



GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

Working to End Homelessness in Guilford County

Guilford County Continuum of Care Board Meeting September 21, 2022 Minutes

Attendees: Chair Bernita Sims, Edith Clifford, Lisa Cowan-Dudley, Tina Gray, Brian Hahne, Councilwoman Sharon Hightower, Kenyatta Jennings-Richardson, Scott Jones, Charolette Leach, Heather Magill, Cheri Neal, Renee Norris, Dr. Pamela Palmer, Quiotti Ratliff, Shanna Reece, Sarah Roethlinger, Mark Sumerford, Thanena Wilson

Staff in Attendance:

Wilton Donnell, Jennifer Hurdle, Sophie Probert, Laura Zbehlik

I. Welcome and Introduction – Chair Bernita Sims

Chair Sims opened the regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting of the Board of the Continuum of Care (CoC) at 2pm. The meeting was being held via Zoom.

II. Review and Approve Minutes

Due to waiting for members to log on to establish quorum, this portion was delayed, and returned to in the course of this meeting. The minutes of July 20, 2022 were acknowledged as having been sent electronically for review. It was noted that there was a misspelling of the last name Reece (it was incorrectly spelled Reese) in Sect.II. It was also noted that Beth Waters is the representative for the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) HMIS team. Chair Sims entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the July 20, 2022 meeting. Ms. Reece moved to accept the minutes and it was properly seconded. The corrections are being made for records.

III. CoC Funding and Resource Development

A. HUD NOFO - Cheri Neal

There is a push as the funding process is nearing the deadline for completion. A call meeting will be held next week for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

B. State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Cheri Neal

C. City of Greensboro – Councilwoman Sharon Hightower

Recognition and appreciation was given for the presentations made by the CoC to address homelessness before local officials. Discussion ensued on that topic and pending ordinances.

D. City of High Point – (Thanena Wilson)

The Day Center Steering Committee met. There will be forthcoming updates.

- E. HUD Emergency Housing Vouchers – Tina Gray**
The program is moving but moving slowly. 40 vouchers had been released; 15 have been processed with 3-4 pending approval. The program end date is October 31, 2022 for leased vouchers. HUD is expected to save 20 additional vouchers.

IV. Collaborative Applicant Update – Cheri Neal

A. HUD Technical Assistance

1. Gaps Analysis -Cheri Neal

A meeting was held with the HUD TA, HMIS, and Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH) with breaking out information into racial groups, singles, families, veterans, and youth. There will be interviews with providers and a request for people with lived experience.

B. Other Updates - Cheri Neal

1. VAWA Policy and Emergency Transfer Plan Policy

2. McKinney-Vento Policy on Children’s Education

The two above policies were discussed in terms of needing to be updated per HUD funding guidelines and federal legislation. Discussion commenced on ability to enforce agency adherence and CoC body position on the matter. Chair Sims entertained a motion on the matter. Kenyatta Jennings-Richardson made a motion to adopt the revised policies. The motion was properly seconded and the motion passed successfully without question or objection.

V. HMIS Update – Brian Hahne

A. Committee Report – Beth Waters (made by Brian Hahne)

A report is forthcoming in November about a review of the HMIS role(s). A discussion rose on considering outreach groups/teams and concerns about having the data tracked.

VI. Coordinated Entry Lead Update – Brian Hahne

A. Committee Report – Will Bohaboy (made by Brian Hahne)

Updates should be coming in November. The team is trying to prioritize Policies and procedures.

VIII. Stronger Together Task Force – Dr. Pamela Palmer

The task force is continuing with two projects; American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding and a Press Conference

VII. CoC Committee Reports

- A. Housing Governance Committee – Scott Jones**
Building new homes is in progress
- B. Governance Committee – Chair Bernita Sims**
No Report
- C. Advocacy and Public Relations Committee -Vacant**
- D. Membership Committee -Beth Waters**
No Report
- E. Nominating Committee – Chair Bernita Sims**
No Report
- F. Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Pamela Palmer**
Tabled until a later date
- G. System Performance and Evaluation Committee – Chair Bernita Sims**
Mention that the Notice Of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) and
ESG grants programs are in progress
- H. Appeals Committee – As Needed**
Volunteers are to be asked or a team appointed to address an ESG matter
- I. Executive Committee – Chair Bernita Sims**
No Report
- J. Youth Committee – Sarah Roethlinger**
No Report

IX. Membership Announcements

None mentioned

X. Old Business/New Business

- A. Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form**

XI. Adjourn

Chair Sims entertained a motion to adjourn and end this meeting. Dr. Palmer made a motion to adjourn from this meeting. The motion was properly seconded and the meeting adjourned.