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 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 state-wide 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 at-large 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: [www.ncceh.org/files/8169](https://www.ncceh.org/files/8169)
- Feedback form: [https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=c49cb3ad22984f8c9313e0d3503bd19a](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=c49cb3ad22984f8c9313e0d3503bd19a)
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 12th and ensure they can be at both meetings
  - Fill out online form: http://bit.ly/2q7PE6d
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
  - 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 [www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/](http://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication/)
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, Region 1 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 higher-needs 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: [www.ncceh.org/events/1151](http://www.ncceh.org/events/1151)
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 www.ncceh.org/pitdata/ 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.

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Count</th>
<th>Change Since 2016</th>
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<td>2102</td>
<td>-26 (-1%)</td>
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<td>Emergency Shelter</td>
<td>1682</td>
<td>Stayed the same</td>
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<td>Transitional Housing</td>
<td>420</td>
<td>-26 (-6%)</td>
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<td>Unsheltered</td>
<td>952</td>
<td>+117 (14%)</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>3054</td>
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Similar trend to the 2016 count:
- Sheltered count decreased (by 11%)
- Unsheltered count increased (by 27%)
There were only slight changes in household compositions.

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<th>2017 Count</th>
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<td>Adults &amp; Children</td>
<td>1143</td>
<td>+ 31 (3%)</td>
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<td>Adults Only</td>
<td>1897</td>
<td>+ 61 (3%)</td>
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<td>Children Only</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>- 1 (-7%)</td>
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Chronically homeless & veterans increased.

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<td><strong>Total Chronically Homeless</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Sheltered</td>
<td>127</td>
<td>-38 (-23%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unsheltered</td>
<td>255</td>
<td>+72 (39%)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Veterans</strong></td>
<td>176</td>
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<td>Sheltered</td>
<td>105</td>
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<td>Unsheltered</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>+17 (31%)</td>
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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 23rd at 1pm. Register here
    www.ncceh.org/events/1151

• Agencies interested in applying for new CoC funds: complete Intent to Apply Form
  • www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocapplication

• Please provide feedback on the Steering Committee proposal
  • Read the proposal here: www.ncceh.org/files/8169
  • Provide feedback here: http://bit.ly/2qa7RNM
Upcoming Meetings & Reminders

- Choose Scorecard and Project Review Committee Representatives by May 12th.
  - Scorecard Committee Representatives: http://bit.ly/2q7PE6d
Wrap Up

- Next meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 10:30 – 12:00

- Keep in touch
  - bos@ncceh.org
  - (919) 755-4393