



GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

Working to End Homelessness in Guilford County

Guilford County Continuum of Care Membership Meeting

April 14, 2022 – 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Minutes

Present: Shana Ayscue, Debbie Bailey, Laura Baker, Brad Bowers, Will Bohaboy, Tom Campbell, Renae Cleveland, Edith Clifford, Tiffany Dumas, Brian Evans, Tina Gray, Brian Hahne, Annette Harris, Pamela Haywood, Kelly Hedgecock (staff), Councilwoman Sharon Hightower, Albert Hodges, Donna Hodges, Becky Hunt, Dorothy Kennedy, Chelsea McCarthy, Jane McDaniel, Itinease McMiller, Michelle McNair, Heather Magill, Cheri Neal, Renee Norris, Dr. Pamela Palmer, Angela Parker, Drennan Paylor, Kecia Robinson, Bernita Sims, Kentia Smith, Mark Springfield, Mark Sumerford, April Thompson, KD Walker, Natalie Ward, Erin Williams

I. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Palmer opened the meeting. She welcomed Itinease McMiller from WFMY 2 News, who is attending to learn more about the Guilford County CoC.

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

- A. 2022 meeting dates (via Zoom meeting until further notice) – 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 NOFO

1. FY 2021 Award Notifications – Brian Hahne said the HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) awards were announced in March. The list of awards was shared during the meeting. The CoC has not received the application scores information from HUD.
2. FY 2022 Collaborative Agent/CoC Registration – Cheri Neal said the registration for the 2022 NOFO has been completed.

B. City of Greensboro – No update.

C. City of High Point

1. Day Shelter Update – Will Bohaboy said that a site is being looked at for the day center in High Point. It will likely take 12-14 months to finalize the location.

D. United Way of Greater Greensboro Housing and Community Recovery Grant – Brian said the project is going well and the next quarter report will be submitted soon.

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

F. HUD Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) – Tina Gray said ten vouchers have been leased and extensions are being granted for the remaining vouchers.

G. Guilford County

1. UNCG CHCS Eviction Mediation Program – Renee Norris said clinics and mediation services continue to have dismissals of eviction charges. They are seeing an issue with property managers not wanting to take vouchers or are increasing rent amounts. This has been a challenge to find new housing. This summer, they are planning community outreach and will participate in community events so that the program can be present. Renee requested to be contacted if organizations have any events. An updated flyer to reach out for eviction processes has been created and distributed. Cheri said that ERAP is no longer accepting new applications, but those who previously submitted applications are being reviewed.

2. ESG-CV Update – Isolation and Quarantine Expansion – Cheri said that Guilford County applied for ESG-CV funding to address the quarantine hotel and shelter capacity. The hotel voucher process is on hold. Hotel voucher system has been shared with the shelters and still trying to vet the process by April 18. Shelters will have MOU with the County and the goal is to reimburse shelters for hotel rooms if a client needs to be quarantined. Shelters will be responsible for providing food, transportation, and case management for the clients.

a. There was a discussion of recent evictions in Greensboro. Residents with fixed incomes were displaced from four apartment complexes due to rent increases as well as renovations did not address accommodation issues. Dr. Palmer said Josie Williams and Elizabeth Alverson have led meetings and a lot of work has been done to resolve this issue. Councilwoman Hightower said that Mayor Vaughn spoke with the management company to extend leases and not increasing rent amounts until October 2022. In the Zoom chat, Cheri asked for agencies that would like to be involved in community meeting about being displaced to contact her.

IV. Collaborative Applicant Update – Cheri Neal and Brian Hahne

A. HUD Technical Assistance

1. CoC Gaps Analysis – There will be meetings to develop a plan to determine the appropriate partners that need to be included in the CoC gaps analysis. HUD Technical Assistance (TA) will provide listening sessions.

ii. In the Zoom chat, Cheri shared that the CoC Listening Sessions will be available as scheduled:

1. Hospital and Supportive Service Providers – April 29th at 9:30 AM
 2. Homeless Service Providers – May 6th at 9:30 AM
 3. Municipalities and Elected Officials – May 10th at 9:30 AM
 4. Business Community – May 13th at 9:30 AM
5. Dr. Palmer reached out to the HUD TA for board development. The TA can offer a virtual roles and responsibilities training for board members, and it may occur in May.

B. COVID-19 Homeless Response Task Force – Brian Hahne

1. Guilford County Isolation and Quarantine Hotel Site Update – The hotel contract ended March 31. Guilford Health Public Health has been engaged with the Task Force on the voucher system. Kentia Smith has contacted local hotels who might be interested in utilizing the hotel vouchers and will share these resources.
2. Task Force Transition – Brian will discuss the next steps for the COVID-19 Task Force at the May CoC Board meeting.

C. Stronger Together Task Force – Dr. Pamela Palmer

1. Task Force Transition – The CoC strategic plan will expire soon, and an updated plan will need to be developed. Dr. Palmer suggested that the Stronger Together Task Force as a way to develop the new strategic plan.

D. County Update

1. Intergovernmental Committee Update – Cheri said that representatives from the City of Greensboro, City of High Point, and Guilford County have met twice. They are addressing acute needs issues in the community and what resources can be used. Plans will be drawn up to be reviewed by the CoC Executive Committee. This has been a great opportunity for the Cities and County to come together.
2. Street Outreach Conference – Cheri said street outreach teams came together in March to discuss strategic plan, issues and concerns talked about. It was an opportunity to collaborate and discuss how to address needs, including a referral process. These teams will meet bi-weekly, starting in May.

V. HMIS Update – Brian Hahne

- A. Committee Report – The committee chair position is vacant. Brian said that the Point in Time and Housing Inventory Count (PIT and HIC) numbers will be submitted to HUD by the end of the month. The final numbers will be discussed at May's meeting. The HMIS team has been working on information for High Point's Action Plan.

VI. Coordinated Entry Lead Update – Brian Hahne

A. Committee Report – Will Bohaboy

1. State ESG-CV Temporary Amendment – Will shared an update on the amendment. The amendment was in reference to ESG-CV Rapid Rehousing funds. CoC representatives met with ESG and HUD representatives. The Coordinated Entry Committee should have first discussed the amendment. A recommendation was made by the Committee, which was electronically voted and approved by the CoC Board last week.
 - i. Albert Hodges asked if the ESG Office has been notified and Will responded that he would reach out to the ESG Office.
2. Rapid Rehousing Funding Limit Increase – This will be reviewed by the Committee at the April 27 meeting. The Committee requested for agencies to provide data on the dollar amount of services. The current amount is \$10,000.
3. System Workflow Update – This is being worked on by the Committee. It will be approved and shared for communication processes.

VII. CoC Committee Reports

- A. Housing Resource Committee – Scott Jones – No update.
- B. Governance Committee – Bernita Sims said that the Governance Committee will meet sometime soon. Changes need to be made to the Governance Charter prior to June 30 regarding 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 said that the Nominating Committee will meet soon to discuss FY 22-23 CoC Board Nominations.
- F. Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Pamela Palmer – No update
- G. HMIS/Data Committee – Vacant – Discussed earlier.
- H. System Performance and Evaluation Committee – Brian said that he and Cheri are meeting with Thanena Wilson to discuss monitoring and other SPE Committee needs.
- 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 – No update.

VIII. Membership Announcements

- A. Kentia Smith shared that PEH Home Run for Homelessness will be held on July 30th. Sponsorships are available for the game. Also, there was a community feeding event in April and there will be another one in June. These events were in collaboration with Bold 2 B U. Kentia also shared that the City of Greensboro's Human Rights Commission will hold a "Let's Talk Law" session this evening.

B. Mark Springfield shared that the Disability Advocacy Center will hold a Coffee, Tea, and Me event for persons with cross-disabilities on April 27th on Zoom. This event is held monthly, and more information can be found on <https://dac-cil.org/index.php/events/>. Mark also asked anyone had resources for teenagers with autism to please contact him.

C. Bernita Sims shared the WRLP Big Pop-up event on April 12th went well. The event served families and distributed food and items. Also, the Tomorrow's Titan program will take place in High Point. This program is a public safety initiative and will help youth to find summer jobs.

D. Renae Cleveland shared that Bold 2 B U will hold monthly community cookouts from April-July. There will be free meals and hygiene items and meals can be delivered to senior citizens. She requested resources to hand out at the events

E. April Thompson shared that A Joyous Transition would hold an event at GTCC on April 23rd from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. The event will include resources from employers, home buying options, financial literacy support, HR, etc.

F. Councilwoman Hightower shared that the Greensboro police department is offering the 500 jobs for teens initiative. More information is available at <https://500jobsgso.org/>. Also, Councilwoman Hightower will hold a meeting on April 25th at the Brown Recreation Center from 6:00-8:00 PM to discuss tax issues.

IX. Old Business / New Business

X. 11:00 AM – Adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Next CoC Membership Meeting on May 12, 2022, via Zoom