Wake County CoC Governance Board Meeting		
MINUTES	**Date:** May 27, 2021	**Time:** 5:30-6:45 PM EST
Topic:	MOU Workgroup, CoC Priorities & Performance, CoC Committees & Workgroups, Emergency housing Vouchers, Family Unification Vouchers, Wellington Park, CoalitionNC Development Proposal	
Location:	Virtual	
Facilitator:	Marni Cahill, CoC Board Chair	
Board Members Attendance:	David Harris, Michelle Mozingo, Wendy Clark, Priscilla Batts, Edward Barberio, Lamont Taylor, Decorba White, Allison Strickland, Natalie Mabon, Nicole Wilson, Marni Cahill, John Niffenegger, Ann Oshel, Barkley Sample, Denis Elliott, Kathryn Johnson	
Interested Parties Attendance:	Whitney Patterson, David Breen, Alicia Arnold, Diane Cilento, Danielle Butler, Meredith Yuckman, Stephen Gruver, Lisa Rowe, Scott Ferris, Rick Miller-Harraway, Lorena McDowell, Jackie Craig, Monica Cheek, Vanessa Kopp, Seaira Green, Shawn Walker, Audra Richards, Michael Kelly	
Raleigh Wake Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness:	Kim Crawford, Jasmin Volkel, Jenn Von Egidy, Allison Sickels, LaToya Turner,	

	Agenda
1	Welcome, Roll Call, Consent Agenda The consent agenda is posted in the [Pre-Meeting Packet](). The consent agenda passed by unanimous consent.
2	MOU Workgroup - Jenn Von Egidy gave an update on the status of the MOU between the CoC Governance Board and The Raleigh Wake Partnerhsip to End Homelessness Board.The Partnership Board requested minor changes in the language in the MOU that did not impact the meaning or intention of the document. - The MOU will be presented again to the Partnership Executive Committee on Monday, June 14, 2021 for signature.
3	CoC Priorities & Performance - Kim Crawford recapped the May 10th Membership meeting and the discussion on system performance measures and why the CoC is looking at them. She proposed the question—Why are we looking at SPMs and defining outcomes? The CoC is mandated to demonstrate outcomes and have targets we are moving towards. One reason for these targets is for the CoC Scorecard and for the HUD scorecard they will use to score the collaborative application. More importantly, targets help us to identify areas of improvement and aids us in developing CoC-wide strategies. Overtime we can look at where we are, where we want to go, and how we are going to get there. - Kim recapped the CoC's current data: 83% of singles that enter the system exit with virtually zero assistance. - The average length of time homeless is 101 days, 3.5 months—we obviously want that number much shorter. 15% of our funding goes to single moms, 23% of that is to single women, 60% to families, 2% to youth - Point in Time and Data Quality - The PIT counts also provide an estimate of the number of people experiencing homelessness within particular homeless populations such as individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness and veterans experiencing homelessness.

- The PIT estimates of people experiencing homelessness in sheltered and unsheltered locations, as well as the number of beds available to serve them.
- 2021 PIT / HIC data from each CoC deadline submission was May 14, 2021.

- 2021 PIT/HIC Submission (Emergency Shelter)

Gender Served	Proj. Type	Organization Name	Project Name	PIT Count	Total Beds	Utilization Rate
Females	ES	Urban Ministries of Wake	Helen Wright Center Program	0	38	0%
Children	ES	Haven House	Basic Center Shelter Wrenn House	2	6	33%
Males	ES	Wake County Human Services	SWSC	62	160	39%
Families	ES	Salvation Army of Wake	Emergency Shelter	49	83	59%
Families	ES	Family Promise	Emergency Shelter	13	20	65%
Females	ES	Urban Ministries of Wake	Helen Wright Center Emergency Shelter	21	32	66%
Females	ES	Healing Transitions	Women's Emergency Shelter	15	15	100%
Females & Families	ES	Interact	Support Services	38	37	103%
Families	ES	Families Together	Shelter - State	20	18	111%
				220	409	54%

- This is data that HUD posts on their website and essentially anyone, funders, government, etc can pull it and see it. This is Shelter beds only – shelter voucher programs are automatically 100% - they are essentially a "buy as you go" bed.

- As a CoC we reported that on the night of the PIT count:
    - 409 total beds / only 220 of those beds were used

- At the same time that we reported these numbers to HUD, we report to the community:
    - over 900 people still on the referral / waitlist to get into shelter / 3-5 weeks wait

- How do we reconcile this discrepancy? Keeping all the COVID constraints in mind, we surely had more people in our beds than what our partners reported.

- How data quality impacts on our funding
    - what does this tell you about our performance? is it accurate?
    - just as important – our local funders need to support good data – otherwise we have organizations that operate outside of the CoC / "who cares if I follow the COC, I get funded anyway."
  - Wake County only gets $3,319,139 in CoC funds
    - Compared to other US CoC's close to our size, the median award is $6,589,847
- Whitney Paterson, HUD Technical Assistance Provider, gave an overview of the SPMs our CoC Members reviewed on May 10. We began by looking at the 3 SPMs that our Coc scored the lowest on: *Length of Time Homeless, Returns to Homelessness, and Job Income and Growth*. Focusing on improving these measures should be applied across all public, private, City, County, State, and Federal funds.
  - There was not a 2020 CoC competition, and we do not know what HUD might include on this year's application due to the impact of the pandemic on systems across the US. We do know that we need to begin the work on improving these measures now.
  - Marni facilitated the approval of the CoC Priorities: *Length of Time Homeless, Returns to Homelessness, and Job Income and Growth.* A motion was made to approve the priorities [White, Taylor]. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
  - The Board discussed and voted to approve targets for each of the Priorities:
    - Length of Time Homeless: 5% reduction in the length of time people experience homelessness and a data quality error rate below 8%. A motion was made to approve the targets [Sample,Niffenegger]. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

	▪ Returns to Homelessness: 5% reduction in Return to homelessness of those exiting Emergency Shelters. The CoC will prioritize those with the biggest vulnerabilities for PSH and RRH. A motion was made to approve the targets [Niffenegger, White]. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed by unanimous consent. ▪ Increasing Income: 80% of people with no income at project entry will exit with increased income. A motion was made to approve the target [Elliott, Mabon]. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

2	CoC Committees & Workgroups
	• Membership Committee: will recruit diverse stakeholders to join the CoC. They will develop the qualifications deemed necessary for the membership in CoC committees and Governance Board. The Membership Committee wil be Chaired by the Board Vice-Chair, Denis Elliott.
	• The following members expressed interest in joining the Membership Committee in their application: Kelsey Mosley, Natalie Mabon, Lakeisha George, and Rick Miller-Harraway.
	    o Danielle Butler expressed interest in the committee in the meeting.
	        ▪ A motion was made to approve the slate of Membership members plus Danielle Butler [Niffenegger, White]. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
	• Encampment Workgroup: CoC board voted to appoint an Encampment Workgroup following a request from John Niffenegger to receive CoC recommendations for municipalities to follow on addressing and resolving encampments. The Encampment Workgroup will utilize the existing Street Outreach Meeting to conduct their business. Additonal members will be Marni Cahill, John Niffenegger, Wendy Clark, and Kathryn Johnson. A motion was made for the Encampment Workgroup to incorporate the existing Street Outreach Provider group [Niffenegger, Elliott]. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
	• Gaps Analysis Workgroup: Whitney explained that it is a HUD requirement to conduct an annual gaps analysis. The CoC will need to do this prior to the NOFA release. This will not only check a box on the application, but be used in priorities around new funding coming into the community, such as Emergency Housing Vouchers allocated to the Raleigh Housing Authority. The following volunteers were solicited during the meeting: David Harris, Lamont Taylor, Priscilla Batts, Allison Strickland, Decorba White, Wendy Clark, Monica Cheek, and Ann Oshel. A motion was made for the Gaps Analysis Workgroup to incorporate these volunteers [White, Sample]. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

3	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) • Priscilla Batts presented on the Emergency Vouchers accepted by Raleigh Housing Authority. Vouchers are for households who are homeless; at-risk of homelessness; fleeing or attempting to flee DV, dating violence, stalking, or human trafficking; recently homeless, as determined by the Secretary, and for whom providing renrtal assistance will prevent the family's homelessness. • RHA allocated 138 vouchers and $3500 per voucher for services and landlord incentives. • All referrals for vouchers will be through the by-name list. • MOU between RHA and Wake County CoC must be entered into by July 1, 2021. The CoC has a critical role in prioritization of the vouchers. • Kim Crawford added that there is a lot of room for creativity and innovation in how we use the vouchers to serve people currently on the by-name list. • Natalie Mabon asked if the vouchers could be used for returning citizens from incarceration. Whitney explained that it is possible to be a target population.
4	Family Unification Vouchers (FUP)

	• At 6:45PM the Board agreed to hear Meredith Yuckman's need for a letter of support. Meredith gave an overview on the Hope Center at Pullen and then a review of what the letter of support is for. • Hope Center at Pullen is working with Housing Authority of the County of Wake and Wake County Child Welfare to bring Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Vouchers to Wake County. The vouchers last for 3 years and are for formener foster youth or foster youth whol will soon transition out of the foster care system and are at-rick of homelessness. • The application is non-competitive and they can request 25 vouchers initially and can request additional vouchers if the utilization rate is 90% or higher. • A motion was made to approve a letter of support for their application for FYI vouchers [White,Sample]. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
6	Tabled Items • Wellington Park • CoalitionNC Development Proposal

CoC Board Materials: https://wakecoc.org/governance-board/
Next CoC Governance Board meeting: June 24, 2021 5:30 P.M.