

### NC Balance of State Continuum of Care

Steering Committee Meeting May 2, 2017 10:30 AM

#### Welcome

#### Reminders

- \*6 to mute/unmute line
- Please do not put us on hold

#### • Roll Call



### Agenda

### Today's agenda

- Minutes
- Letter of Consistency
- Steering Committee Restructuring Proposal
- 2017 CoC Competition
- Funding Priorities Workgroup Report
- Coordinated Assessment
- 2017 Point-in-Time Count
- Veteran Plan Update
- Federal Update
- Bringing It Home Homelessness Conference
- Upcoming Meetings & Reminders



#### Review & approve minutes

• April 4 meeting minutes:

http://www.ncceh.org/files/8162/

• Changes or discussion?



#### Letter of Consistency

# Haliwa Saponi Tribe requested a letter of consistency from the BoS.

- Applying for NC Housing Finance Agency's Supportive Housing Program
- 4 units in Halifax and Warren Counties (Region 9)
  - Targeting literally homeless families or families at-risk of homelessness.
  - Homeless families given priority in the project.
  - The Tribe commits to involvement in the Regional Committee and to providing information for the local Coordinated Assessment system.
- Discussion and motion



### Steering Committee Restructuring Proposal

### Proposal makes recommendations in four areas

- Adds at-large seats to the Steering Committee
- Adds a funding and priorities subcommittee and a policy/advocacy workgroup
- Changes Steering Committee meeting content and information sharing process
- Develops additional training for Regional Leads and Steering Committee members



#### Proposal will help accomplish CoC goals

- Improve decision-making and strategy to improve CoC performance and future CoC applications
- Build communication channels, capacity, and relationships within the CoC
- Expand connections to new partners and funding sources



## Adding at-large seats to the Steering Committee

- Proposal adds 7 to 13 "at-large" seats to the Steering Committee.
- At-large seats are allocated to three categories, as follows:
  - Category 1: People with lived experience of homelessness. Minimum 1 seat, maximum 2 seats.
  - Category 2: North Carolina State Government. Minimum 3 seats, maximum 6 seats.
  - Category 3: Other at-large seats. Minimum 3 seats, maximum 5 seats.



#### State Government seats

- Must be from the following departments and must work with or oversee a program that serves people experiencing homelessness:
  - Department of Health and Human Services
  - Department of Public Safety
  - Housing Finance Agency
  - Department of Education
  - Department of Military and Veteran Affairs
  - Department of Commerce



#### Other at-large seats

- Must be from the following sectors:
  - Health care sector, ideally with a state-wide focus
  - Business sector, ideally with a state-wide focus
  - Public housing agency
  - Domestic violence services or advocacy sector, ideally with a state-wide focus
  - Legal services
  - Youth services or advocacy sector, ideally with a statewide focus



## Proposal adds a subcommittee and workgroup

- Funding and Performance Subcommittee:
  - The purpose of this subcommittee is to track the CoC's performance as a whole throughout the year, recommend funding priorities, and increase the North Carolina Balance of State's competitiveness for funding



## Proposal adds a subcommittee and workgroup

- Policy and Advocacy Workgroup
  - Short-term
  - The purpose of this short-term workgroup would be to explore how the Balance of State CoC and/or CoC members could engage in local, state, and Federal administrative and legislative advocacy. It will make recommendations to the Steering Committee and/or NCCEH.



### Proposal adds at-large members to Scorecard and Project Review Subcommittees

- Currently these committees have one representative per Region.
- This proposal allows at-large Steering Committee members to serve on the Scorecard and/or Project Review Subcommittees, as long as the number of atlarge members does not exceed the number of Regional Committee representatives.



# Proposal changes meeting content and information sharing

- Goal is to free up time on Steering Committee agendas for more strategic and long-term discussions/decisions
- Introduces a "board packet" for updates and regular business – this would be voted on as a whole each meeting.
- Replaces information-sharing currently done on Steering Committee calls with topic- and audience-specific calls/webinars, like a grantee call, as well as regular email updates.



#### Proposal plans to develop training

- Goal is to develop additional training for Regional Leads and Steering Committee members
  - Board manual for Steering Committee
  - Training for regional leadership
  - Orientation for new Steering Committee members
  - And more



# Please provide feedback on proposal by Friday, May 12

- Full text of the proposal: <u>www.ncceh.org/files/8169</u>
- Feedback form:
  - https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=c49cb3a d22984f8c9313e0d3503bd19a



### **CoC Competition Update**

## The CoC program competition gets underway . . .

- HUD released CoC registration
  - Due May 1 (submitted by staff on April 25)
- HUD released Grant Inventory Worksheets
  - Due to HUD Field Office on May 4
  - Grantees are verifying information currently
  - Staff intend to submit by May 2
- What's next?



### Scorecard Committee will meet in May

- Regional Committees each asked to appoint one rep for Scorecard Committee
  - Committee determines criteria and scoring guidelines for new and renewal project scorecards
- Meetings are scheduled for May 17 (1 PM) and May 30 (9 AM)
  - Finalize proposed scorecard for Steering Committee approval at June meeting
- Please choose your reps by May 12<sup>th</sup> and ensure they can be at both meetings
  - Fill out online form: <u>http://bit.ly/2q7PE6d</u>



## 2017 Project Review Committee reps needed

- Regional Committees each asked to appoint one rep for Project Review Committee
  - Reviews and scores project applications using approved scorecards
  - Creates ranked list of projects for Steering Committee approval
- Each Regional Committee has 1 representative
  - Submit contact info by May 12<sup>th</sup>: <u>http://bit.ly/2plwEAx</u>
  - Rep may not be from agency applying for funding (new or renewal)



# Intent to Apply Form is posted for agencies interested in new CoC projects.

- Asks for preliminary info about proposed project
- BoS staff review and follow up with agency to discuss
- All agencies interested in new projects asked to complete the form
- Rolling basis, non-binding
- Link to form posted at <u>www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/</u>



#### Funding Priorities workgroup met to set goals

- Workgroup met April 20 and set goals for the workgroup:
  - Set priorities that represent needs of all 79 counties rather than individual communities
  - Set priorities to assist the Steering Committee and Project Review Committee to think more broadly about BoS
  - Remain openminded to changes needed to help BoS end homelessness
  - Gain a better understanding of our needs as a CoC



#### Funding Priorities workgroup met to set goals

- Create tools and support strategies to help the Steering Committee and Project Review Committee make strong decisions for the CoC
- Lay the groundwork to help grantees better understand what they need to do
- Create a framework to implement the priorities



## Funding Priorities workgroup has some next steps

- NCCEH staff are working on gathering and evaluating CoC data to inform the workgroup to make decisions
- Workgroup will meet in late May/early June to develop a list of recommended priorities
- Priorities proposal will come to Steering Committee at July 2017 meeting for approval
  - Once approved, Project Review Committee will use these to rank projects in the 2017 CoC competition



#### **Coordinated Assessment**

# All Regions but Region 2 have turned in plans

- The Coordinated Assessment Council approved plans for Regions 1, 4, 5, and 11 with minor changes.
- The remaining plans will be considered at the next CAC meeting on May 16.



### Region 1 (Southwest)

- Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, Jackson, Swain, Haywood, and Madison Counties
- Despite large geography and limited resources, Region1 has broad participation in Coordinated Assessment
- Like most regions, financial resources for diversion are limited
- Increased prioritization scoring system to target higher needs households
- Has a strong case conferencing committee



### Region 4 (DISSY)

- Davie, Iredell, Surry, Stokes, and Yadkin Counties
- CA system led by Diakonos/Fifth Street Ministries accessible 24 hours/7 days
- Mediation being done at each access point
- Has a CA subcommittee, meeting monthly



### Region 5 (Piedmont)

- Union, Stanly, Cabarrus, Rowan, and Davidson Counties
- CA system led by Community Link
- System has good shelter coverage, including one low barrier shelter
- Changed prioritization scoring system to target higherneeds households
- Centralized, well-coordinated waitlist and referral system



### Region 11 (Northeast)

- Hertford, Gates, Hyde, Tyrrell, Dare, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck Counties
- Very low capacity Region, working on building participation in Regional Committee
- Currently one centralized system, goal is to move to county-based systems after more participation is achieved



Webinar on Coordinated Assessment Outcomes report is on May 23 at 1 pm.

- The May Coordinated Assessment Exchange call is cancelled due to the Bringing It Home homelessness conference.
- Register for the CA Outcomes webinar here: <u>www.ncceh.org/events/1151</u>



### 2017 Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count

# NCCEH submitted the BoS PIT and HIC to HUD on May 1

- CoCs submit PIT and HIC data to HUD through the Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) website
- HUD will verify data and then include it in the 2017 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)
- NCCEH will post data at <u>www.ncceh.org/pitdata/</u> in the coming weeks
  - BoS totals, by Regional Committee, by county
- Thank you to everyone involved in planning local PIT Counts and submitting PIT/HIC data!

# The sheltered count decreased slightly, while the unsheltered count increased.

Location	Count	Change Since 2016
Sheltered Count	2102	-26 (-1%)
Emergency Shelter	1682	Stayed the same
Transitional Housing	420	- 26 (-6%)
Unsheltered	952	+117 (14%)
TOTAL	3054	+91 (3%)

Similar trend to the 2016 count:

- Sheltered count decreased (by 11%)
- Unsheltered count increased (by 27%)

# There were only slight changes in household compositions.

Household Type	2017 Count	Change Since 2016
Adults & Children	1143	+ 31 (3%)
Adults Only	1897	+ 61 (3%)
Children Only	14	- 1 (-7%)



#### Chronically homeless & veterans increased.

Subpopulation	2017 Count	Change Since 2016
Total Chronically	382	+34 (10%)
Homeless		
Sheltered	127	-38 (-23%)
Unsheltered	255	+72 (39%)
Total Veterans	176	+40 (29%)
Sheltered	105	+23 (28%)
Unsheltered	71	+17 (31%)

In 2016, both populations decreased compared to the previous year.

- CH: -3%
- Veterans: -1%



#### Feedback on PIT data

- Do these trends align with what you see in your communities?
- Any reasons/factors you can identify that led to increases?



#### NC BoS Veteran Plan

## Regional Veteran plans are being reviewed

- Veteran Subcommittee will review plans on Thursday, May 4, to recommend plans to the Steering Committee for approval.
- All Regions except Region 6 have turned in plans.



#### Federal Update

#### HUD Funding: Where we are now

- Government is still open, Congress poised to pass final FY17 funding.
  - Extended "continuing resolution" to May 5
  - There are reports that bi-partisan deal for final FY17 funding has been reached and will be passed this week.
- No indication that HUD funding will differ significantly from already proposed levels, assuming they can come to agreement.
- But, some indication that certain PHAs might struggle even under currently proposed Housing Choice Voucher funding.



### NC Conference on Ending Homelessness

# Statewide Homeless Conference happening on May 8 and 9

- NCCEH staff will hold a meeting for all Balance of State attendees on the afternoon of May 9
  - Chance to learn more about BoS
  - Meet staff that you've only talk to on the phone
  - Ask questions
  - Network with peers and share best practices
- Once we have a full registration list, we will email BoS attendees with more information about the meeting



#### Meetings & Reminders

### **Upcoming Meetings & Reminders**

- Register for the Coordinated Assessment Outcomes webinar:
  - May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm. Register here <u>www.ncceh.org/events/1151</u>
- Agencies interested in applying for new CoC funds: complete Intent to Apply Form
  - <u>www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication</u>
- Please provide feedback on the Steering Committee proposal
  - Read the proposal here: <u>www.ncceh.org/files/8169</u>
  - Provide feedback here: <u>http://bit.ly/2qa7RNM</u>



### **Upcoming Meetings & Reminders**

- Choose Scorecard and Project Review Committee Representatives by May 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Scorecard Committee Representatives: <u>http://bit.ly/2q7PE6d</u>
  - Project Review Committee Representatives: <u>http://bit.ly/2plwEAx</u>



#### Wrap Up

- Next meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 10:30 12:00
- Keep in touch
  - <u>bos@ncceh.org</u>
  - (919) 755-4393

