



GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

Working to End Homelessness in Guilford County

Guilford County Continuum of Care Membership Meeting

December 9, 2021 – 9:30 AM– 11:00 AM

Minutes

Present: Liz Alverson, Shana Ayscue, Debbie Bailey, Laura Baker, Mollie Blafer, Will Bohaboy, Brad Bowers, Helen Cain, Edith Clifford, Tyra Clymer, Bennita Curtain, Dulmor, Meredith Daye, Tameria Fewell, Khari Garvin, Tina Gray, Brian Hahne, Annette Harris, Kelly Hedgecock (staff), Steve Hess, Councilwoman Sharon Hightower, Albert Hodges, Jackie Hundt, Becky Hunt, Dorothy Kennedy, Stefanie Ledwell, Jane McDaniel, Brooks Ann McKinney, Traci McLemore, Michelle McNair, Heather Magill, Chewan Moore, Cheri Neal, Renee Norris, Dr. Pamela Palmer, Angela Parker, Drennan Paylor, Shanna Reece, Deb Harris Richardson, Kecia Robinson, Sarah Roethlinger, Megan Scales, Dr. Stephen Sills, Bernita Sims, Kristina Singleton, Myami Skertich, Kentia Smith, Mark Springfield, Mark Sumerford, Denice Taylor, April Thompson, John Thompson, Derek Ward, Beth Waters, Erin Williams, Claretta Witherspoon

Guests: Renae Cleveland, Eric Foushee, Meg Sheehan, Shonda Sutton

I. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Palmer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

II. Review and Approve Minutes – Dr. Palmer asked for a motion to approve the October 14, 2021 Membership Meeting and October 21, 2021 Called Membership Meeting minutes. Shanna Reece made a motion and Tina Gray seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the minutes were approved.

- A. 2022 meeting dates (via Zoom meeting until further notice) – January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8, 2022

III. CoC Funding and Resource Development

- A. HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – The Collaborative Application and all new and renewal application were submitted to HUD before the November 16th deadline. It was a three-month process to submit the application.
- B. City of Greensboro – Liz Alverson said that White Flag will be held at the Regency Hotel and will be implemented by the IRC and GUM for individuals. Liz said to contact her directly for family placement and she put her cell number in the Zoom chat. Shanna Reece asked about the temperature and Liz responded that the temperature is 25 degrees consecutively for two hours. Kristina Singleton said that a more formal communication about White Flag would be sent out soon.
- C. City of High Point – Michelle McNair said that a White Flag funding request has been submitted to HUD and the City is waiting for a response. This funding will be for Open

Door Ministries, Salvation Army of High Point, and West End Ministries. Dr. Palmer thanked Brad Bowers for his work on this effort.

- D. United Way of Greater Greensboro Housing – Dr. Palmer said that the collaboration is going well and thanked the United Way for the resources to assist families that may not be assisted with federal sources. Khari Garvin thanked Dr. Palmer for her feedback.
- E. State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - Brian said that the contracts have been sent to the individual applicant agencies.

F. HUD Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)

- a. Coordinated Entry and Greensboro Housing Authority Update – Tina Gray said that forty vouchers have been issued. There is a wait list if available vouchers become available. GHA may provide a training presentation about the vouchers in early 2022.

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- a. UNCG CHCS Eviction Mediation Program – Renee Norris said that they program is holding weekly clinics at the courthouse. Legal Aid is assisting clients with appeals. Cheri said that the County is hiring additional staff to manage the backlog in processing ERAP applications. Dr. Sills said that it was critical to reduce the time it takes for payments to be made to landlords.
 - i. Renee said that the program is seeing more members of the immigrant community. Dr. Sills responded that IAC met recently to discuss mental health and homelessness issues within the immigrant community. There was a discussion about a behavioral health emergency crisis team who would be equipped with cultural competencies, language interpretation, and coordination with local police departments. Bernita responded that WRLP has funds available to assist with this process.
- b. Countywide Eviction Moratorium Plan – Cheri said that a meeting would be held next week to discuss prevention, advocacy, and diversion. Michael Halford has asked the County to address this process and will involve sub-committees.

IV. Collaborative Applicant Update – Cheri said that there have been meetings between the CoC, the County, and PEH on the Collaborative Applicant transition plan. Dr. Palmer said the CoC's Governance Charter would need to be updated to align with the Collaborative Applicant change, by the beginning of 2022 as recommended by HUD. A link to the Governance Charter from the CoC website was shared in the Zoom chat and Dr. Palmer recommended that everyone review the Charter. Bernita, as the Governance Committee Chair, requested active engagement from the CoC on the Charter updates.

- A. COVID-19 Homeless Response Task Force – Brian said that the cities of Greensboro and High Point both shared their updates on winter shelter earlier in the meeting.

B. Stronger Together Task Force – Dr. Pamela Palmer

- a. Small Group ARPA Discussion – At the October 14th CoC Membership, there was a discussion on the ARPA funds. Dr. Palmer has compiled that the information and will share it at a later date. A second feedback session will be held on December 14th from 6:30-7:30 PM at the GTCC Jamestown Campus at the Percy H. Sears Applied Technology Building. Simone Robinson, a County consultant, will facilitate with help from WRLP. Bernita said that this will be a hybrid session and asked for involvement from those with lived experience. Dr. Palmer asked for agencies to note in the Zoom chat if they planned to participate. Dr. Palmer also asked everyone to thank Michael Halford for the opportunity to participate. Sarah Roethlinger said that those with lived experience should be compensated for their participation and Bernita responded that she would look into facilitating that process.

- C. Point in Time Count – Cheri said that there is a Task Force meeting on a regular basis to plan PIT. Dorothy Kennedy from PEH is managing the volunteers and planning the trainings. Dr. Sills is navigating with community partners. Cheri asked for agency participation with both the PIT and Youth Counts. The IRC, THCD, and PEH will be assisting to lead the teams. They are currently working on donations for PIT, as well as food and gift cards for the Youth Count. Sarah also asked for volunteers for the Youth PIT Count and that the Youth Committee will set up at the local universities for the Count.

V. HMIS Update – Brian Hahne

- A. Committee Report – Dr. Stephen Sills said that efforts are focused on the PIT Count. Brian said that Dorothy Kennedy and Jackie Hundt would share reports in future meetings.

VI. Coordinated Entry Lead Update – Brian Hahne

- A. Committee Report – Dr. Palmer has appointed Will Bohaboy as the new chair of the Coordinated Entry Committee. She has asked Shanna to continue to serve on the Executive Committee. Brian said that the Committee would be working on staffing as well as policies and procedures.

VII. CoC Committee Reports

- A. Housing Resource Committee – Scott Jones - No report.
- B. Governance Committee – Bernita Sims – Discussed earlier in the Collaborative Applicant update.
- C. Advocacy and Public Relations Committee – Gattis Long was not present. Dr. Palmer said that Scott Jones and Gattis Long are serving on the County’s Eviction, Prevention and Diversion Committee. Brian said that Gattis is helping with the homeless memorial services.
- D. Membership Committee – Beth Waters said that membership applications have been received from Community Collaboration for Children and Bold 2 BU Community. Beth made a

motion to approve membership applications. There was no opposition, and the motion was approved.

E. Nominating Committee – Bernita Sims said that Albert Hodges has requested to be a member of Coordinated Entry Committee. Dr. Palmer asked Albert to reach out to Will.

F. Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Pamela Palmer – No update.

G. HMIS/Data Committee – Dr. Stephen Sills – Discussed earlier.

H. System Performance and Evaluation Committee – Bernita said that SPEC would review ESG and HUD funding deficiencies to address building capacity.

I. Coordinated Entry – Brian Hahne - No update

J. Appeals Committee – as Needed

K. Executive Committee – Dr. Pamela Palmer – No update

L. Youth Committee – Sarah Roethlinger – No update

VIII. Membership Announcements

A. Homeless Memorial Services will be held on December 21st at Greensboro Urban Ministry and December 23rd at St. Mary Episcopal Church in High Point. Kentia Smith from PEH asked for agencies to contact her if they have a list of names of those who passed away.

B. Councilwoman Hightower said that she is glad to participate with the CoC.

IX. Old Business / New Business

X. 11:00 AM – Meeting adjourned

Next CoC Membership Meeting on January 13, 2022, via Zoom