



GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

Working to End Homelessness in Guilford County

Guilford County Continuum of Care Membership Meeting

February 10, 2022 – 9:30 AM– 11:00 AM

Minutes

Present: Elizabeth Alverson, Jenna Antignano, Shana Ayscue, Debbie Bailey, Laura Baker, Helen Cain, Cornith Camp, Tom Campbell, Edith Clifford, Tameria Fewell, Tina Gray, Brian Hahne, Annette Harris, Kelly Hedgecock (staff), Albert Hodges, Donna Hodges, Becky Hunt, Dorothy Kennedy, Jessica Littleton, Rase McCray, 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, Meg Sheehan, Bernita Sims, Kristina Singleton, Mark Springfield, Kentia Smith, Mark Sumerford, Danice Taylor, John Thompson, Teia Warren, Leroy Wilson, Claretta Witherspoon

Guests: Dee Fulton, Dr. Beverley Gray, Majik Pennix, Sheletha Ross

I. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Palmer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She said that the agenda included a conversation about the ARPA feedback with the Guilford County consultants. However, the consultants requested to postpone this conversation and this item is no longer a part of the meeting's agenda.

II. Review and Approve Minutes – Dr. Palmer presented the minutes from the January 7, 2022 Called Membership/Board Meeting and January 13, 2022 Membership Meeting. Danice Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes 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) – 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) – No update
- B. City of Greensboro – No update
- C. City of High Point – Michelle McNair said that the City has released its public services grant. The grant opened in February and will end in March. Also, free volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) services are available. More information is available on the City's website.
- D. United Way of Greater Greensboro Housing – No update
- E. State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

a. ESG-CV Spending Plan – Brian said that the State’s ESG-CV expenditure deadline is June 30. Dr. Palmer said that those with ESG-CV funds should have submit spending plans to the State ESG office. Cheri said that there is a meeting after today’s Membership for executive directors of shelters to discuss expansion of capacity.

F. HUD Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) – Tina Gray said that of the 40 vouchers available, five have found housing and 35 are still searching for housing. Bernita Sims asked if there has been any discussion with HUD about increasing the voucher amounts due to fair market rent (FMR) and Tina replied that HUD recently gave approval to increase the amounts. Cheri asked if the voucher process will change due to the increase and Tina replied that GHA is reviewing each voucher and will communicate with clients.

G. Guilford County

a. UNCG CHCS Eviction Mediation Program – Cheri Neal and Renee Norris – Renee said have contact with over 100 clients through the clinics and 33 clients were assisted by the Center. UNCG students have canvassed 573 houses in High Point and Greensboro to share information on the eviction program and other housing repair services. Cheri said that the County hopes to expand the eviction mediation program services to High Point. The program has met with judges on how to expediate eviction cases.

b. County’s Program Budget Planning – Cheri said that the County is working on building capacity in her current area. ARPA is scheduled to release an RFP next week.

i. Albert Hodges asked if the ARPA funding expenditure deadline is June 30 and Cheri responded that the ARPA funding is different, and expenditures are not due by June 30th.

c. Veterans Plan – Cheri Neal and Shanna Reece – Cheri looking at ways to expand capacity for services to veterans and wants to create a group outside of the Coordinated Entry veterans’ group.

d. Mask Distribution – Cheri said that mask distribution will take place on Monday, February 14 at 1:00-3:00 PM at 1203 Maple Street. She asked for agencies to contact her if they need additional masks.

IV. Collaborative Applicant Update – Dr. Palmer explained the Collaborative Applicant transition from PEH to Guilford County. The transition continues to be worked on.

A. HUD Technical Assistance – Cheri said that the HUD TA continued on this transition. It is highly recommended that for the community to conduct a Gaps Analysis. It is also a goal to collaboratively leverage state and federal funding to build capacity.

B. COVID-19 Homeless Response Task Force – Brian said that the Task Force has been meeting since March 2020.

a. Shelter Update

i. Shelter Capacity/Availability Data – Cheri has collected shelter capacity/availability data and will present the data at a future Membership meeting. Cheri said that there will be a meeting after Membership to discuss adequate space for the shelters after the hotel ends.

b. Guilford County Isolation and Quarantine Hotel Site Update – There are currently three families at the hotel. There have been over 1,744 clients transitioned through the hotel. The current positive rate is 12%.

c. Vaccine/Testing Update – Cheri said that the County has rapid home tests available for the shelters. Dr. Vann and Susan Hawks are available to assist shelters with quarantine space options at the shelters.

C. Stronger Together Task Force

a. County ARPA Update – Dr. Palmer said that the ARPA conversation at today’s meeting has been postponed by the Guilford County consultants. The ARPA consultants and County staff are reaching out to the CoC for information.

D. Point in Time Count

a. Cheri said that PIT Count date was changed to Wednesday, February 23, 2022. HUD approved this date change. There has been a lot of interest from volunteers.

b. The Youth PIT Count will be held at GTCC and NC A&T. Sarah Roethlinger is leading this effort. Cheri said that they are collecting gift cards and other donations for the Youth PIT.

E. Street Outreach Collaboration Conference – March 23, 2022 – Cheri said that she has reached out to Street Outreach agencies to hold a collaborative conference on March 23. The point is to work together and how to offer wrap around services to address issues. There is a need to address mental health issues being faced by clients.

V. HMIS Update – Dr. Palmer said that the HMIS Committee Chair is now vacant and asked for anyone who might be interested to serve to contact her or Brian.

A. Committee Report – Vacant – Brian said that there are some reporting deadlines coming up. Dorothy Kennedy will reach out to agencies for data. The main item that the Committee is working on is the PIT Count.

VI. Coordinated Entry Lead Update

A. Committee Report – Will Bohaboy was not present.

a. NC 211 Discussion Update – The Coordinated Entry Committee has been responding to questions from the NC 211. This option is still being reviewed.

- b. 24/7 Hotline Community Response – Dr. Palmer said that there will be a meeting on February 21. She said that a work group will be meeting this weekend to develop a plan for Coordinated Entry. She asked if anyone is interested in participating to the workgroup to note their interest in the Zoom chat.
- c. Brian said that PEH is working on improving internal processes for Coordinated Entry. The Committee is reviewing policies and procedures.

VII. CoC Committee Reports – Dr. Palmer left the Membership meeting due to a prior commitment. Vice-Chair Bernita Sims presided over the remainder of the meeting.

- A. Housing Resource Committee – Scott Jones – No update
- B. Governance Committee – Bernita Sims – No update
- C. Advocacy and Public Relations Committee – Gattis Long – No update
- D. Membership Committee – Beth Waters – No update
- E. Nominating Committee – Bernita Sims – No update
- F. Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Pamela Palmer – No update
- G. HMIS/Data Committee – Vacant – Discussed earlier
- H. System Performance and Evaluation Committee – Thanena Wilson – No update
- I. Coordinated Entry – Will Bohaboy – Discussed earlier
- J. Appeals Committee – as Needed – No update
- K. Executive Committee – Dr. Pamela Palmer – No update
- L. Youth Committee – Sarah Roethlinger – The youth PIT Count will be held at the local universities in March.

VIII. Membership Announcements

- A. Bernita Sims said that WRLP has hand sanitizers available. WRLP is planning a Big Pop-Up event at Four Seasons. Tables will be available for non-profits.
- B. Sarah Roethlinger said that Youth Focus is holding its annual Love Opens Doors benefit event on April 26.
- C. Majik Pennix shared that the Shalonda Poole Foundation will hold its annual Fun Day on April 23 from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM at Memorial Park at 501 South St in Greensboro.
- D. Mark Springfield said that the Disability Advocacy Center will hold a virtual Youth Leadership and Empowerment workshop on February 23 from 10:30-11:30 AM. They will also hold a virtual Adult Coffee, Tea, & Me Peer Support & Social Connections on February 23 from 2:00-3:30 PM. Mark also shared information about FEMA’s Youth Preparedness Council.
- E. Traci McLemore said that the UWGG has opened its Emergency Food and Shelter Program grant application and more information is available on UWGG’s website.

IX. Old Business / New Business

- A. Prioritization of ARPA Funds Discussion – This agenda item was postponed.

X. Adjournment – Bernita made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Michelle McNair seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Next CoC Membership Meeting on March 10, 2022, via Zoom