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**Guilford County Continuum of Care Membership Meeting**

**Minutes**

**05.11.23**

**Attending:** Chair Bernita Sims, Liz Alverson, Debbie Bailey, Laura Baker, Caitlin

Bowers, Corinth Camp, Edith Clifford, Lisa Cowan-Dudley, Bennita

Curtain, Tiffany Dumas, Alex Dummit, Tameria Fewell, Whitney Fox,

Denise Fulmore, Sarah Glover, Annette Harris, Debra Harris-Richardson,

Councilwoman Sharon Hightower, Kelly Hedgecock, Taylor Hicks, Donna

Hodges, Robbielene Lawhorn, Michelle McNair, Kojo Minta, Chewan

Moore, Cherie Neal, Denice Norris, Renee Norris, Dr. Pamela Palmer,

Angela Parker, Drennan Paylor, Ann Pinto, Sophie Probert, Andrew

Prochet, Quiotti Ratliff, Kecia Robinson, Kristina Singleton, Ciara Smith,

Erin Stratford-Owens, Mark Sumerford, Tara Tillman, Leroy Wilson, Nena

Wilson

**Also Attending:**

Sherea Burnett, Jessica Camire, Wilton Donnell, Jennifer Hurdle

This was the regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Continuum of Care

(CoC) Membership body. The meeting was held virtually via the Zoom

platform.

**I.** **Welcome and Introduction - Chair** **Bernita Sims**

**(Acknowledgement of any guests)**

The meeting was officially opened at 9:35am with a welcome from Chair Sims.

Guests acknowledged and allowed to identify themselves were Alex Dummit,

Whitney Fox (Fox Valley Farms), and Tara Tillman (Landlord Outreach

Specialist – UNC-G Housing and Community Studies).

**II.** **Review and Approve Minutes – Chair Bernita Sims**

**A. Review Minutes of Meeting of 04.13.23**

**B. 2023 Meeting Dates (via Zoom until further notice)**

**Jun 8; Jul 13; Aug** **10; Sep 14; Oct 12; Nov 9; Dec 14**

The minutes were acknowledged as having been sent electronically. It was asked

if there were any corrections to the minutes and none were mentioned. A motion

was made by Renee Norris to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was

properly seconded. By virtual raised hand through Zoom, the vote was cast to

approve the minutes. The motion passed successfully without objection.

**III.** **CoC Funding and Resource Development – Cheri Neal**

**A. HUD NOFO (upcoming RFA)**

The HUD Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) is to be released in

June. The Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) has not yet been released. It

was requested that all applicants began reviewing and researching in

preparation. The process will move quickly.

**B. State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

The Systems and Performance Committee (SPEC) will be meeting Friday. A

Letter of Intent (LOI) is being prepared. The ESG will be released June 6.

Preparation should begin now. Any questions should be checked against the

website. Training will be forthcoming; grant training will be a requirement,

especially for new applicants. There was some discussion on the timing of

applying for and receiving ESG funding.

**IV.** **Municipal Partners and Housing Authorities**

**A. City of Greensboro (Liz Alverson)**

**1. Home ARP Funding/Other Funding**

The ESG has been finalized. Recipients of funding have been notified. The

Homelessness Prevention RFP is due May 19 by 5pm. The last day for

questions is May 17 at 5pm. Staff members attended a 3-day symposium in

Austin, TX. The Regency closes May 16 and residents will be moved to other

sites. Options are being checked for those with medical needs. Planning was

asked to begin in preparation for the next winter season. The Safe Parking

program is still in operation; it has moved from Pomona Park to The Interactive

Resource Center (IRC) facility. The IRC has been able to expand the program.

Alex Dummit spoke on affordable Air BNBs through the organization. There

was discussion on funding for crisis situations, which come across through

emails and phone calls as well as process(es). The IRC works with families and

not individuals; individuals are referred out. A call meeting to address these

crisis situations may be upcoming.

**B. Greensboro Housing Authority (Tameria Fewell)**

There are 37 vouchers leased up; there are 21 stability vouchers.

**C. City of High Point**

**1. Home ARP/Other Funding**

Additional funding for emergency housing through the Home ARP has been

approved by HUD. $250,000 has been set aside for supportive services for those

30% below the Area Median Income. There are landlord incentive programs

Through a partnership with the High Point Housing Authority. In the area of

affordable housing, talks are in place with other builders and developers. The

2023 Annual Action Plan is due to HUD on May 15. Homelessness data has not

yet been updated. The city has a funding cut of approximately $150,000 from the

federal government. The pending day center shelter project is awaiting an

appraisal and other documents.

**D. High Point Housing Authority**

No Report

**E. Guilford County**

**1. UNCG CHCS Eviction Mediation Program (Data) – Renee Norris**

[EvictionMediationRept05.11.23.docx](https://myguilford-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/wdonnell_guilfordcountync_gov/EaKA0u__14tBnmBjudxSJgEBtc7U9DvqpOyNfEuECUdxRg?e=omNzMf)

**2. Legal Aid of NC – Holly/Janet/Destiney)**

There is an existing partnership with UNC-G. In April 219 households were

represented in court. There were 98 that were served that faced eviction. There

were 37 walk-ins. The clinics are expanding. There were 479 facing eviction

on the court docket; 189 were present, and there were 168 dismissals. 59%

avoided eviction, and 41% were evicted, but some were able to appeal. There

were discussions about reasons for evictions and condition issues.

**3. Tenant Leadership Academy – Bruce Rich**

[CHCS - TLA Annual Report - 03-21-2023.pdf](https://myguilford-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/wdonnell_guilfordcountync_gov/ET-DeAvr5YhHglCIqIlSOBkBcyivQZtoWLtCKzex-f04fA?e=sifOps)

**V.** **Collaborative Applicant – Cheri Neal**

**A. Guilford County**

**1. Monitoring Process of the Collaborative Applicant**

There were no findings from the monitoring process

**B. HUD Technical Assistance**

The work with the HUD TA has continued

**1. Strategic Plan**

The current strategic plan expires December 2023; a vote on a new plan needs to

take place no later than in November

**2. Coordinated Entry TA**

Efforts are continuing to request additional hours for the HUD TA for

Coordinated Entry

**C. Infectious Disease Homeless Response Taskforce (Sherea)**

**VI.** **HMIS Lead– PEH (Erin Stratford-Owens)**

**A. HMIS Annual Evaluation Status Update**

**B. Monthly HMIS Data Report**

See attached link below

**VII.** **Coordinated Entry Lead – PEH (Erin Stratford-Owens)**

**A. CE Annual Evaluation Status Update**

**B. Monthly CE Data Report**

[April 2023 Monthly Data FINAL 5.10.23.pptx](https://myguilford-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/g/personal/wdonnell_guilfordcountync_gov/EcAVJw5ep9lErhejBVqz0oABbhHKTvQosKtVmziXZmbmCA?e=CCF6Ot)

**VIII.** **Stronger Together Task Force – Dr. Pamela Palmer**

**A. Homeless Shelters Meeting - TBD**

**B. CoC Press Conference**

**C. Inter-Local Committee**

**D. Guilford County Homelessness Task Force (next meeting 5/17/23)**

CoC member agencies have been approved for $1.027MM. Meetings are

Taking place with funding recipients. A second meeting has taken place

with county staff regarding vendors and contracts.

**IX.** **CoC Committee Reports**

**A. Membership Committee – Beth Waters (quarterly – 8/10/23)**

No Report

**B. Nominating Committee – Chair Bernita Sims (MJ Harris – vote needed)**

Greensboro Police Department (GPD) Assistant Chief M.J. Harris, recommended

by GPD Chief John Thompson (CoC Board member) was put before

membership to succeed Chief Thompson, who had to relinquish his CoC duties

per job demands. It was requested to vote via chat to approve M.J. Harris to

succeed Chief Thompson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**C. Governance Committee – Chair Bernita Sims**

Work has been done on the CoC Governance Charter. An updated version is

expected soon. Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) need to voted on in

June.

**D. Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Pamela Palmer**

No Report

**E. Advocacy and Public Relations Committee – Vacant (needs chair)**

No Report

**F. Systems Performance and Evaluation Committee – Vacant (needs chair)**

No Report

**G. Appeals Committee – As Needed**

**H. Youth Committee – Sarah Roethlinger**

No Report

**I. Housing Resource Committee – Scott Jones**

No Report

**J. Executive Committee – Chair Bernita Sims**

No Report

**X.** **Membership Announcements (please see calendar on CoC website)**

**A. Renewal Applications/Forms Process(es)- May 1**

All agencies need to be sure to do their renewal applications by June 1. This

should be an annual process.

**B. Membership Portal (Sherea/Jennifer)**

This has been developed

**XI.** **Old Business/New Business**

**A. Membership Process – update organization profiles**

<https://www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/human-services/continuum-of-care/membership>

For re-entry simulation, visit the CoC website.

**XI.** **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Debra Harris-Richardson. The

motion was properly seconded and the meeting subsequently was adjourned

at 11:02am.