



**Guilford County Continuum of Care Membership Meeting  
August 12, 2021 – 9:30 AM– 11:00 AM  
Minutes**

**Present:** Elizabeth Alverson, Laura Baker, Chip Berry, Will Bohaboy, Helen Cain, Tom Campbell, Algernon Clark, Edith Clifford, Lisa Cowan-Dudley, Meredith Daye, Tameria Fewell, Lashawna Forbes, Tina Gray, Annette Harris, Brian Hahne, Diane Hayden, Kelly Hedgecock (staff), Albert Hodges, Donna Hodges, Jackie Hundt, Becky Hunt, Dorothy Kennedy, Charolette Leach, Shannell Lucas, Brooks Ann McKinney, Donna McCormick, Michelle McNair, Cheri Neal, Dr. Pamela Palmer, Shanna Reece, Kecia Robinson, Antonia Monk Richburg, Sarah Roethlinger, Bernita Sims, Kentia Smith, Mark Sumerford, John Thompson, Natalie Ward, Clar-etta Witherspoon

**Guests:** Angel Baptist, Jeremiah McCaffity, Chandler Posey, Danice Taylor, Erin Williams

I. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Palmer opened the meeting and asked for any first-time attendees to introduce themselves. Helen Cain from Tiny Houses Community Development, Meredith Daye from Greensboro Housing Authority, Danice Taylor from the City of High Point’s Human Resources Department, and Chandler Posey from the City of Greensboro’s Neighborhood Development department.

II. Review and Approve Minutes – Dr. Palmer asked for a motion to approve the July 8, 2021, Membership Meeting minutes. Tom Campbell made a motion and Bernita Sims seconded approval of the minutes. There was no opposition, and the minutes were approved.

- A. 2021 meeting dates (via Zoom meeting until further notice) – September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9, 2021

III. CoC Funding and Resource Development

- A. HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – No announcement has been released yet. The HUD SNAPS Office anticipates that the NOFO will be released in the next couple of weeks.
- B. City of Greensboro – Elizabeth Alverson said that the Homeless Prevention and Emergency Solutions applications were due on August 6. The funding announcements will be sent out on August 13 and then go City Council for approval. She will reach out to the agencies to discuss the budget and contract.
- C. City of High Point – Michelle McNair said that there has been conversation about starting a day center in High Point. She welcomed The Servant Center for their expanded work in High Point. She asked if the IRC has started to provide services in High Point and Shanna replied that it might be related to the PATH team.

D. United Way of Greater Greensboro Housing – Funding notifications have been announced for funding through June 30, 2022. There are six agencies that submitted a collaborative application that was funded. The program will assist those to secure or maintain housing. There are other agencies in the CoC, who submitted separate applications, who were also funded.

E. State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

1. 2021 Annual ESG Request for Application (RFA) sent out via email, CoC website and CoC Facebook on July 22.
2. Project applications are due for CoC review on September 3. The SPEC will review the applications and make recommendations to the Membership and Board.
3. The final applications and regional application are due to the ESG Office on October 1.

F. HUD Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) – Tina Gray said that the GHA has received 56 referrals so far and have 40 vouchers available. MOUs have been signed with eight agencies. She requested that all documentation is included as noted on the checklist. If documents are missing such as birth certificates, still submit the packets and note the missing documents that have been requested. Meredith shared that the GHA will hold office hours to answer questions.

G. Guilford County

1. Coordinated Entry Equity Demonstration Project Phase II – Dr. Palmer said that HUD is recruiting CoC cohorts across the country to enhance Coordinated Entry. Shanna said that this is an opportunity to apply for HUD technical assistance for the CoC to look at racial equity in the Coordinated Entry system, prioritization, and processes. Cheri said that Guilford County will provide assistance with writing the letter of intent and submit the letter of interest to HUD.
2. Eviction Moratorium Project – Dr. Palmer shared that the County is committed to an eviction moratorium project with the UNCG Center for Housing and Community Studies for eviction mediation, housing resource navigation, and tenant capacity building. Cheri said that the County Manager is creating a committee and will ask CoC agencies to participate. She will be overseeing the administrative contract of the grant for the County.

IV. Collaborative Applicant Update – Cheri Neal and Brian Hahne

A. COVID-19 Homeless Response Task Force – The Task Force met yesterday. The positive rate in Guilford County has increased 8% with 93% of the cases due to the Delta variant. Most of the positive cases are younger people.

- a. Shelter Update – Mask mandates are returning and will be implemented at the shelters. The shelters have started to discuss a winter plan.
    - i. Dr. Palmer asked for an infographic with a map of the shelters and transitional housing available. Cheri said that a current list of shelters is on the CoC website is being updated. Shanna said that a list of shelters should note the limited capacity due to COVID-19.
    - ii. Cheri asked about a list of food resources. Mark Sumerford said GUM has an updated list available. The Greater High Point Food Alliance has a list available for High Point.
  - b. Guilford County Isolation and Quarantine Hotel Site Update – There are currently 18 clients at the hotel. 1,409 clients have come through the hotel process with a 7% positive rate. The County has hired a new hotel coordinator.
- B. Crisis Response Team – Cheri has been reaching out to people to be a part of the team and she is still working on a High Point team. She hopes to have the teams together by September.
- C. Stronger Together Task Force
- a. Collaborative Applicant Transition- Cheri said that the HUD technical assistance meetings have continued to help with enhancing the CoC. She has been reaching out to the local HUD representative Richard Thomason. There was a presentation from Cheri, Heather Skeens, Dr. Palmer, and Brian given to the Guilford County Commissioners in July. Dr. Palmer said there are plans for the Guilford County Commissioners to meet with the CoC leadership.

## V. HMIS Update

- A. Committee Report – Dr. Stephen Sills was not in attendance. Brian shared an update about the statewide Governance Committee. This Committee is exploring doing equity work that would benefit the HMIS system. For local HMIS contacts, Brian shared that Jackie Hundt is working on reporting and Dorothy Kennedy is training and working with end-users.

## VI. Coordinated Entry Lead Update – Brian Hahne

- A. Committee Report – Shanna Reece shared that the Coordinated Entry Committee has a meeting with the 211 team. The Committee will also have a meeting with Mecklenburg County’s Coordinated Entry team’s involvement with 211. Everyone has been impressed with 211 so far. The Committee is finalizing a Coordinated Entry MOU for all the partners involved, including confidentiality and HIPPA training.

## VII. CoC Committee Reports

- A. Housing Resource Committee – Scott Jones – No report
- B. Governance Committee – Bernita Sims – No report
- C. Advocacy and Public Relations Committee – Gattis Long – No report. Dr. Palmer said that the eviction moratorium project could help to enhance both the Advocacy and Housing Resource committees.
- D. Membership Committee – Beth Waters – No report
- E. Nominating Committee – Bernita Sims – No report
- F. Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Pamela Palmer – No report
- G. HMIS/Data Committee – Dr. Stephen Sills – Discussed earlier.
- H. System Performance and Evaluation Committee – Bernita Sims is serving as the Interim Chair of the Committee. There is a tentative schedule for the NOFO process.
- I. Coordinated Entry – Shanna Reece – Dr. Palmer said that Shanna will be stepping down as the chair and a new chair is needed for the Committee. If anyone is interested, please contact Dr. Palmer.
- J. Appeals Committee – as Needed
- K. Executive Committee – Dr. Pamela Palmer – No report – The Executive Committee meets monthly on Mondays.
- L. Youth Committee – Sarah Roethlinger – The committee has not met this summer, so they were unable to have an outreach event this summer. She is interested in creating a youth access group.

#### VIII. Membership Announcements

- A. Bernita said that WRLP has back to school supplies available for families and asked anyone who needs supplies to contact her.
- B. Cheri said that the County's in-person Meet and Greet has been postponed until October.
- C. Kentia Smith said the PEH Home Run for Homelessness baseball event with the Greensboro Grasshoppers is on August 21 at 6:30 PM. There will be a hygiene item collection drive at the game.

#### IX. Old Business / New Business

X. 11:00 AM – Adjourned at 11:05 AM

**Next CoC Membership Meeting on September 9, 2021, via Zoom**