



GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

Working to End Homelessness in Guilford County

Guilford County Continuum of Care Membership Meeting

May 12, 2022 – 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Minutes

Present: Elizabeth Alverson, Maggie Amos, April Anderson, Shana Ayscue, Laura Baker, Mollie Blafer, Will Bohaboy, Helen Cain, Tom Campbell, Renae Cleveland, Edith Clifford, Lisa Cowan-Dudley, Meredith Daye, Tiffany Dumas, Brian Evans, Tameria Fewell, Denise Fulmore, Lashawna Forbes, Brian Hahne, Annette Harris, Pamela Haywood, Kelly Hedgecock (staff), Councilwoman Sharon Hightower, Albert Hodges, Donna Hodges, Becky Hunt, Scott Jones, Dorothy Kennedy, Jessica Littleton, Jackie Lucas, Jane McDaniel, Brooks Ann McKinney, Traci McLemore, Michelle McNair, Heather Magill, Chewan Moore, Cheri Neal, Renee Norris, Dr. Pamela Palmer, Angela Parker, Majik Pennix, Kecia Robinson, Megan Scales, Robert Shelly, Bernita Sims, Ciara Smith, Kentia Smith, Mark Springfield, Mark Sumerford, Shonda Sutton, John Thompson, Mike Thull, Beth Waters, Leroy Wilson, Thanena Wilson, Claretta Witherspoon, Tyler Yates

I. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Palmer opened the meeting. New attendees were April Anderson from the IRC and Mike Thull and Tyler Yates from GCSTOP.

II. Review and Approve Minutes – Dr. Palmer presented the minutes from the April 14, 2022 Membership Meeting for approval. Bernita Sims made a motion to approve the minutes and Brian Evans seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the minutes were approved. Dr. Palmer requested the Nominating Committee report to be shared first on the agenda.

- A. 2022 meeting dates (via Zoom meeting until further notice) – 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 – Cheri Neal said HUD released the NC-504's debriefing for the 2021 NOFO application scores. Brian Hahne said the CoC did well on the debriefing and was above the median of CoCs from across the country. He thanked all of those who participated in the application process. Dr. Palmer said that this is good news to share and that the HUD Technical Assistance consultants have complimented our CoC on active, collaborative network.
- B. City of Greensboro – Elizabeth Alverson said the City of Greensboro's RFP will be announced soon. The RFP will be open for new partners to apply. The RFP will be emailed and posted in the public newspapers. She also said the City's ESG-CV spenddown period has been extended to September 2023.
- C. City of High Point – Thanena Wilson said the City of High Point received a congressional allocation of \$3 million for a day center. The City is looking at locations and

seeking other funding options. Scott Jones asked if HOME funds would be available in High Point. Thanena responded that the City will receive communication soon about the allocation and will communicate after the City's Action Plan.

- A. United Way of Greater Greensboro Housing Recovery Grant – Brian Hahne said that this has been a great partnership and appreciated the unrestricted funds to house people. Traci McLemore said that the UWGG is pleased with the work that has been done.
- B. State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Cheri Neal said that the State has contacted agencies about the fund spending extension for September 2023. Guilford County applied for ESG-CV funds but did not receive funds.
- C. HUD Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) – Tameria Fewell said 12 applicants have found units and 21 applicants are still searching. She thanked all partnering agencies to get the vouchers utilized. Elizabeth Alverson thanked the Greensboro Housing Authority for their work and said that Greensboro has been recognized for effectively utilizing the vouchers.
- D. Guilford County
 - 1. UNCG CHCS Eviction Mediation Program – Renee Norris said more people are requesting assistance in advance, so they are able to help people prior to an eviction. The program is proactively reaching out to property owners. At the courts in Greensboro, 138 people have come to the clinic and 45 people have been helped through the program.

IV. Collaborative Applicant Update – Cheri Neal and Brian Hahne

A. Collaborative Applicant Transition

- 1. Transition Timeline – Cheri Neal said that Collaborative Applicant transition will be in effect as of July 1. Brian Hahne said that SPEC is meeting next week to discuss monitoring, ESG, and NOFO applications.
- 2. Job Duties – Applications are being accepted for Compliance and Monitoring Specialist and Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist. Cheri hopes to have staff onboarded by July 1. The job announcement has been communicated throughout the state. DHHS Business Analyst and Grant Manager will assist Cheri with the ESG and NOFO processes.

B. HUD Technical Assistance

- 1. Gaps Analysis – Cheri said gaps analysis listening sessions continue to be held and this week's session is for business owners. On May 26, a listening session will be held for municipalities and elected officials. The CoC Executive Committee members have been present at the listening session meetings. Dr. Palmer and Shanna Reece will represent the CoC during the work on the gaps analysis.

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

1. Task Force Transition – The Task Force will be meeting on May 25. The Task Force is transitioning to the County after June 30.

D. Stronger Together Task Force – Dr. Pamela Palmer

1. Task Force Transition – No update. The Strategic Plan will be reviewed, and the work may shift to this Task Force.

E. County Update – Cheri Neal

1. Staff Transition Update – Discussed earlier.

V. HMIS Update – Brian Hahne

- A. Committee Report – Vacant – No report. Dr. Palmer asked for anyone who may be interested in the HMIS Chair role to reach out to her.
- B. Review of PIT and HIC Data – Dorothy Kennedy presented the PIT and HIC data that was submitted to HUD on May 6. She explained that the Point in Time Count is a snapshot of those experiencing homelessness on a given night. For 2022, the PIT Count was held on February 23. The total number was 426 individuals with 343 sheltered and 83 unsheltered. Dorothy presented the Housing Inventory Count, which is the bed utilization rate on the night of February 23, 2022. The bed utilization rate was 71%. The PIT and HIC presentation will be sent out after the Membership meeting.

VI. Coordinated Entry Lead Update – Brian Hahne

- A. Committee Report – Will Bohaboy – The Coordinated Entry committee met last week.
 1. Rapid Rehousing Funding Limit Increase – The committee recommends increasing the rapid rehousing funding limit from \$10,000 to \$15,000, due to increased cost of housing. Will Bohaboy made a recommendation to increase the funding limit. Albert Hodges made a motion to approve the recommendation and Elizabeth Alverson seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the motion was approved.
 2. System Workflow Update – The Coordinated Entry system workflow was shared during the meeting. Will asked for any feedback on the workflow. The system workflow will be sent out after the Membership meeting.

VII. CoC Committee Reports

- A. Housing Resource Committee – Scott Jones is working on a list of property owners to invite to a breakfast meeting in June. He met representatives to discuss a property development idea.

- B. Governance Committee – Bernita Sims said the Governance Charter needs to be updated due to the Collaborative Applicant transition. The proposed edit will remove the Administrative Agent function.
- C. Advocacy and Public Relations Committee – Gattis Long – No update. Cheri said Guilford County is hiring a public relation position that could assist the CoC in some advocacy issues in the future.
- D. Membership Committee – Beth Waters made a motion to approve GCSTOP for membership to the CoC. Brian Hahne and Tiffany Dumas seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the motion was approved.
- E. Nominating Committee – Bernita Sims discussed the FY 22-23 Board nomination process. An email communication will be sent out this week to receive Board nominations, which will be accepted by May 31. A communication will be sent out to board members to verify their membership on the Board and if they are willing to serve additional term. Board members will be voted on at the June membership meeting.
- F. Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Pamela Palmer – Discussed earlier.
- G. HMIS/Data Committee – Vacant – Discussed earlier.
- H. System Performance and Evaluation Committee – Thanena Wilson said SPEC will meet soon to discuss monitoring, the ESG processes, and the NOFO processes.
- 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. YWCA Greensboro – Dr. Palmer shared that Deb Harris Richardson has been announced as the next President and CEO of the YWCA.
- B. Salvation Army of Greensboro – Jackie Lucas announced that she accepted an internal promotion as Director of Operations at the Salvation Army of Greensboro.
- C. Warnersville Community Coalition – Majik Pennix shared the Warnersville Community Coalition has received an award for community innovation for S Elm Street in Greensboro.
- D. Cheri Neal said that an Executive Director/Senior Leadership meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 17. She is meeting with Robert Shelly on veterans' services issues. She is developing a plan on supportive services agency fair. She is partnering with universities on addressing homelessness issues for students. The Street Outreach Collaboration meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00 AM in Room 122 at 1203 Maple Street in Greensboro.

IX. Old Business / New Business

X. Adjourned at 11:10 AM

Next CoC Membership Meeting on June 9, 2022, via Zoom