

## Wake County Continuum of Care

### Membership Meeting

September 16th, 2024

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

#### Meeting start: 2:06 PM

Stephen Gruver started the meeting by introducing Brandi Drew from Pinnacle Financial Partners. Stephen Gruver then asked everyone to sign in and he reviewed the agenda.

#### VAWA Training

Stephen Gruver introduced Cassandra Rowe from the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence to present on Serving Unhoused Survivors and VAWA.

*See Membership Meeting PowerPoint for more information discussed during the training.*

Contact Cassandra Rowe at [crowe@nccdav.org](mailto:crowe@nccdav.org) for more information.

#### ESG and NOFO Update

Stephen Gruver invited Michelle Zechmann to speak about the ESG and NOFO updates. Michelle Zechmann shared that the ESG regional application was sent to the state. Michelle shared that the NOFO applications have been submitted and are being reviewed by the FRC.

#### CAS Recommendation – Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures

Stephen Gruver started explaining the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures that the Coordinated Access Committee has been working on. *See the meeting details on the CoC website for more information.* Stephen announced that the Governance Board recommended a vote on these policies being sent out to the primary voters of each CoC organization in our new voting process. The Coordinated Entry System Committee recommends that the CoC Membership approve the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures.

#### Committee Updates

Stephen Gruver invited Nicole Stewart, Vice Chair of the CoC and chair of the Nominations Committee, to explain the new Governance Board application and slate process. Nicole reviewed the slate process timeline. *See committee updates for the full timeline.*

The main points Nicole Stewart discussed:

- There will be a whole new Governance Board by January 1.
- The Nominations Committee will be reviewing the applications and creating the slate.
- There will be a slate for the membership to vote on by December.
- Everyone must apply, even if they are a current Governance Board member.
- Wake County, once they are the lead agency, they will no longer have a seat on the Governance Board. This is for the time that they are the lead agency.

- Two, two-year terms are the term limits laid out in the charter.

Nicole Stewart hands it back to Stephen Gruver, who finished out the discussion by calling for people to apply.

Thurston Alexandar-Smith shared that the Governance Board has approved the Request of Information that the Data Advisory Committee created and shared in the August Membership meeting. Amy Smith at Women's Center asked if agencies must have anyone who recently signed an ROI to resign from this new one. Thurston Alexandar-Smith answered that it up to the agency. Stephen Gruver encouraged agencies to do so if they have the capacity.

## Agency Updates

Stephen Gruver shared that Salvation Army has started their sign ups for Angel Tree participants. To sign up youth for Angel Tree, you can apply online only.

The City of Raleigh has dropped an RFP Homelessness Prevention, Diversion, and Rapid Exit Program – Due October 11.

Mercedes Davis from Healing Transitions shared that Healing Transitions men's shelter will be dropping to 100 beds by October 1<sup>st</sup> for drop-in shelter. Mercedes asked if anyone has any suggestions for pick up locations, so they do not have to turn as many people away.

## White Flag Update

Stephen Gruver handed it over to Nicole Stewart to go over White Flag. Nicole Stewart announced that they are continuously working on White Flag. She stated that St. John's MCC only has their drop-in shelter lease only until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Nicole has been working with Wake County leadership to get the Wake County drop-in shelter up and running as soon as possible to assist in the closing of St. John's MCC drop-in shelter. We are looking at a reduction of 100 drop-in beds. She also stated that she is talking to others in the community, including faith-based organizations to find places to open to our homeless community.

Stephen Gruver reminds everyone that Wake County will be responsible for the coordination of White Flag but it will be a community task to assist in creating White Flag space. He also explains requirements to become a White Flag shelter, you need space for cots and working restrooms and access to transportation.

Johnnie Thomas asked about the funding aspect of White Flag for anyone who volunteers their space for shelter. Nicole Stewart explained that there can be a partnership with St. John's MCC who receives funding from Wake County for White Flag but the issue of space is what they are looking to solve currently. Next step would then to connect with St. John's MCC.

***Adjourn: 3:34 PM***

***Next meeting is October 21, 2024, at 2 PM.***

***Location is Pinnacle Financial Partners | 3515 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, NC 27612***

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