

Wake CoC Governance Board Meeting
April 22, 2021

Grounding activity – moment of silence.

Board Members Present: Allison Strickland, Ann Oshel, Barkley Sample, David Harris, Decorba White, Denis Elliott, Edward Barberio, John Niffenegger, Kathy Johnson, Lamont Taylor, Marni Cahill, Nicole Wilson, Priscilla Batts, Sharon Bond, Wendy Clark

Board Members Absent: Chandra Hyacinth, Janine Saunders, Katie Gonzalez, Kelsey Mosley, Mary Mosley, Melody Battle, Michelle Mazingo, Natalie Mabon

Raleigh Wake Partnership Staff Present: Kim Crawford, Jasmin Volkel, Jenn Von Egidy, LaToya Turner, Markiesha Thompson

Interested Parties Present: Whitney Patterson, Thuan Huynh, Alice Lutz, David Breen, Lisa Rowe, Danielle Butler, Seaira Green, LaToya Turner, Jennifer Jackson, Carissa Boram, Vanessa Kopp, Paige Felton

Approval of March Minutes

Staff solicited questions or comments. None expressed.

- Motion to approve March minutes. None opposed, all in favor.
 - A motion was made to approve the minutes [Mosley, White]. All in favor, none opposed.
- The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Open Business

Board Officer Elections

Board Chair: Marni Cahill is approved for Board Chair position

Board Chair Duties

- Preside at Board meetings
- Preside at Membership meetings
- Develop agendas together with Collaborative Applicant
- Speak on behalf of CoC
- Sign CoC written communications

Vice Chair: Denis Elliott is approved for Vice Chair position.

- Fulfill functions of the Chair when Chair is unavailable
- Serve as Chair of the Membership/Nominating Committee of the CoC.

Discussion: Marni Cahill will be facilitating Board meetings in collaboration with the Partnership staff.

Motion: A motion was made to approve Marni Cahill to be Board Chair and Denis Elliot as Vice Chair for the CoC Board [Decorba White and seconded]. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

MOU Work Group:

Discussion from Whitney Patterson presentation for the MOU work group on deliverables and activities to hold the Partnership accountable as the CoC for the community. The Memorandum of Understanding between the CoC and Raleigh Wake Partnership to End Homelessness. There will be a 5-year agreement with the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead. The Partnership will give 1 year notice if they decided to terminate the agreement and open up to other applicants. The MOU adds language about how to hold the Partnership accountable annually. Want to make sure Partnership is getting feedback for HMIS

users and CoC members and stakeholders through an annual survey highlighting exemplary performance and areas of improvement. The idea is after approval, after the NOFA is completed, the MOU template can be discussed.

- Jenn Von Egidy suggested the MOU members vote

Motion: Denis Elliot made a motion to approve MOU. All in favor, none opposed.

Next steps: The MOU will be presented to the Partnership to be executed. Marni Cahill will be signing the MOU.

Committees

The CoC Membership Meetings are proposed to change the format of the membership meeting to prevent meeting fatigue. No longer doing a Monday or Thursday call and proposing a new schedule workflow. CoC Board meetings are proposed to move to the second Monday of each month, with much longer meetings. They will focus on CoC level information. The agenda would include system level data, updates from the Board and CoC, and feedback on CoC priorities. For updates, we propose the Wake CoC website will have a simple form the agencies and community partners can submit their updates. It will be put out monthly, or 3 to 4 times a month.

CoC Staff solicited comments. No comments or questions expressed.

New Business

HMIS Updates

Jasmine Vokel presented on HMIS updates. HMIS staff is Chloe Pearson and Eric Doll. There are two HMIS staff on the team at the Partnership. HMIS is responsible for sending federal reports to HUD, and assisting providers with HMIS, and system performance measures. The HMIS team is currently working on PIT/HIC count. System Performance Measures tracks Length of Time Homeless, Return to Homelessness, and Earned Income growth for stayers, Earned income growth for leavers, and total income growth for leavers. David Elliot poses a question about the impact covid has on the CoC System Performance measures numbers and to be cautious about making changes without knowing the impact. The HMIS team is working to reach deadline to submit HUD information and move on to supporting the NOFA. Dennis suggests that be looked at before decisions are made.

- Decorba White posed a question about how long the numbers have been declining
- Jenn Von Egidy states there are only a few point where the data trend lowers
- Nicole Wilson posed a question about the benchmark for... and if the HMIS data measured for the whole community and if the data quality effects that measure.
- Marni Cahill poses a question about the length of time measurement for unsheltered people
- Jenn Von Egidy states HUD has discussed measuring street outreach in the future, but it is not included at this time.
- Jasmin Volkel states the System Performance Measurements video can be sent out.
- Jasmin Volkel discusses measure 1a: length of time persons homeless, 1b: length of time homeless from self-report data, return to homelessness, and earned income growth for stayers and leavers part of CoC project
- Jenn Von Egidy we want to have discussion about the three system performance measures to get feedback about how to create performance standards. We will elaborate on the three measures at the CoC Membership meeting in May.

CoC Website Updates: CoC staff provided and overview of changes to the CoC website.

- What is Continuum of Care?
- Membership Page
- CoC Governance Board Page
- Funding Pages for NOFA and ESG
- Calendar of Events
- CoC Digest Form
- Data Page
- Governance Documents:
 - Governance Charter
 - Written Standards
 - Policies and Procedures
 - Conflict of Interest
- A picture of Board Members was taken to be added to the website and the CoC website is being updated. We are continuing to build out the website for the community, funders, and Board members. The application to become a CoC Board member is on the website. The CoC Governance Board will have its own page as well. The Board meetings and the CoC Digest submission form will be on a web page. There will be a data page on system performance measures.

NOFA Planning:

FY2020 Allocation: 3.7 million to RRH or PSH projects

- CoC Eligible Projects: supportive services only-coordinated entry, HMIS, Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Domestic Violence Bonus Projects
- The 2021 NOFA has not been released yet. The Partnership receives a planning grant as the Collaborative Applicant. THE GIW should be coming out imminently. The Partnership needs to call out for new CoC members, that is done at least annually. We will do that in May.
- Establishing annual performance reviews with ABT Associates providing HUD Technical Assistance.
- Conducting the preliminary gaps analysis
- Developing intent to apply process and intent to renew process

Encampments

John Niffenegger brought up the increase in publicity concerning the encampments growing around the county. He proposes the CoC and the Committee creates a response policy for homeless encampments and next steps.

- Wendy Clark says the Raleigh Police Department is looking at how to address encampments as well and suggests discussing strategy or procedures.
- John Niffenegger asks what is best practice moving forward.
- Jasmine Volkel adds there is a monthly street outreach meeting that happens now. It is not a formal committee but might be a good place to start.

- Kathryn Johnson asked the question if there are CDC recommendations outside of the pandemic.
- Whitney Patterson points to the ABT Associate's article "The Cost of Encampments" looked into how much it would be to house versus clearing and relocating encampments.
- Kim Crawford added The Partnership has those reports, have already shared with the City of Raleigh, and will make them available to anyone who wants to see them.
- Marni Cahill suggests the best way is the house them is to house first and part of the response can be homelessness education to get the general public involved to get them working towards a solution
- Ann Oshel brings up that some people in Durham did not want housing and they were creative in engaging them in having the conversations about housing.
- Whitney Patterson suggests the questions is asked why they may not be interested in housing to see what is stopping them and it can get to the root of what is critical for them.
- Jenn Von Egidy suggests this conversation can be had in the Membership meeting in May.
- David Harris suggests the encampments speaks to a gap in the community and a need in the community for more specialization in that area. The Street Outreach meetings have been going in this direction as experts with boots on the ground. It is important to focus on the homeless that are living outdoors.
- A motion was made to create a workgroup to make recommendations to the CoC on encampment response. [Strickland, Johnson]. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Next Meeting: CoC Membership Meeting, Monday May 10th, 2021 2-3:30pm.