

# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## Balance of State Steering Committee Meeting

5.7.13

### Regional Leads Present:

Brian Alexander, Chris Battle, Susan Bellew, Kim Braxton, Kristi Case, Debbie Cole, Spencer Cook, Nicole Dewitt, Jennifer Flood, Kelly Lacy, Joe Marks, Sarah McWhirter, Amy Modlin, Whitney Morton, Jane Motsinger, Faye Pierce, Shanna Poole, Pam Radford, Kannika Turrentine (for Joel Rice), Candice Rountree, Nickie Siler, Michele Steele, Robert Silber (for Teena Willis), Shari Wright

### Regional Leads Absent:

Monica Jones, Paulette White

### Interested Parties Present:

Natalie Allen, Ellen Blackman, David Burnette, Keri Christensen, Deborah Clark, Lynn Deluca, Gayle Fernandez, Tonya Gray, Naomi Herndon, Karen Holliday, Subrina Hough, Will Lyles, Sarah McBrayer, Laura McDuffee, Mark Owen, Sharon Poarch, Nikki Ratliff, Janice Sauls, Robin Shue, Glen Silver, Emila Sutton, Lori Watts

### NCCEH Staff Present:

Emily Carmody, Nancy Holochwost, Corey Root

### New Project Specialist

- Corey Root has been hired by NCCEH as the new Project Specialist for Balance of State coordination. Corey introduced herself to the Steering Committee.

### Approval of April Minutes

- There being no changes needed, the minutes were approved by common consent.

### CoC Tier 2 Renewals Announced

- Because HUD received flat funding in FY 2012, there was a possibility that it would not be able to fund all eligible renewals in the 2012 CoC application. To address this issue, CoCs were required to rank project applications and place them into one of two tiers to prioritize them for funding. Tier 1 included the funding that HUD expected would be available; Tier 2 included the full amount needed to fund all renewals.

- HUD announced grant awards for Tier 1 renewals in March. The awards for Tier 2 renewals were announced last week. The BoS had one renewal in Tier 2 (Christians United Outreach Center's transition-in-place project), which received funding.
- HUD will announce grant awards for new project applications at a later date.

### **Regional Lead Meeting**

- NCCEH is holding a meeting/training for Regional Committee leads on Tuesday, June 25, from 9:30-5:00. Staff will email the location and registration information to Regional Leads.

### **CHIN Advisory Committee Representatives**

- The CHIN Advisory Committee provides guidance to CHIN staff on administration of the HMIS and on CoC priorities and preferences. The Balance of State has one spot for an overall CoC representative and three spots for regional representatives on the committee. At its next meeting, the Advisory Committee will approve the CoC representatives for the July 2013-June 2014 year. The following individuals have agreed to represent the Balance of State:
  - Corey Root, NCCEH (alternate: Nancy Holochwost)
  - Joe Marks, The Meeting Place (Burke County)
  - Kathy Bragg, Union County Community Shelter
  - Paulette White, Pitt County Community Development
- A motion to approve the slate of representatives was made and approved [Motsinger, Rountree].

### **Letter of Consistency Request**

- Brick Capital Development Corporation is applying for funding from the NC Housing Finance Agency Supportive Housing Program and has requested a letter of consistency with the CoC. The application is for 10 units of permanent supportive housing for disabled persons in Lee County. The application was posted on the BoS minutes webpage for the Steering Committee to review. NCCEH requested a needs statement as well, but did not receive one prior to the Steering Committee meeting. The application does not specifically state it will serve homeless persons, but because it will serve disabled persons, it will provide housing for people who might otherwise be at risk of becoming homeless.
- The Steering Committee was asked for feedback on whether or not to provide the letter of consistency.
  - Steering Committee members noted that they would have liked to have a needs assessment to have more information about the community's need for this program. While the program does not target homeless people, it will create more PSH for disabled people, which Steering Committee members agreed is consistent with the CoC's goals.
  - A motion was made and approved to provide the letter of consistency [Cole, Rountree].
- This is the second request the BoS has received for a letter of consistency with the CoC's goals. NCCEH staff have discussed creating a form for agencies to fill out for these requests. The form

would ask for a program description, a needs statement, and the agency's participation in the local Regional Committee. Steering Committee members were asked if there are other questions that should be included.

- It was suggested that the form should ask about other sources of development funding as well as sources of ongoing funding to support the program once it's begun. Emila Sutton noted that the HFA application includes this information. It was also suggested that the applicant agency should participate in the Steering Committee meeting when their proposal is being discussed.

### **Subcommittees**

- The PSH Subcommittee and the Data Quality Subcommittee will meet in May. Staff will send out an email with registration information to the BoS email list. Regional Committee leads are asked to forward it to their committee members.

### **ICCHP/BoS Advocacy Update**

- Funding for the Interagency Council on Coordinating Homeless Programs (ICCHP), which includes funding for BoS coordination, was not included in DHHS' budget request to the governor or in the governor's budget. In the last couple of weeks, Denise met with Senator Hise and Denise and Paulette met with Senator Pate, who are the co-chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Based on these conversations, it appears that the Senate will include funding and flexibility in its budget for the BoS coordination. DHHS would have to the authority to fund, or not fund, the BoS coordination. It is likely that there will be an RFP process for organizations to apply for the funding. Staff are still in conversations to get more information about overall ICCHP funding. If there is a way that BoS stakeholders can assist with strategic advocacy efforts, NCCEH staff will contact them. Anyone with questions can contact staff at [bos@ncceh.org](mailto:bos@ncceh.org).

### **Regional Committee Updates**

- Chatham: There has been increased participation in the Regional Committee from the DSS, Housing Authority, and other community partners, which has been beneficial to the community. Their RRH program has been able to assist more families than they originally anticipated.
- Henderson: During this year's Point-in-Time, the community did its first unsheltered count, which was done through service agencies rather than doing a street count. The community will do a test street count in August using Buncombe's PATH team to provide outreach and engagement. This will serve as preparation for next year's PIT Count.
- Twin County: There has been greater participation in the Regional Committee over the last few months, resulting in increased awareness of programs in region. Rapid re-housing is a new program in the community and is being run through United Community Ministries' transitional housing program. Chris reported that some clients that have been in transitional housing for a long duration are resistant to moving to rapid re-housing. Emily noted that he can contact NCCEH to discuss how to engage clients.

- Northeast: The Regional Committee has had success with getting some governmental agencies to participate and is looking for advice on how to engage the ones that aren't involved. Emily noted that this will be a discussion topic at the Regional Lead meeting on June 25.
- Wilson-Greene: New agencies have been joining the Regional Committee. Ellen Blackman from Eastpointe will present on the mental health system at next week's meeting. The community was recently able to coordinate delivery of donated items to recently housed people through their faith-based program and the Salvation Army.
- Craven: The Regional Committee has been working on engaging local partners and creating plans to move people into housing. There is a shortage of affordable housing in the community. Emily offered to connect them to other Regional Committees that have had success with landlord engagement.

#### **Reminders**

- CoC Grantees: Turn in QPRs.
- Everyone: Sign up for subcommittee meetings when registration opens.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 4 at 10:30.