renewal	\$6,000	\$55,000	\$113,508	\$8,000	\$0	\$182,508
Region 5	Turning Point	Renewal	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$ 40,000
Region 6	Family Abuse Services of Alamance Co	Renewal	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$31,057	\$0	\$106,057
Region 6	Central Piedmont CA	New	\$0	\$0	\$91,921	\$0	\$1,250	\$ 93,171
Region 7	SAFE of Harnett Co	Renewal	\$0	\$45,489	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 45,489
Region 7	Friend to Friend	Renewal	\$0	\$34,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$ 35,500
Region 7	* Outreach Mission, Inc	Renewal	\$0	\$29,641	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 29,641
Region 7	Johnston, Lee, Harnett CA	Renewal	\$0	\$0	\$225,250	\$0	\$0	\$225,250
Region 7	* HAVEN in Lee Co	New	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 30,000
Region 8	Southeastern Family Violence Center	Renewal	\$0	\$36,700	\$132,415	\$0	\$0	\$169,115

Region	Agency	New/Renewal	Total Approved	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS
Region 9	Hand Up Ministries	Renewal	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 45,000
Region 9	The REACH Center	Renewal	\$0	\$0	\$85,849	\$45,000	\$0	\$130,849
Region 9	Ripple Effects Group	New	\$55,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 55,000
Region 10	* The Salvation Army – Goldsboro	Renewal	\$0	\$46,480	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 46,480
Region 10	* Hope Station	Renewal	\$0	\$0	\$38,000	\$34,000	\$5,000	\$ 77,000
Region 10	Greene Lamp	Renewal	\$0	\$0	\$90,020	\$22,127	\$0	\$112,147
Region 11	River City CDC	Renewal	\$0	\$65,486	\$43,658	\$0	\$0	\$109,144
Region 12	Center for Family Violence Prevention	Renewal	\$0	\$22,457	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 22,457
Region 12	* Greenville Community Shelter	Renewal	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 45,000
Region 12	Pitt Co Planning Dept.	Renewal	\$0	\$0	\$84,426	\$0	\$0	\$ 84,426
Region 13	Onslow Community Outreach	Renewal	\$3,000	\$81,923	\$59,586	\$0	\$4,457	\$148,966

## Recommendations

PRC members selected 4 new projects because of adherence to best practices and their ability to meet the CoC's Written Standards by 01/01/22

- Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Inc: SO in Region 02
- Central Piedmont Community Action, Inc: RRH and HMIS in Region 06
- HAVEN in Lee County: ES in Region 07
- Ripple Effects Group: SO in Region 09

Ellen Blackman moved to accept the PRC’s recommendations in full, which was seconded by Angela Harper King. With abstentions from Kristen Martin, Emily Lowery, Arwen March, Tonya Freeman, Jeff Rawlings, Natasha Elliott, Emily Locklear, and Marie Watson, the motion passed unanimously.

NCCEH staff will complete the CoC’s Regional Application on the NC BoS CoC’s behalf.

### Next Steps and Timeline

<b>Date/Deadline</b>	<b>Activity</b>
September 7	Steering Committee meeting
September 7	Applicant notifications
September 10	Appeals due
September 13	PRC appeals meeting, if needed
September 14	Steering Committee appeals meeting, if needed
October 1	ESG applications due to NC DHHS

### **CoC Competition Update**

Staff provided an update on the FY21 CoC Competition, including information about the NOFO which released on August 19<sup>th</sup>, along with the standards and timeline for completion. CoC staff have also posted instructions for new and renewal applicants to the NCCEH website:

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

Staff presented a summary of the competition application amounts and the timeline for Project Applicant submission, scoring, approval, and HUD submission.

Funding Levels	Amount
Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)	\$ 9,070,900
CoC Bonus	\$ 699,861
DV Bonus	\$ 2,099,582
CoC Planning (not ranked)	\$ 419,916

### FY21 CoC Competition Timeline

Date	Activity
August 18	NOFO released
September 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Project Applicant submission
September 17	Project Review Committee orientation meeting
September 20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Project Applicant submission
September 21-30	Project Review Committee and staff scoring
October 7	Project Review Committee selection meeting
October 13	Steering Committee approval meeting
October 14	Applicant Notifications
October 20	Appeals Due
October 21	Project Review Committee appeals meeting (tentative)
October 22	Steering Committee appeals meeting (tentative)
November 10	Public posting of CoC Application (tentative)
November 16	CoC Application deadline!

### Racial Equity Assessment

Andrea Carey provided an update on the Racial Equity Assessment. The CoC expanded the scope of its analysis this year to better understand racial disparities. Through a collaboration of NCCEH staff and the RE subcommittee, the 2021 RE Assessment was presented.

- Data Center and CoC staff pulled and evaluated data in four ways:
  - HUD Continuum of Care Assessment Tool
  - National Alliance to End Homelessness' Racial Equity Tool
  - HUD Stella Performance Module
  - NC BoS CoC coordinated entry data

Staff presented data and analyzed using the tools listed above. To see data included in the RE Assessment, see the link: <https://www.ncceh.org/media/files/page/041961dc/sc-meeting-slides-9-7-21.pdf>

Arwen March made a motion to approve the Racial Equity Assessment as presented. Lisa Phillips second the motion. Members approved the RE Assessment for inclusion in the FY21 CoC Application unanimously. The Racial Equity Assessment is posted here: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/subcommittees/racialequity/>

Jeremy Ratcliff provided information on the upcoming Racial Equity Dialogue Series. The subcommittee has decided to launch another dialogue series in the Fall for providers across the NC BoS CoC on topics of racism and white supremacy intersecting with the homeless services system. The first dialogue will be held on October 12 at 11:30 AM – 1 PM. The topic for the first dialogue will be: *Racism, COVID-19, and the Eviction Moratorium*.

### Upcoming Meetings and Reminders

The Steering Committee was directed to review the following meetings and reminders for August 2021.

- **Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting, Wednesday, September 15, 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**  
Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>  
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
- **NC Local Leadership Response Sharing Call, September 15, 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.**  
Presentation: <https://zoom.us/j/5799039481?pwd=UFkwnCtLdUszeG94Y2prS0ttRkVmdz09>
- **Principles of Street Outreach Training, Thursday, September 15, 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.**  
Register here: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1525/>
- **BoS HMIS User Meeting, Thursday, September 16, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.**  
Register here: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1379/>
- **Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting, Thursday, September 23, 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**  
Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621>  
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621
- **Street Outreach Training for Projects with HUD/ESG, Wednesday, September 29, 1:00 –**

3:00 P.M.

Presentation: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1526/>

- **Street Outreach Training for Partners without HUD ESG Funding, Monday, September 30, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

Presentation: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1527/>

- **Coordinated Entry Council Meeting, Cancelled This Month**

Next Steering Committee Meeting is Tuesday, October 5, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM