



**Guilford County Continuum of Care
CoC Board/Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
07.08.24**

Attending: Chair Bernita Sims, Chair-Elect Erin Stratford-Owens, Alicia Blanks, Sherea Burnett, Edith Clifford, Danielle Cole, Whitney Fox, Patrick Davis, Michael Gibeley, Councilwoman Sharon Hightower, Lt. Brian Hilliard, Kenyatta Jennings-Richardson, Renee Norris, Dr. Pamela Palmer, Quiotti Ratliff, Sarah Roethlinger, Kristina Singleton, Erin Williams, Thanena Wilson

Also Attending:

Guilford County: Wilton Donnell (Recorder), Makayla Glover, Maria Lyons-Legrande, Jessica Polzin, Rykiell Turner; Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH); Charlesy Nance, Maya Saxena; Nancy Hunter (Consultant)

This was the regular scheduled monthly meeting of the combined Continuum of Care (CoC) Board and Executive Committee. The meeting was held virtually via the Zoom platform.

I. Welcome and Introductions – Bernita Sims, Chair

The meeting was officially called to order at 11:02am by CoC Chair Bernita Sims. A welcome and introductions were extended. A guest, consultant Nancy Hunter, identified herself to speak to the Strategic Plan.

II. Review and Approve Minutes – 06/03/24 Board/Executive Committee Meeting Meeting Dates – TBD; Via Zoom until further notice

The minutes of the June 3 meeting were acknowledged as having been sent and received. **After being asked if there were any corrections, and there being no acknowledgement, a motion was made by Renee Norris to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded. After question and voice vote, the motion to approve the minutes as submitted passed without objection.**

III. Action Items

Prior to addressing the action items, current CoC Chair Bernita Sims expressed her appreciation for the opportunity she had while serving as Chair. **She then nominated Erin Stratford-Owens as the CoC Chair for 2024-25 as a motion. No other nominations were brought forth. The motion was seconded. After question and voice vote, the motion to approve Erin Stratford-Owens as CoC Chair for 2024-24 was approved without objection.** Erin then spoke to the body and assumed the role of Chair for the meeting. She also recognized the new CoC Board members.

A. Board Chair Elections

B. Meeting Dates for 2024 (same schedule/format?)

There was some discussion about CoC Board meetings and CoC Executive Committee meetings. **A motion was made by Bernita Sims to continue full Board meetings on the 1st Monday of each month. The motion was seconded. After question and voice vote, the motion passed without objection. (see attached for schedule)**

C. NC-504 HMIS Policies & Procedures Draft

Guilford County Continuum of Care (NC-504) HMIS Policies and Procedures - FINAL DRAFT (6.26.2024).pdf

The Housing Management Information System (HMIS) policies and procedures draft is to be reviewed and voted upon in the August Board/Executive Committee meeting. It was considered to not be an action item at this time.

Special Presentations

A. CSH – Project Updates – Charlesy Nance/Maya Saxena

CoC Updates - July 2024.pdf

The CSH team identified themselves and the team's purpose. The Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis to have a strength-based approach. The SWOT Analysis is expected to be completed in August 2024. The search for 2 Persons with Lived Experience to help is closing on July 12 with hiring decisions coming shortly thereafter and a goal to have them join in August 2024. The Funding Survey was launched July 1 and is due July 19. CSH is providing office hours July 10 from 11am-11:30am. HUD has released the System Performance Measures (SPM); the link is to be put into the chat; discussion ensued. The resource map was shown and highlighted.

GCCOC ADDENDUM to Strategic Plan Draft 7-8-24.pdf

Nancy Hunter, the consultant working with the Strategic Planning Committee, presented next, with input from Dr. Pamela Palmer. The Plan Addendum will carry through to 2025. There were 4 strategic priorities through 2025: Governance; Relationships; Narrative; and Performance. It was asked for feedback by July 15. The feedback is to be incorporated into the draft. (Continued on p.3)

The Strategic Plan Committee is to meet and review the edits. A final Addendum is to be presented to the Board in August, and then to Membership. A new plan is to be developed in 2025-26 and will be with a cost, likely a 5-figure amount. The new plan would be fairly comprehensive and an ask was made for financial support. The current document is inward-facing; going forward, it would be both inward and outward-facing.

There was some discussion about nominees for a Chair-Elect (and for a Secretary). Two names, Kristina Singleton and Sherea Burnett, were proposed. After some discussion, there were no seconds, and any action was tabled until the August Board/ Executive Committee meeting.

VI. HMIS Lead – Partners Ending Homelessness – Sherea Burnett

2024.06 - Guilford County CoC HMIS Lead & CE Lead Report (June 2024 Data).pdf

A. Monthly Data Report

B. HMIS Committee Report

1. HMIS Chair Vacancy

2. HMIS Committee Members (Needed)

C. HMIS Evaluation Update

There is a current vacancy in Chair of the HMIS Committee. Laura Baker is working with Allie Hobson and Sophie Bernard on the HMIS Annual Evaluation. There have been identified discrepancies in WellSky (CoC software) and Green River; Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH) has been engaged. Efforts to close out winter shelter reporting are still being made. The System Performance Measures (SPM), Point-in-Time (PIT) count, and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) reports have all been submitted. Updates are being made to explain data changes from 2023 to 2024. The data accuracy/completion rate for June was 81.7%. Trends reported were around issues involving: updating information; completing follow-up questions for universal elements; exiting clients;

VII. Coordinated Entry System – Partners Ending Homelessness -Sherea Burnett

2024.06 - Guilford County CoC HMIS Lead & CE Lead Report (June 2024 Data).pdf

A. Monthly Data Report

B. CE Committee Report – Laura Baker

C. CE Evaluation Update

The Coordinated Entry (C/E) Committee is working through a review of its policies and procedures so the Annual Evaluation is being delayed. A committee meeting is scheduled for July 31 at 3pm. It was said that HUD is hesitant to endorse the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) but C/E is still utilizing it because an assessment tool is still needed.

PEH at one time had the roles of Collaborative Applicant (C/A), Coordinated Entry Lead as well as HMIS Lead. Cloudburst is working with PEH to clarify roles and responsibilities of the CoC Board, C/A, C/E Committee, and C/E Lead within the CoC. There has not been much change in the By-Name list as agency funding has decreased. The C/E Referral Form was just implemented so there were none received but tracking is to be done. GCStop was recognized for their help with assessments. C/E trends were mainly issues with the release of information as well as updating the confidentiality agreements.

IV. Collaborative Applicant/CoC Lead – CoC Staff

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A. Funding

1. NOFO

a. Grant Inventory Worksheet (released 6/26/24)

All Grants Inventory Worksheet information must be submitted to HUD by the Collaborative Applicant/CoC Lead no later than July 10. There has not been any update on when the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition will be released. New and returning applicants should prepare a 1-year and 2-year budget in light of the transition to a 2-year cycle.

2. NC ESG

a. Local ESG RFA (fy24-25) due 7/9 at 5pm

The local Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) was released and applications were due on July 9 by 5pm. The NC ESG Regional applications will be submitted no later than August 26.

B. HUD Technical Assistance

Cloudburst is the assigned entity from HUD.

C. Other Updates

1. NC HMIS Governance Committee (7/8 – 10am-1pm)

a. [NC HMIS MCAH MOU - 2024-2025.pdf](#)

Needs signature by CoC Chair no later than 7/1/24

This has been completed

2. Cooling Station Collaboration

Collaboration is underway with Emergency Management Systems (EMS), Public Health, and CoC partners to address area cooling stations. All current sites are on the website as well as the social media page and are to be updated accordingly.

3. CoC Membership Application Updates (Extended/IT updates)

4. CoC Member Annual Forms Update (Extended/IT updates)

5. Staff Transition – July 2024

Jessica Polzin will be leaving on July 12; applicants are being sought.

6. Status Update from Board

a. Written Standards

A simple reminder that the CoC is currently not in compliance; the written standards need to be reviewed and updated before grants submission in August 2024.

b. Governance Charter

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c. MOUs

All Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) need to be signed and adhered to; the HMIS and C/E MOUs are current through June 2025.

7. Monitoring Updates

Monitoring visits should be wrapped up by the end of July 2024.

8. CoC Training Updates

Committee Chairs should be sending the Collaborative Applicant (C/A)/ CoC Lead all committee meeting minutes effective August 1. Reminders with a stated deadline will began being sent for this purpose as it is a part of the C/A annual evaluation.

9. Board Vacancies & Chairs Needed as of July 1, 2024

a. Strategic Planning Committee

b. Advocacy Committee

c. Membership Committee

d. HMIS Committee

VIII. Stronger Together Task Force – Dr. Pamela Palmer

A. Strategic Plan Review

See under Special Presentations – GCCOC Addendum to Strategic Plan Draft section above

IX. Chair Updates

A. Inter-Local Committee – Next Meeting July 19 (10:30am-12pm)

B. Guilford County Homelessness Task Force – TBD

It was asked to incorporate the next Gather in Guilford under the Stronger Together Task Force section

X. Announcements

XI. Old Business/New Business

A. Supreme Court Decision – Johnson vs. Grants Pass (p.3)

There was some discussion on the Supreme Court decision in the Johnson vs.Grants Pass case.

XII. Adjournment

Immediate Past-Chair Bernita Sims made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. After question and voice vote, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed.

The meeting was called to adjourn at 1:02pm.



Best Practices A practical newsletter for people ending homelessness.

Supreme Court Strikes Down Grants Pass v. Johnson

Today, the Supreme Court ruled in *City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson* that people experiencing homelessness **can** be arrested for sleeping in a public

place when there are no other adequate shelter options provided locally.

This ruling will do nothing to address the primary cause of homelessness in the United States: a severe, prolonged, nationwide shortage of affordable housing.

“This decision sets a dangerous precedent that will cause undue harm to people experiencing homelessness and give free reign to local officials who prefer pointless and expensive arrests and imprisonment, rather than real solutions,” said Ann Oliva, CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

“At a time when elected officials need to be focused on long-term, sustainable solutions that are grounded in evidence – including funding the affordable housing and supportive services that their constituents need -- this ruling allows leaders to shift the burden to law enforcement. This tactic has consistently failed to reduce homelessness in the past, and it will assuredly fail to reduce homelessness in the future.”

The Alliance encourages advocates to **actively engage with lawmakers** to push back against the increasing trend towards criminalization of homelessness, and to advocate for the housing and services that their communities need.

The Alliance calls on federal, state, and local leaders to **leverage their unique influence** to advocate for the resources their communities desperately need.

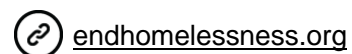
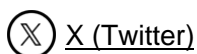
What You Can Do

Advocacy is important now more than ever to ensure that communities across the country can get people into safe, stable housing. The fight to end homelessness takes all of us.

[SIGN UP FOR ADVOCACY ALERTS](#)

Not sure how or if you should advocate? The Alliance has created resources to get you and your organization started:

- [How to Advocate to Your Lawmaker](#) (Short Educational Course)
- [Mobilizing a Broader Network of Advocates](#) (Blog Post)
- [What It Takes to End Homelessness: Beyond the Supreme Court Decision](#) (Blog Post)
- [Homelessness Reaches the Supreme Court: As It Weighs One Approach, A Better One Waits in the Wings](#) (Research)



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Wilton Donnell is inviting you to a scheduled ZoomGov meeting.

Topic: CoC Monthly Board/Exec Meeting

Time: Aug 5, 2024 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Aug 5, 2024 11:00 AM

Sep 9, 2024 11:00 AM

Oct 7, 2024 11:00 AM

Nov 4, 2024 11:00 AM

Dec 2, 2024 11:00 AM

Jan 6, 2025 11:00 AM

Feb 3, 2025 11:00 AM

Mar 3, 2025 11:00 AM

Apr 7, 2025 11:00 AM

May 5, 2025 11:00 AM

Jun 2, 2025 11:00 AM

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