

Wake County Continuum of Care

Membership Meeting

August 19th, 2024

Attendees – See sign-in sheet at the end of this document.

Meeting start: 2:04 PM

Stephen Gruver started the meeting by asking everyone to sign in and he reviewed the agenda.

City of Raleigh Update

Stephen Gruver invited John Niffenegger to give updates on the City of Raleigh. John introduced a new staff member, Nicole Meyer. He also did a brief overview of the Affordable Housing Summit that the City of Raleigh hosted on Saturday, August 17, 2024. He stated that the summit was recorded, and the recording will be sent out. He also added that the City of Raleigh has started working with a consultant on the City's Unsheltered Homelessness Response Program. The consultant has started reaching out to agencies in the community and John asked that agencies keep an eye out for emails from this consultant.

ESG and NOFO Updates

Stephen Gruver turned it over to Michelle Zechmann to give an update on the NC Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Regional Application. Michelle explained that the Funding Review Committee (FRC) reviewed, scored and ranked agency applications. A funding recommendation was sent to the Governance Board and approved. Three appeal letters were submitted but after thoughtful review from the FRC, the funding decisions were made final. Michelle stated that the ESG Regional Application is due next Monday, August 26 at 5 PM.

Michelle Zechmann turned it over to Erin Flynn to give an update on the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Local Competition. Erin pulled up the CoC website and demonstrated how to navigate to the CoC NOFO Local Competition webpage. She went over the materials found on the page, the timeline for the NOFO and highlighted important dates such as agency/project application due dates, when the Collaborative Application will be posted for public consumption on the CoC website and when the Collaborative Application is due.

See the meeting PowerPoint for the highlighted information.

Erin Flynn called for comments or questions about ESG or NOFO. No comments or questions.

Wake County Lead Update

Stephen Gruver gave a quick update that Wake County has reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and only suggested two small changes. The MOU will be presented and voted on at the next Wake County Commissioners meeting on September 3, 2024.

Committee Updates

Stephen Gruver called up Thurston Alexandar-Smith, chair of the Data Advisory Committee, Rebekah Shamberger, chair of the Coordinated Assessment System committee, and Kathy Johnson, Executive Director of Oak City Cares (Coordinated Entry Lead) to present their coordinated updates.

Thurston Alexander-Smith explained the new Request for Information (ROI) and the new Data Quality plan for the third quarter that the Wake CoC hopes to implement. Rebekah Shamberger gave an update on the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures, the creation of a new triage tool and prioritization process. Kathy Johnson gave an overview of where the Coordinated Entry/HMIS system is today and what the Coordinated Entry Lead has been up to.

See more details in the meeting PowerPoint.

Kathy Johnson also updated the membership on the By Name List Case Conferencing and Veterans Case Conferencing meetings. She explained that there will be more administrators who are helping coordinate the meetings and there will be a registration process for the meetings. This is to keep the information discussed confidential on a necessary basis.

Stephen Gruver went over more information about the encampment count that occurred at the beginning of August. He stated that there was strong commitment from the Street Outreach workgroup and volunteers; he called out key contributors such as WakeMed HEART team, Healing Transitions, Triangle Family Services, Haven House, ACORNs and so many more. John said that they observed at least 71 people. He added that four individuals have already been housed in Studios 2800 from one of the camps that was on the list.

Stephen Gruver moved on to the next steps. He explained that team assignments have been made for street outreach for each camp. There is also a plan to go over a comprehensive view of numbers and needs. Additional housing providers will be engaged during Street Outreach Workgroup meetings and asked for people to invite relevant contacts to join the meetings. He also added that consultants with the City of Raleigh have started for the City's Unsheltered Homelessness Response Program and will be participating in upcoming meetings.

Lead Agency Updates

Stephen Gruver asked for Peter Morris, Executive Director of Urban Ministries (HMIS Lead) to give an update on how HMIS is going. Peter stated that he is echoing the updates given by Thurston, Rebekah and Kathy (found in the meeting PowerPoint). He also asked if you are an agency point of contact for HMIS, to keep an eye out for emails from Peter as he works with the Data Advisory Committee and the Coordinated Assessment System committee to improve the CoC's data quality. He also shared that they are looking into scheduling a comprehensive online training with BitFocus on the HMIS system.

Stephen Gruver called for final comments or questions. No comments or questions.

Adjourn: 3:02 PM

Next meeting is September 16th at 2 PM. Location is TBD.

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