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NC Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Minutes

March 1, 2022

Regional Leads Present: Kristen Martin, Tonya Freeman, Pamela Hinton, Kristen McAlhane, Natasha Elliot, Kendra Martin, Emily Locklear, James Stroud, LaTasha McNair, Cara Moraitis, Brian Fike

At-Large Members Present: Cassandra Rowe, Ellen Blackman, Angela Harper King, Lisa Phillips, Jefferey Rawlings, Rachelle Dugan, Tiffany Askew

SC Members Absent: Viyanna Langager, Arwen March, Marie Watson, Lakitra Claude, Tujuanda Sanders, Torie Keeton, Brooks Ann McKinney, Isaac Sturgill

Interested Parties Present: Emily Lowery, Lauren Singleton, Jessica Joyner, Savannah Dick, Bonnie Harper, Teena Willis, Kerry Bashaw, Shelly Chandler, Tamara Thomas, Kecia Robinson, Lori Watts, Teresa Robinson, Tracy Staley, Michele Welsh, Derek Lancour, Joey Mosley, Hamer Carter, Tamba Chamberlain, Monica Frizzell, Kim Hemphill, Elle Evans Peterson, Andrea Merriman

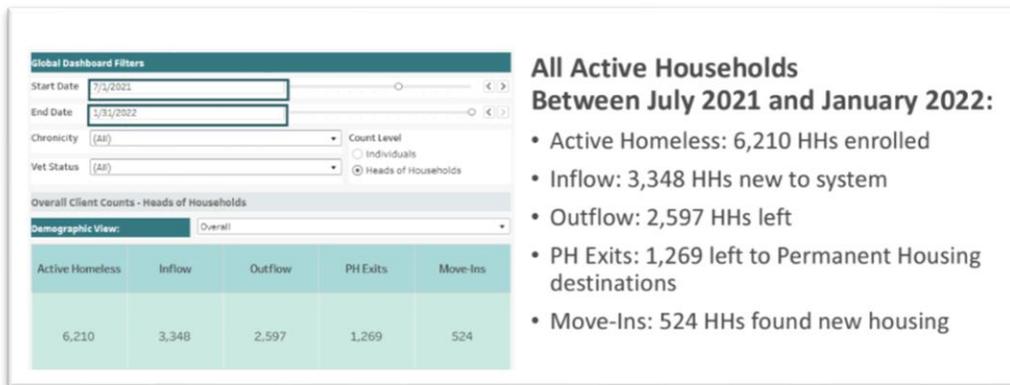
NCCEH Staff Present: Brian Alexander, Debra A. Susie, Laurel McNamee, Andrea Carey, Ashley VonHatten, Allie Card, Adriana Diaz

Approval of Consent Agenda

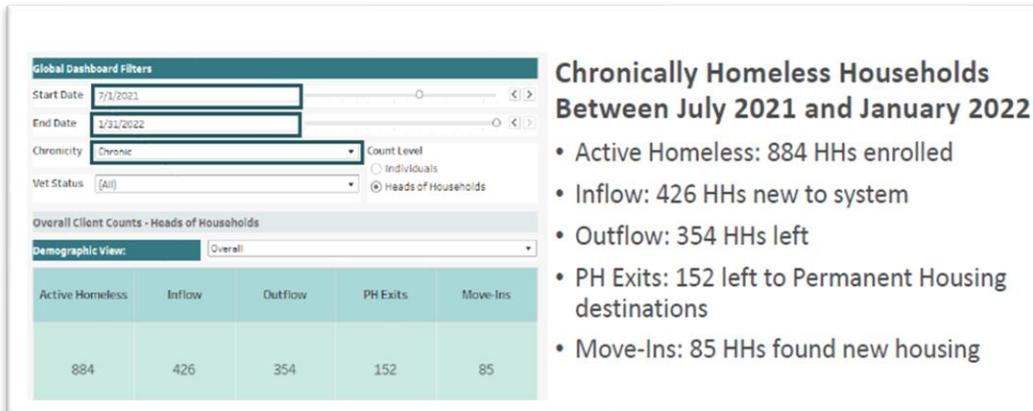
- The consent agenda was sent out for review prior to the meeting and is posted at: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/>
- The consent agenda was voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Without changes or objection, the consent agenda was approved by common consent.

CoC Dashboard Update

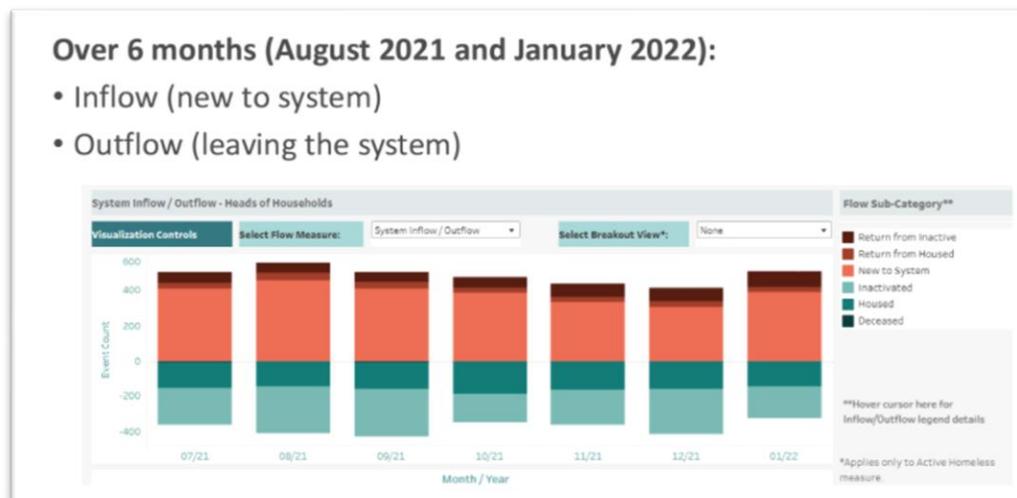
Andrea Carey presented data from the BoS CoC's data dashboard for the last 6-months. Andrea reviewed the number of active households served, inflow into and outflow out of the system, and a picture of chronic homelessness. She highlighted the following outcomes:



- All Active Households Between July 2021 and January 2022:**
- Active Homeless: 6,210 HHs enrolled
 - Inflow: 3,348 HHs new to system
 - Outflow: 2,597 HHs left
 - PH Exits: 1,269 left to Permanent Housing destinations
 - Move-Ins: 524 HHs found new housing



- Chronically Homeless Households Between July 2021 and January 2022**
- Active Homeless: 884 HHs enrolled
 - Inflow: 426 HHs new to system
 - Outflow: 354 HHs left
 - PH Exits: 152 left to Permanent Housing destinations
 - Move-Ins: 85 HHs found new housing



- Right now, the gap between Inflow and Outflow means our system cannot serve households considered chronically homeless fast enough to end chronic homelessness. Andrea encouraged members to think about ways the CoC can address this problem.

FY2019 SSO-CE APR Update

The FY19 SSO-CE Annual Performance Review (APR) report is a required report to comprehensively review the CoC’s performance. NCCEH sub-granted funds to the following agencies:

- HERE in Jackson County
- Thrive

- Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry
- Diakonos
- Community Link
- Family Abuse Services
- Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action
- The REACH Center (September 2021 –November 2021)
- Hope Station
- Pitt County Planning
- Trillium

From this year's report, staff highlighted:

- NCCEH and subrecipients spent 92.5% of FY19 SSO-CE grant and met the CoC spending threshold in the first full year of activity at this funding level.
- Total number of persons served: 2,448 (comparative to FY18).
- Out of total number of persons served, only 1,492 were assessed and/or assessment was recorded in HMIS.
- 90% of households that were assessed were placed on the by-name list for prioritization.

Staff noted that the APR can be used as a helpful tool for agencies to track data quality, ensure accurate reporting, and create project summaries. The Data Center will create reporting groups so each region can view CE data at the regional level.

The CoC and regions have set goals for CE in the new grant year. NC BoS CoC CE goals:

- 90% of all clients on the regional by-name lists have a Current Living Situation.
- 90% of all clients with a Coordinated Entry and/or Street Outreach project entry (on the regional by-name list) have a Current Living Situation updated every 90 days.

FY2022 CoC Competition Update

The initial phases of the FY2022 CoC competition have begun:

- Registration – has been delayed by HUD
- Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) – usually follows 6 weeks after the registration deadline
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – anticipating late summer?

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

- New CoC Applicant webinar scheduled for March 3:
 - The webinar will be recorded and posted at: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/>
- Intent to Apply process opens March 1:
 - The Intent to Apply form is mandatory for all agencies applying for new CoC funds and posted to the NCCEH website at: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/>
 - Any agency wanting to apply for a new CoC project in the FY22 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

- 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

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

Eligible activities: Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing

Staff ask that when talking or sharing information with perspective applicants, ensure they understand what is eligible for funding. Many of our partners get confused between ESG and CoC funding.

Status update on FY21 CoC program awards:

- HUD has not yet made its FY21 CoC competition award announcement. We expect an announcement at any time. Staff will send information of awards for last year's competition via our email distribution list as soon as its available and will summarize awards at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Staff asked if members or stakeholders had any questions about the upcoming CoC competition. Teena Willis asked if the New CoC Applicant webinar had been announced prior to today's meeting. Staff answered that they sent an announcement to the BoS email list on February 15.

Letter of Support Request

Outreach Mission Inc. will be applying for funding through the NC Housing Finance Agency's Supportive Housing Program and has requested a letter of support. The funding will support new shelter construction to consolidate their current emergency shelter facilities into a single location. Specifically, it will increase the number of available shelter beds for men, women, and families:

- Current capacity: 36 beds
- Proposed capacity: 76 beds (30 beds for women; 30 beds for men; 16 beds for families)

Natasha Elliot motioned for approval, and Kendra Martin seconded. The approval for a letter of support for Outreach Mission Inc. was passed unanimously.

Member Feedback Discussion

Staff announced that the [Housing First support letter](#) has been finalized and sent to the NC Congressional Delegation.

Staff facilitated a discussion on diversion and prevention. Members discussed:

- How they envision the NC BoS CoC impacting prevention and diversion
- How far upstream the CoC can take action, and
- What the appropriate role for a CoC is

Staff made two clarifications for the discussion:

- Highlighted the differences in homelessness prevention vs. eviction prevention
- Shared that NCCEH staff have been incorporating a diversion framework into the TA trainings for emergency shelters.
 - Noted that while diversion is one aspect of a healthy homeless response system, impacting the other components can also help with inflow.

Members discussed the pros and cons of eviction prevention and homelessness prevention.

- Jeffrey Rawlings pointed to the eviction moratorium as one cause of a shortage of units.
- Bonnie Harper suggested that decisions between eviction and homelessness prevention should be made on a case-by-case basis.
- Teena Willis noted that eviction prevention is making an impact on the availability of units for NC's homeless population.
- Laurel McNamee concluded the discussion by advocating for working towards coordinated systems in communities to ensure a holistic approach to homeless services.

Regional Committees should begin discussing what diversion and prevention efforts should look like in their communities and begin outreaching organizations/partners that could help in planning efforts.

2022 HMIS Reporting Update

Andrea provided an update on required HUD reporting for CoCs. The Data Center has been working on the three main reporting datasets with NC Balance of State CoC providers over the last few months.

- The Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) and System Performance Measures (SPMs) data sets have been submitted to HUD.
- The NCCEH Data Center is currently working on the PIT/HIC count, which is due by April 30, 2022.
- Staff expressed gratitude to agencies and communities for their hard work to collect and correct data for these important data submissions.

Upcoming Meetings and Reminders

The Steering Committee was directed to review the following meetings and reminders for March 2022.

- **New CoC Applicant Webinar**, *Thursday, March 3, 10:30 – 11:30 A.M.*
Recording here: <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/>
- **NC Local Leadership Response Sharing Call**, *Wednesday, March 16, 1:00 – 2:00 P.M.*
Presentation: <https://zoom.us/j/5799039481?pwd=UFkwNCtLdUszeG94Y2prS0ttRkVmdz09>
- **Coordinated Entry Council Meeting**, *Monday, March 21, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.*
Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621>
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621
- **Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting**, *Wednesday, March 16, 11:30 – 12:30 P.M.*
Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621>
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621
- **NC BoS CoC HMIS User Meeting**, *Thursday, March 17, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.*

Presentation: <https://zoom.us/j/5799039481?pwd=UFkwNCtLdUszeG94Y2prS0ttRkVmdz09>

- **Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting**, *Thursday, March 24, 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.*
Presentation: uberconference.com/brianncceh
Audio: (401) 283-4752 Pin: 13939

Next Steering Committee Meeting is Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 10:30 AM – 12:00 P.M.