



1 November 2022

Hello colleagues,

I am reaching out on behalf of the NC 507 Governance Board to address any misconceptions regarding our relationship with the current Collaborative Applicant/HMIS lead agency Raleigh Wake Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness (RWP).

It has been brought to our attention that there are questions and misconceptions around the status of our current relationship with Raleigh Wake Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness. We understand how this may cause a sense of urgency and a feeling of unease throughout our community. Your work is invaluable in our fight to end homelessness and we urge you continue serving the great citizens of this county without pause. Be assured that we are doing our due diligence to fulfill our duties as the governing body of NC 507 and to provide leadership during this time.

As of this moment, the NC 507 Governance Board has no set timeline for a vote regarding our Collaborative Applicant/HMIS lead RWP. We are committed to a fair and thorough process and therefore cannot at this time give a definite timeline for any vote to be called. We will continue to provide updates on our progress and welcome any questions, comments, and/or concerns.

Here are a few things that we would like everyone to remember.

- The Governance Board first learned of the alleged issues with the partnership's performance on 9-9-2022 when there was an email communication from Duane Holder letting the community know that Wake County and the City of Raleigh would not be entering into contracts for FY 2023 with our Collaborative Applicant/HMIS lead.
- On 9-12-22 Monthly membership meeting was used to process the events of 9-9-22.
- On 9-22-22 the Governance Board meeting was partially closed, and the voting board members and HUD TA Whitney Patterson heard from representatives from City of Raleigh, Wake County and The Partnership.
- On 10-6-22 the Governance Board met with Board of Directors from RWP
- From 9-22-22 until current NC 507 Governance Board voting members have met on 5 separate occasions for closed discussions regarding the concerns of the COC membership and a plan of action to find a path forward that is best for our homeless neighbors and our community as a whole.
- The Governance Board will continue to meet in closed discussion and planning sessions until the work is complete.



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**Current Action Items**

1. Adjust Board Service Terms so that we can get through this process without having a complete turnover in the board (1/2 extend for 6 months, ½ extend service for 1.5 years)
2. Develop and approve Tools for Assessment
3. Conduct the Assessment
4. Decide what if any corrective action is needed
5. Monitor for progress
6. Recommend changes to the MOU (Grievance Policy, Process for Monitoring)
7. Document the process for transparency.

Sincerely,

NC 507 Governance Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Zelnick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Board Chair