Welcome

Reminders

Your line is muted.
We will unmute the line during Q&A pauses.

The chat box is available to use anytime.
Roll Call

- We will conduct Roll Call for Regional Leads and at-large members to confirm quorum for voting.
- All participants should enter their full names, so we can document their participation in the minutes.
Agenda
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• Consent Agenda
• COVID-19 Response
• 2020 PIT/HIC Report
• Racial Equity Subcommittee Update
• School Reentry Planning
• Update on Proposed Change to HUD’s Equal Access Rule
• Upcoming Meetings & Reminders
Review & approve consent agenda

Consent agenda:

https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/

- The consent agenda was sent to the Steering Committee prior to the meeting as part of a board packet.
- The consent agenda will be voted on as a whole at the beginning of each meeting.
- Steering Committee members may request to remove an item from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

Changes or discussion?
COVID-19 Pandemic Response
ESG-CV-1 award letters have started to go to applicant agencies!

NC DHHS began releasing award letters for both Crisis Response and Back@Home applicants on Wednesday

• CoC does not have a comprehensive list (yet)
• Some Crisis Response letters have not gone out as conditions are discussed with some agencies.
• Some Back@Home letters have not gone out until final coverage is determined
  • NC BoS CoC has some counties in Regions 8, 9, and 10 not covered under current applications.
NC ESG Office will be working on contracting.

• Contracts will run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022
  • NOTE: After discussions with HUD, the operating period must be two years from start date
  • Grantees will still be able to pay for expenses from March 10, 2020 forward.

• Awarded programs can begin their programs within these operating dates but cannot be reimbursed until contracts have been signed.
  • Contracts may take a few weeks due to internal NC DHHS process.
NC DHHS will offer two future ESG RFAs.

- The NC ESG Office confirmed that the annual ESG allocation RFA will arrive first
  - Funding for calendar year 2021
  - Streamlined process, likely with easy renewals for 2020 ESG agencies
  - Similar application and documents required for new applicants

- The second ESG-CV allocation will likely come at the beginning of 2021
  - Funding through June 30, 2020
  - Current ESG-CV grantees will indicate their need for additional $ in short process with current contract amended
  - New ESG-CV applicants will go through a similar application process
NC ESG Office had positive feedback on NC BoS CoC ESG-CV funding process.

Staff would like to hear your feedback on the ESG-CV funding process.

• What worked?
• What didn’t work?
• Would you want to do a similar process for the annual funding competition and why?
• What changes would you make and why?
Monitoring results and corrective action plans

• Staff ask the Steering Committee to consider giving the ESG Office permission to share monitoring results and corrective action plans.
  • Currently, cannot be shared because contracts are with individual agencies
  • Access would:
    • Assist the CoC make better funding decisions
    • Provide information for CoC staff to develop technical assistance plans

Questions? Motion?
Several underlying assumptions are made with eligibility and prioritization.

1. Rapid rehousing is an intervention that can work for everyone in need of rehousing assistance including those who ultimately need PSH
2. Diversion and rapid resolution conversations will happen with 211 and rehousing agencies at intake
3. Well-targeted prevention can assist with expected increase in at-risk households
4. Ask minimum amount of questions to enroll
5. Prioritization by risk, barriers, and community impact
6. Funding may provide opportunity to house majority of people experiencing homelessness in some communities
7. Will adjust prioritization based on real-time need and enrollment data, in partnership with NC BoS CoC regions
## Back@Home Eligibility

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<th>Back@Home-CV Eligibility Requirements</th>
<th>Prevention (Back@Home)</th>
<th>Rapid Rehousing (Back@Home)</th>
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<td>Income</td>
<td>&lt;30% AMI AND</td>
<td>None (&lt;30% AMI at recertification)</td>
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<td>Eligible Living situation(s)</td>
<td>Forced to leave current housing in 14 days AND one of below living situations</td>
<td>Emergency shelter/transitional housing OR</td>
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<td>In hotel/motel (not paid for by non-profit/government) OR</td>
<td>Streets/place not meant for human habitation OR</td>
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<td>Living in campsite/trailer OR</td>
<td>Fleeing DV OR</td>
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<td>Living in the home of another because of economic hardship OR</td>
<td>Institution for less than 90 days, literally homeless before institutionalization</td>
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<td>Unaccompanied youth (under 25) who cannot stay with family members with no stable place to live OR</td>
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<td>Have no other safe, appropriate residence (whether temporary or permanent) AND Not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from becoming literally homeless</td>
<td>And household does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to exit literal homelessness independently</td>
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We are facing a lot of unknowns as we design prioritization and triage of referrals.

Initially, referrals will be triaged based on lethality and the number of barriers a household faces to getting into housing.

For all referrals, rehousing agencies will work to identify emergency housing while they are working on the housing plan.

Back@Home and communities will monitor data to understand how best to balance rapid rehousing and prevention.
Households at higher lethality risk or with a large number of barriers will be prioritized.

Example

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<th>Priority Category</th>
<th>Order Served</th>
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<td>Priority 1: Medically vulnerable to COVID (as defined by CDC) OR Fleeing DV</td>
<td>1a. Literally homeless OR Fleeing DV</td>
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<td>1b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness</td>
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<td>Priority 2: 8 or more barriers from exiting homelessness AND community-defined priority</td>
<td>2a. Literally homeless</td>
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<td>2b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness</td>
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<td>Priority 3: 6 or more barriers from exiting homelessness</td>
<td>3a. Literally homeless</td>
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<td>3b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness</td>
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<td>Priority 4: 4 or more barriers from exiting homelessness</td>
<td>4a. Literally homeless</td>
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<td>4b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness</td>
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<td>Priority 5: 2 or more barriers from exiting homelessness</td>
<td>5a. Literally homeless</td>
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<td>5b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness</td>
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<td>Priority 6: 1 or No additional barriers from exiting homelessness</td>
<td>6a. Literally homeless</td>
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<td>6b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness</td>
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Households will be asked about barriers to getting and keeping housing.

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<th>Barriers for Prioritization</th>
<th>No income</th>
<th>Household size of 5 or more</th>
<th>Felony conviction among household members</th>
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<td>Currently at-risk of losing housing subsidy or subsidized unit (Targeted Homeless Prevention only)</td>
<td>No income</td>
<td>Household size of 5 or more</td>
<td>Felony conviction among household members</td>
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<td>Unaccompanied youth (under 25)</td>
<td>One or more children under 6 and/or pregnant</td>
<td>2 or more episodes of homelessness in prior three years</td>
<td>Vacated a unit 3+ times in prior 7 years and/or ongoing rental arrears</td>
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<td>Adult in household has severe and persistent disabling condition</td>
<td>Household from disproportionately impacted populations</td>
<td>Current homeless episode is 1 year or longer</td>
<td>Unsheltered (RRH only)</td>
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<td>No lease in name in last 3 years</td>
<td>Victim of DV in prior 6 months</td>
<td>Veteran, not eligible for VA services</td>
<td>Child in household has a severe and persistent disabling condition</td>
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Back@Home will use 2 data systems to support coordinated entry.

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<th>Data System</th>
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<th>Goals</th>
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<td>HMIS</td>
<td>Rehousing Agencies will have three projects:</td>
<td>• Capture all required HUD data elements</td>
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<td>• CE Project- shows who is referred but not yet enrolled</td>
<td>• Ensure CoCs comply with CE Data Standards</td>
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<td>• Rapid Rehousing Program- shows who is enrolled in program</td>
<td>• Pull necessary HUD Reports</td>
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<td>• Prevention Program- shows who is enrolled in program</td>
<td>• Allow CoCs to see who is referred to Back@Home and potentially pull people from the list if needed</td>
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<td>NCCARE360</td>
<td>Back@Home will be one “agency” in the system with Rehousing Agencies listed as separate programs</td>
<td>• Ease of electronic referrals with ROI, paperwork reminders, etc.</td>
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<td>• Ability to provide better program reporting to communities and the state</td>
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<td>• Assists Rehousing Agencies with referrals to other programs</td>
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NC BoS CoC regions will customize with the following options.

1. Prioritize housing referrals for people on the referral list for too long and/or not served by Back@Home
2. Design a surge strategy
3. Identify local COVID needs to include in Back@Home prioritization
4. Type of access for the HMIS Back@Home CE project- reports or ability to do data entry
5. Back@Home CoC referral process- use 211 or NCCARE360 platform
6. Special considerations with 211 call center will be made for CoCs who have a defined access point with other resources like shelter placement, eviction prevention, and/or diversion funding
Communication and transparency are a priority within the coordinated entry process.

Regular reports and dashboards about the overall impact of Back@Home through NCCARE360, especially want to track percentage of prevention spending

Scheduled HMIS reports or access to the HMIS Back@Home CE project for designated CoC staff or coordinated entry staff to see who is referred to Back@Home

Rehousing Agencies will attend and participate in local CE meetings

Ability to take someone off the referral list for Back@Home if another housing plan exists or it is taking too long to serve them

Ability to refer people directly to Back@Home through NCCARE360 if 211 is a barrier
Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Count
What data do we have today?

- Total People Counted Experiencing Homelessness January 29th, 2020
  - Data submitted to HUD for entire NC BoS CoC
  - Limited Data available by region, including
    - By Household type
    - By Sub-population (Vets, Youth, CH)
    - By Living Situation (Unsheltered, ES, TH)

- County Data not yet final
- Point-in-Time (by region) to be posted (ncceh.org/datacenter/pitdata) by NC BoS CoC HMIS Users Meeting July 16th
- Specific requests for data go to the Data Center (hmis@ncceh.org)
What does one day tell us?

People Counted in PIT, 2010-2020

- Everyone Experiencing Homelessness
- People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness
2020 Point-in-Time Count

- Total: 3185
- Adults with Children: 915
- Adults Only: 2253
- Only Children: 17
Location of People Experiencing Homelessness

PIT LIVING SITUATION 2020

- 61% Unsheltered
- 39% Sheltered
How were people counted?

People Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness
- App Sheltered: 23%
- Phone Survey: 27%
- HMIS: 50%

People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness
- App Unsheltered: 100%
How were people Counted?

People Experiencing Homelessness

Number of Unsheltered People: 996
Number of Sheltered People:
- App Sheltered: 515
- Phone Survey: 585
- HMIS: 1089
PIT Across the NC Balance of State CoC

Total People Counted by Region 2020

- R01: 323
- R02: 299
- R03: 357
- R04: 281
- R05: 415
- R06: 240
- R07: 338
- R08: 279
- R09: 273
- R10: 263
- R11: 260
- R12: 271
- R13: 241

Note: Total People
PIT Across NC Balance of State CoC: Sub-populations

Total Veterans Counted by Region 2020

- R01: 13
- R02: 2
- R03: 17
- R04: 14
- R05: 34
- R06: 0
- R07: 14
- R08: 9
- R09: 12
- R10: 8
- R11: 1
- R12: 20
- R13: 7
PIT Across NC Balance of State CoC: Sub-populations

Total Experiencing Chronic Homelessness by Region 2020
HMIS Bed Coverage

Households without Children
- HMIS Beds: 59%
- Non-HMIS Beds: 32%
- DV Beds: 9%

Households with Children
- HMIS Beds: 21%
- Non-HMIS Beds: 21%
- DV Beds: 59%

Households with Children Only
- HMIS Beds: 100%
Racial Equity Subcommittee Update
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The Racial Equity Subcommittee and NCCEH are finalizing a contract with C4 Innovations to provide racial equity training for the Steering Committee and the Racial Equity Subcommittee. Tentatively working toward training dates in November. More details to come.

The annual Racial Equity Assessment work is progressing. The Racial Equity Assessment Workgroup met July 17. After a review by the Racial Equity Subcommittee in August, the Assessment will be presented to the Steering Committee at its September meeting.
Racial Equity Dialogue Series

The Racial Equity Subcommittee hosted the first Racial Equity Dialogue on 7/27. The dialogue was attended by over 60 people and featured a panel conversation discussing “Police Brutality, Anti-Blackness and Community Response in BoS.” The event was well received, and planning has begun for the second session.

The second Racial Equity Dialogue will focus on “Systemic Racism and Impact on Homelessness.” The Dialogue will be held on Tuesday, August 25 at 12:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend!
Proposed Racial Equity Dialogue Series Topics

- Police Violence, Anti-Blackness, and Community Response in NC BoS CoC
- Systemic Racism & Impact on Homelessness, Tuesday August 25, 12:00pm
- Racism in the Justice system and Re-entry - September
- Racism & Voting - TBD
NORTH CAROLINA HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Presented by
Lisa Phillips
State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

NCDPI Office of the Deputy State Superintendent of Innovation
Federal Program Monitoring and Support Division
Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness in NC

2019-2020 SY
28,240 homeless children and youth in grades K-12

2018-2019 SY
36,733 homeless children and youth in grades K-12

*Hurricanes impacted numbers
Education Definition of Homelessness

Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

*Fixed residence:* is one that is stationary, permanent, and not subject to change.

*Regular residence:* is one that is used on a regular basis (i.e. nightly)

*Adequate residence:* is one that is sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments.

*If a living situation does not meet all 3 (fixed, regular, and adequate) then the situation is considered homeless.*

*Decisions should be made on a case-by-case determination.*
Education Definition Continued...

- Sharing a home due to loss of housing
- Sharing a home due to economic hardship
- Living in motels / hotels
- Living in trailer parks
- Living in a shelter
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Living in cars
- Living in parks or campgrounds
- Living in abandoned buildings
- Living under bridges
- Living at bus/train stations
- Unaccompanied homeless youth
- Migratory children in similar situations as mentioned above
The State of NC School Districts

- Districts Opening with Plan B (61)
- Districts Opening with Plan C (49)
- In-Person Orientation Followed by Remote Learning (2)
- Modified Plan B (3)

Map created by NCDPI.

Last Updated: July 28, 2020.
SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Homeless Liaison Strategies
https://hepnc.uncg.edu/covid-19-resources-for-homeless-liaisons/

NC Dept. of Public Instruction Guide for LEAs & Reopening
Lighting Our Way Forward-Guidebook

SchoolHouse Connection FAQ on COVID & Homelessness
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TlteU6XatUxuX-kUlhk2BLDystQ3IlwrvBrj-qkgmS0/edit
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HUD Proposed Amendment to Equal Access Rule
Quick Review of Terms

- Transgender: someone whose gender is different from their sex assigned at birth (sometimes shortened to trans)
- Cisgender: someone whose gender is exactly the same as their sex assigned at birth (sometimes shortened to cis)
New HUD rule affects transgender people’s ability to access emergency shelters.

• Published in Federal Register on 07/24/20, currently in 60-day comment period that ends 9/22/20.
• Rolls back 2016 protections under HUD Equal Access Rule: “equal access to HUD programs without regard to a person’s actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status”
• Would allow single sex emergency shelters that receive HUD funding to deny transgender people access based on their sex-assigned-at-birth.
NCCEH Response

• NCCEH opposes this proposed rule.
• Rule is in direct opposition to efforts to reduce barriers to shelter and promote a Housing First philosophy.
• HUD admits that there have been no documented incidents of trans people hurting other residents, or cisgender men pretending to be trans women to gain access to women’s shelters.
• Would harm all women
• We are joining state partners including NCCADV and Equality NC, and national partners including NAEH and NLIHC, among others, in opposing this rule change.
Impact on NC BoS CoC

• None yet- rule is still in comment period.
• Proposed rule does not affect a CoC’s ability to set funding priorities and written standards
• NC BoS CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy remains a part of CoC written standards and funding priorities and is not subject to change from this rule.
• Though rule in effect could allow discrimination against trans people, it does not compel shelters to- “can” vs “must.”
• If you oppose this rule (and are not a government employee), please submit a comment through the “Housing Saves Lives” portal before Sept 22, 2020! https://housingsaveslives.org/
Upcoming Meetings & Reminders
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- **COVID-19 Local Leadership Response Sharing Call**, *Alternating Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 P.M. This month’s meetings: August 5 and 19*
  Presentation: [https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness](https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness)
  Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733

- **Coordinated Entry Council Meeting**, *Monday, August 17, 10:00-11:30 A.M.*
  Presentation: [https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621)
  Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621

- **Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting**, *Wednesday, August 19, 9:00 A.M.*
  Presentation: [https://www.gotomeeting.me/NCEndHomelessness](https://www.gotomeeting.me/NCEndHomelessness)
  Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
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• **BoS HMIS User Meeting**, *Thursday, August 20, 1:00-2:30 P.M.*
  Register here: https://www.ncceh.org/events/1379/

• **Racial Equity Dialogue Series: “Systemic Racism and Impact on Homelessness,”** *Tuesday, August 25, 12:00–1:00 P.M.*
  Register here: https://www.ncceh.org/events/1432/

• **Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting**, *Thursday, August 27, 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.*
  Presentation: https://uberconference.com/briannceh
  Audio: (401) 283-4752 Access Code: 13939
Adjournment

Next Steering Committee Meeting:
• Tuesday, September 1, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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