

Wake County Continuum of Care

Membership Meeting

October 21st, 2024

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

Meeting start: 2:05 PM

Stephen Gruver asked everyone to post their name and organization in the chat for attendance purposes and went over the agenda for the meeting.

NOFO Updates

Erin Flynn gave an update that the Governance Board is meeting Friday morning to vote on the Consolidated Application and the approved application will be posted on Friday, October 25. Michelle Zechmann shared that Haven House as the Collaborative Applicant is working hard to ensure a strong application is turned in on time.

Governance Board Application Reminder

Stephen Gruver reminded everyone that Governance Board applications are due Friday, October 25. He reminded everyone that the new charter included Governance Board seats that applicants will have to choose from.

Wake County Transition Update

Stephen Gruver shared that Wake County is in the process of hiring a Director for the Continuum of Care. He also shared that the current Collaborative Applicant Lead (Haven House), Coordinated Entry Lead (Oak City Cares), and HMIS Lead (Urban Ministries) will be partnering with Wake County to continue to support the CoC.

Committee Updates

Committee updates are attached at the bottom.

Stephen Gruver reminded everyone that the CoC is looking for committee members.

Cynthia Thelen of Caring Connections asked if there was a greater need for committee members or Governance Board members. Stephen Gruver answered that there is a need for both.

Kathy Johnson of Oak City Cares asked if there is a reapplication period for CoC membership. Erin Flynn answered that there will be a form going out before the end of the year that asks for contact and voter information updates. Nicole Stewart and Eric Braun both shared that the Charter does not mandate a reapplication period, rather it requires that members review and/or update their information annually.

Princess Smith shared that AP Smith Community Partners provides SSI/SSDI services and partners with SOAR.

Paul Berry with Veterans Bridge to Home shared that they care for and provide services for veterans.

Eric Braun shared that the Raleigh Public Housing Authority has open meetings on the fourth Thursday every month. He welcomed everyone to attend these meetings. [See here for more information.](#)

Juanyetta Beasley of Sisu Living House provided an overview of the Sisu Living House, a transitional housing service for women and women with children. She shared that they have four open beds.

Thurston Alexandar-Smith shared that October 22 will be the first system administrators' meeting and there will be training on how to read the Longitudinal Systems Analysis.

Stephen Gruver shared that the CoC is in the process of getting ready for White Flag. Stephen called for people to share if anyone has space for emergency shelter beds during the WF season. Stephen asked for people to provide information to Stephen Gruver (stephen.gruver@uss.salvationarmy.org), Nicole Stewart (nicole@ajf.org) and/or Pastor Vance Haywood (vanceh@stjohnsmcc.org).

Stephen Gruver shared that The Salvation Army Angel Tree applications are now closed and thanked those who applied.

Barkley Sample asked if anyone is doing anything currently for Western North Carolinians who were displaced by Hurricane Helene and resettling in Wake County. Julie Paul from Lotus mentioned that Ginkgo Residential is doing month-to-month rentals, and Paul Berry of Veterans Bridge to Home and Juanyetta Beasley from Sisu Living House are providing resources for people who have been displaced.

Adjourn: 2:31 PM

Next meeting is November 18, 2024, at 2 PM.

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