# NC BoS CoC Racial Equity Subcommittee Minutes

January 16, 2022

**Attendees**:

Kenett Melgar, Deniece Cole, Lori Watts, Tambra Chamberlain, Manual Hyman Teresa Robinson, Tujuanda Sanders, Jeff Rawlings, Erin Gaskin, Dr. Cherie D. Lindsay-Chapman, Pamela Brown-Thomas, Elle Evans Peterson

**Staff**: Jeremy Ratcliff, Laurel McNamee, Andrea Carey, Sarah Murray

# Celebrations

Tambra Chamberlain celebrated her daughter having a 4.0 in her first semester in college

# Introductions

Everyone present introduced themselves, detailing where they from and what they look forward doing as a part of the subcommittee. Several new people were introduced to the subcommittee. New members included:

Erin Gaskin – Partners Behavioral Health

Dr. Cherie D. Lindsay-Chapman - Wesley Shelter

Pamela Brown-Thomas - Lucama Branch Librarian

Elle Evans Peterson - North Carolina Community Action Association (NCCAA)

Makala Perez – Blue Ridge Community Health

**Highlights/Wins​**

Staff reviewed key highlights of the Racial Equity Subcommittee in 2021

* Added Racial Equity questions to the CoC funding competition scorecard​
* 2 rounds of the RE Dialogue Series​
* Invited to present at NAEH and BIH conferences​
* Facilitated entire BoS CoC Steering Committee being trained by C4​
* Conducted 2 Racial Equity Assessments ​
* Published blog post on NAEH website​
* Retained majority of members ​

**Workgroups**

Workgroups: Equity Initiative Core Team​

Andrea gave an update on the Equity Initiative Core Team Workgroup formerly known as the Prioritization Workgroup​. NCCEH staff are also participating: Andrea, Ashley, Allie, and Brian​.

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NC Balance of State CoC was selected to participate in HUD’s second cohort Equity Initiative Technical Assistance. We get community coaching with experts for the next 9-12 months. Just 8 other communities were chosen!​

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Team pulled from across subcommittees (Coordinated Entry Council and Lived Expertise Advisory Committee too)​

* RE Members (so far!): Angela, Deniece, Jeff, Lori, Teresa​
* Staff: Allie, Andrea, Ashley, Brian​

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Goal: to create a replacement CE Prioritization Tool to the VI-SPDAT!​

* Email andrea@ncceh.org to learn more and join the workgroup!​

**Racial Equity Dialogue Series ​**

Jeremy Ratcliff gave a presentation on the work of the Racial Equity Dialogue Series. Going over what the panel series and the future moving forward. The presentation also included a call for membership in which two new members were added. Continued important conversations on systemic racism and its impact on homelessness, and services for people experiencing homelessness. ​

•2 event series held in Oct and Nov, 2021 ​

•Over 70 people in attendance at both events ​

Workgroup first meeting 1/7/22 Workgroup meetings take place every other Friday – Next meeting is Jan 21st. Topics will be presented in February RE Subcommittee Meeting​

​ New Dates for 2022​

* April 12​
* June 21​
* October 18​

Next Meeting is February 16, 2022