



GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

Working to End Homelessness in Guilford County

Guilford County Continuum of Care Membership Meeting

July 8, 2021 – 9:30 AM– 11:00 AM

Minutes

Present: Laura Baker, Helen Cain, Algernon Clark, Edith Clifford, Tom Campbell, Lisa Cowan-Dudley, Tameria Fewell, Tina Gray, Brian Hahne, Diane Hayden, Kelly Hedgecock (staff), Taylor Hicks, Albert Hodges, Donna Hodges, Becky Hunt, Jackie Hundt, Scott Jones, Dorothy Kennedy, Jon Lowder, Shannell Lucas, Brooks Ann McKinney, Michelle McNair, Heather Magill, Chewan Moore, Cheri Neal, Dr. Pamela Palmer, Shanna Reece, Antonia Monk Richburg, Kecia Robinson, Bernita Sims, Kentia Smith (staff), Mark Sumerford, John Thompson, Beth Waters, Leroy Wilson, and Thanena Wilson

Guests: Mollie Bluffer, D Fulmor, Heaven Wiley

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Palmer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She asked for any guests or first-time visitors to introduce themselves. Diane Hayden, the Program Manager from Guilford County DHHS Aging and Adults Services, introduced herself.
- II. Review and Approve Minutes – Dr. Palmer presented the June 10, 2021 Membership meeting minutes for approval. Tom Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes and Shanna Reece and Kecia Robinson seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the minutes were approved.
 - a. 2021 meeting dates (meeting via Zoom until further notice) – August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9, 2021
- III. CoC Funding and Resource Development
 - a. HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Brian Hahne shared that the HUD NOFO has not been released yet, but it is anticipated to come out shortly. The SPE Committee has reviewed a draft timeline and the CoC request for applications (RFA), as well as the scoring documents.
 - b. City of Greensboro – Shanna Reece said that the City of Greensboro has released a RFA on their website. The City will have a workshop on July 15 and the applications are due on July 30. Elizabeth Alverson was not at the Membership meeting to provide further information.
 - c. City of High Point – Thanena Wilson said the City of High Point has amended the action plan for the second round of CDBG funds from the CARES Act. The City is exploring an opportunity to work with the CoC and High Point partner agencies on a homeless day center. Locations have been looked at, but no decisions have

been made yet. The City would help to secure the facility and renovations, but a partner agency will run and operate the facility.

- d. United Way of Greater Greensboro Housing Grant – Brian shared that a group of agencies submitted a collaborative application for a housing grant provided by the UWGG from the Mackenzie Scott gift. The award notification has not been announced, but it is anticipated to be announced soon.
- e. State Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) – Brian said that the State ESG RFA was released on July 6. The SPE Committee will review the RFA and timelines. The Board will approve the RFA and timeline on July 21 and then the RFA will be released by the CoC. The application documents are available on the State’s website.
- f. HUD Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) – Tina Gray shared that the Greensboro Housing Authority is designing the program. She and James Cox met with Shanna Reece, Cheri Neal, and Debbie Bailey recently to discuss the program. There are 40 vouchers available and there has been one referral made so far. The MOUs are being worked on. Tameria Fewell will supervise the program. GHA is working on the case management details. Shannell Lucas asked how referrals are made and Tina replied that referrals should be made directly through the Coordinated Entry line. She said that there are also funds available for the chronically homeless and disabled. Dr. Palmer asked about the process and Tina said that she would send out a flowchart for the voucher system.

IV. Collaborative Applicant Update – Cheri Neal and Brian Hahne

- a. COVID-19 Homeless Response Task Force – Brian shared that the Task Force continues to meet as needed.
 - i. Guilford County Isolation and Quarantine Hotel Site Update – Over 1,300 clients have moved through the hotel with a 7% positive rate. On June 30, the Task Force had a good collaborative meeting with shelter leadership about the need of the hotel, particularly after December 2021.
 - ii. Vaccine Update – The Task Force continues to work on vaccine efforts.
- b. Crisis Response Team – Cheri said that she is beginning to meet with people to develop the crisis response team, including the County’s Aging and Adult Services and the HART team from the Greensboro police department. She will be contacting additional people on a core team. She hopes to develop a team for Greensboro and High Point.
- c. Stronger Together Task Force – Dr. Palmer shared that the CoC has been invited to present at a Guilford County Board of Commissioner work session on July 15. The presentation will include how the partnership is going and will include Dr. Palmer, Heather Skeens, Cheri, and Brian.

- i. Dr. Palmer shared about a collaborative opportunity to assist a family who was experiencing homelessness to provide services. It was a good collaboration with Guilford County and other agencies. Dr. Palmer thanked everyone who was involved in the situation.
- d. Strategic Plan Update – Jackie Hundt shared the quarterly metrics from the Strategic Plan for the governance and performance metrics including exit to permanent housing, negative exits, utilization rate, etc. The community engagement will be shared later to the CoC Membership. Dr. Palmer asked for this information is sent to the CoC Membership and Board. Jackie noted that the HMIS lead agency receives a lot of report requests and there is a need for capacity building with HMIS.

V. HMIS Update

- a. Committee Report – Dr. Sills was not present. Brian shared that he has been elected the chair of the statewide HMIS Governance Committee, which has representatives from nine CoCs within the state. The Governance Committee Program Manager will be present at future meetings to give updates. This is a good networking opportunity with other CoCs and to provide capacity building.
- b. PIT Count Data Update – Jackie shared the updated PIT information as requested from June’s Membership meeting. She included families with children and racial background information. The 2021 PIT Count showed 94% of Black and African American families while previous years had remained steady at 80%. Bernita Sims said that this is a disturbing number, regardless of the impact of COVID-19. She suggested that the CoC develop a community initiative on how to respond to this information. Dr. Palmer thanked Jackie for her work on the data and stated that the CoC would continue to report regularly report on this information.

VI. Coordinated Entry Lead Update

- a. Committee Report – Shanna Reece said that the COVID-19 Task Force met last week to discuss how to transition back to normal. There was a discussion of a hybrid shelter placement and the role of 211. The Coordinated Entry Committee has a meeting scheduled with the United Way on July 21 to discuss 211. The Committee will bring policy changes to the Board in the next couple of months. The Committee is also working on HIPAA training for all agencies that attend the weekly CE meetings.

VII. CoC Committee Reports

- a. Housing Resource Committee – Scott Jones – No report. There was discussion about the lack of materials and resources available for building.
- b. Governance Committee – Bernita Sims – No report
- c. Advocacy and Public Relations Committee – Gattis Long – No report

- d. Membership Committee – Beth Waters – No report
- e. Nominating Committee – Bernita Sims – No report
- f. Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Palmer – Discussed earlier
- g. HMIS/Data Committee – Dr. Sills – Discussed earlier
- h. System Performance and Evaluation Committee – Thanena Wilson said that the CoC will soon be in the ESG and NOFO application season. She made an appeal to the CoC Membership for committee members to serve on this committee. She will be on leave for a few months and Bernita Sims will serve as the Interim Chair. She clarified those agencies receiving ESG and HUD funding cannot participate on scoring applications. Dr. Palmer asked if she could appoint individuals to the committee for this year’s application season. Cheri asked for an addendum to be added to the governance charter to add committee members for the purpose of the 2021 ESG and NOFO application season. Dr. Palmer presented the motion. Tom Campbell made a motion to accept, and Scott Jones seconded the motion. Dr. Palmer asked for vote. There was no opposition, and the motion was accepted. Brian said that the SPE Committee will meet next week to orient new potential committee members. He thanked Thanena for her leadership and Bernita for filling in as Interim Chair.
- i. Coordinated Entry – Shanna Reece – Discussed earlier
- j. Appeals Committee – As Needed – No report
- k. Executive Committee – Dr. Palmer – No report
- l. Youth Committee – Sarah Roethlinger – No report.

VIII. Membership Announcements

- a. Shanna announced that the Stand Down event will be held on September 10 at Providence Baptist Church in Greensboro.
- b. Brian announced that the PEH’s Homerun for Homelessness with the Greensboro Grasshoppers will be held on Saturday, August 21 at 6:30 PM.
- c. Dr. Palmer announced that the FrYWCA Fest Benefit Concert will be held on Sunday, July 11.
- d. Bernita announced that WRLP will have a back-to-school event at Morehead Rec Center in High Point on Saturday, August 7 at 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.
- e. Cheri announced that I Am A Queen back to school event at the Windsor Rec Center on August 7.
- f. Shannell Lucas announced that the I AM Foundation is holding a Unity in the Community event on August 21.

- IX. Old Business/New Business
 - a. 11:00 AM – Meeting adjourned