



GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

Working to End Homelessness in Guilford County

Guilford County Continuum of Care Membership Meeting

March 10, 2022 – 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Minutes

Present: Elizabeth Alverson, Shana Ayscue, Laura Baker, Mollie Blafer, Will Bohaboy, Brad Bowers, Helen Cain, Corinth Camp, Tom Campbell, Edith Clifford, Lisa Cowan-Dudley, Tiffany Dumas, Tamera Fewell, Lashawna Forbes, Diane Gillon, Tina Gray, Brian Hahne, Annette Harris, Kelly Hedgecock (staff), Councilwoman Sharon Hightower, Albert Hodges, Donna Hodges, Jackie Hundt, Becky Hunt, Dorothy Kennedy, David Kolosieke, Jessica Littleton, Shannell Lucas, Jane McDaniel, Brooks Ann McKinney, Traci McLemore, Michelle McNair, Heather Magill, Chewan Moore, Cheri Neal, Jennifer Nichols, Dr. Pamela Palmer, Angela Parker, Chandler Posey, Deb Harris Richardson, Kecia Robinson, Jessica Schultz, Bernita Sims, Ciara Smith, Kentia Smith, Mark Springfield, Mark Sumerford, Danice Taylor, John Thompson, Leroy Wilson, Claretta Witherspoon

Guests: Maggie Amos, Tracie Lundy, Angie Miles, Robert Shelly, Shonda Sutton, KD Walker

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

II. Review and Approve Minutes – Dr. Palmer presented the February 10, 2022 Membership Meeting minutes for approval. Michelle McNair made a motion to approve the minutes and Tom Campbell seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the minutes were approved.

A. 2022 meeting dates (via Zoom meeting until further notice) – 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. City of Greensboro – Elizabeth Alverson said that she will make a presentation for the annual RFP process soon. The City is open to new funding opportunities.

B. City of High Point – No update

C. United Way of Greater Greensboro Housing Recovery Grant – Brian Hahne said that the grant funds are being used to house people and things were going well.

D. State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – No update

E. HUD Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) – Tina Gray said that five of the 40 vouchers have been used. There are 40 additional people on the waiting list. Partner agencies can request extensions for applicants of the vouchers.

F. Guilford County

- a. UNCG CHCS Eviction Mediation Program – Cheri Neal said that the program is working in Greensboro and hopes to expand services to High Point. The program is working with Legal Aid. Canvassing efforts continue in both cities.
- b. ESG-CV Update – Opportunity for Shelter Bed Expansion – Dr. Palmer said that the County has been meeting with the CoC about expanding shelter bed space utilizing the State’s ESG-CV funds. YWCA Greensboro has been engaged in these conversations with NC DHHS. She encouraged agencies to connect with Cheri Neal if they are interested in participating. Brad Bowers said that he is thankful that the ESG-CV have extended spending through September 2022. He said that WEM is expanding bed space to pre-COVID capacity, but he is having issues finding shelter staff. It is important to sustain long-term expansion that will last for years and not just a short-term expansion. Cheri said that she is planning a shelter director meeting to discuss a tool for shelter staff capacity and shelter wait list.

IV. Collaborative Applicant Update – Cheri Neal and Brian Hahne

- A. HUD Technical Assistance – Dr. Palmer said that the CoC still receives HUD Technical Assistance around the Collaborative Applicant transition. The CoC has been advised to edit the Governance Charter so that it is in alignment with the transition.
 - a. Gaps Analysis – The HUD TA has agreed to assist with Gaps Analysis which will involve the Cities of High and Greensboro. Cheri will be inviting those who will be involved in the Gaps Analysis soon.
- B. COVID-19 Homeless Response Task Force – Brian said that the Task Force has been meeting for two years. The numbers are the lowest they have been, and the hotel is at its lowest numbers. There has been conversation about what the next steps of the Task Force. It is time to either end or repurpose the Task Force.
 - a. Shelter Update
 - b. Guilford County Isolation and Quarantine Hotel Site Update
 - c. Vaccine/Testing Update – Brian said that the County has home testing kits and it has been working well. Cheri asked shelters to contact public health for quarantine space assessment from Dr. Vann and Susan Hawks. This will help to inform shelter capacity.
- C. Stronger Together Task Force – Dr. Pamela Palmer
 - a. County ARPA Update – Guilford County has posted a Request for Ideas on website to submit applications. The deadline is March 13.
- D. Update on Point in Time Count – Cheri Neal said the PIT was held on February 23, 2022. There was a great turnout of volunteers, and she thanked all who donated to the PIT Count night. Street outreach teams went out after the PIT to follow-up. The Youth Count

was held at NC A&T, UNCG, and GTCC. She is planning a university roundtable discussion at a later date to discuss issues around student homelessness.

E. Street Outreach Collaboration Conference – Cheri said the street outreach teams will be meeting on March 23, 2022 to engage with one another and build a strategic plan.

F. County Update

- a. Crisis Response – Cheri said there was an intergovernmental meeting recently to discuss homelessness issues. The goal is for the government entities to address homelessness issues and expanding capacities. The gaps analysis will help to inform these efforts. There will be an eviction task force to discuss evictions from Greensboro apartment complexes, as well as a housing summit. Bernita Sims asked what role the CoC will be playing in these conversations and Cheri responded that the CoC will participate in future meetings.

V. HMIS Update – Brian Hahne

A. Committee Report – No update. The HMIS Committee chair is vacant.

B. System Performance Measures – Dorothy Kennedy said the longitudinal system analysis and system performance measures were submitted for the CoC. This information is important for the CoC's collaborative application. The system performance measures were pulled from HMIS for permanent housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing, and safe haven programs. Jackie Hundt shared a presentation of the CoC's system performance measures, which included observations and next step recommendations. The metrics included: length of time homelessness, return to homelessness, number of homeless persons, employment and income growth, number of first-time homelessness, and retention of permanent housing.

- a. Dr. Palmer asked for the data to be discussed at the next Membership meeting. This will be reviewed at the CoC Board meeting on March 16th. After the meeting, the presentation was posted on the CoC website, emailed to the CoC Board, and included on the weekly email CoC newsletter.

VI. Coordinated Entry Lead Update – Brian Hahne

A. Committee Report – Brian said that the Committee is revisiting the Coordinated Entry workflow and how the information is communicated to the outside community. The Committee will meet again in two weeks.

VII. CoC Committee Reports

A. Housing Resource Committee – Scott Jones – No update.

B. Governance Committee – Bernita Sims said that the Governance Charter will be reviewed and edited to be in alignment with the Collaborative Applicant transition.

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 said that the strategic plan will be reviewed at a future date.
- G. HMIS/Data Committee – Vacant – Discussed above.
- H. System Performance and Evaluation Committee – Thanena Wilson – No update.
- I. Coordinated Entry – Will Bohaboy – Discussed above.
- J. Appeals Committee – as Needed – No update.
- K. Executive Committee – Dr. Pamela Palmer – No update.
- L. Youth Committee – Cheri said that Youth Focus led an outreach at UNGG after Youth PIT Count. Ms. Paylor said that the Guilford County School System is working on additional funds to assist homeless families, especially for early childhood needs.

VIII. Membership Announcements – Dr. Palmer asked for announcements to noted in the Zoom chat. Dr. Palmer left the meeting due to a previous commitment and Vice-Chair Bernita Sims presided over the remainder of the meeting.

- A. Kentia Smith announced that Partners Ending Homelessness' Home Run for Homelessness baseball game will be held on July 30, 2022. There will be community feeding events in April and May.
- B. WRLP, in partnership with the NC Community Action Association, will be hosting the Big Pop Up at Four Season Mall on April 12, 2022. WRLP is seeking at least 150 volunteers. If organizations would like to participate, contact 336-691-5780.

IX. Old Business / New Business

X. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Next CoC Membership Meeting on April 14, 2022, via Zoom