

LEAC Minutes: 07/08/22

Attendance: Eric Edwards, Alyce Knaflich, Rachelle Dugan, Tonya Smith, Jeff Rawlings, Laurel McNamee (staff)

How to support better attendance: LEAC members discussed ways to support each other to attend meetings through text and use a google document to assist in drafting a client bill of rights. Members discussed and encouraged each other to continue attending Regional Committee meetings and to join committees at the regional level.

ESG and CoC competitions: Staff presented updates on the special NOFO issued by HUD and notified the LEAC that their review and approval of the NC BoS CoC's plan to apply for these funds would be needed. Staff noted the upcoming webinar on 7/13, and all present scheduled a special LEAC meeting on 7/22 from 12:00pm – 1:00pm to review the plan. All LEAC members are asked to attend. Additionally, the LEAC discussed and provided feedback on a proposed addition to the scorecard for project applicants for the CY'23 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) competition concerning the number of staff that have lived experience of homelessness employed by a project applicant agency. LEAC members raised concerns about placing any employee in the position of disclosing their personal history, and instead emphasize an agency's hiring policy and whether or not it includes a value or preference for hiring people that have experienced homelessness. This feedback will be incorporated into the ESG Competition scorecard.

LEAC Minutes: 7/22/22 – LEAC consideration of Special NOFO plan for NC BoS CoC

Attendance: Eric Edwards, Alyce Knaflich, Rachelle Dugan, Jeff Rawlings, Tonya Smith, Laurel McNamee (staff), Brian Alexander (staff)

Presentation of NC BoS CoC draft plan for applying for a new funding opportunity through HUD:

Brian Alexander presented the plan, as drafted, for the NC BoS CoC to apply for, and implement, the FY22 CoC Special NOFO.

LEAC members provided feedback and asked questions about coverage and implementation across the CoC, the roles of an oversight agency and financial assistance administrator, clarifying the match requirement for this funding source, the strategy for implementing landlord engagement, the ongoing role of the LEAC as details of the plan continue to emerge.

Brian Alexander noted that the plan would be discussed again at the Funding and Performance Subcommittee meeting on 7/28 and come before the Steering Committee on August 2, 2022 and invited all LEAC members to attend. Brian asked if the LEAC was ready to approve the concept plan for the NC BoS CoC to apply for the FY'22 CoC Special NOFO.

Alyce Knaflich – motion to approve

Jeff Rawlings – seconded

Motion passed unanimously. The CoC's plan will go to the Funding and Performance Subcommittee with the approval of the LEAC.