

## Wake County Continuum of Care

### Membership Meeting

February 24, 2025

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

#### Meeting start: 2:10 PM

Nicole Stewart began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the first 2025 CoC Membership meeting. Nicole announced that she is the new CoC Governance Board chair and thanked Stephen Gruver for his work as the past chair. Nicole then reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.

### Governance Board, Executive Committee, and Committee Chair Introductions

Nicole Stewart provided an overview of the new 2025 Governance Board, the new Executive Committee, and the CoC Committee Chairs. **See PowerPoint for the official lists.**

### Announcing New Wake CoC Director, Eileen Rosa

Nicole Stewart announced that Eileen Rosa is the new Wake CoC Lead Agency Director; she's already begun working remotely and will be in person starting March 10.

### Youth Advisory Board Update

Meredith Yuckman gave an update on a new Youth Advisory Board (YAB) that is being funded by a new grant that was awarded to the CoC. This will be a board that is comprised of youth between the ages of 18-24 with lived experience to help inform the system to better support need of youth in the community. This new board is spearheaded by The Hope Center at Pullen and Haven House Services, both youth oriented service providers. Meredith called for questions. No questions asked.

### White Flag / Drop-in Shelter Update

Vance Haywood gave an update on White Flag/Drop-In shelters, starting with an overview of who provides drop-in shelter and white flag shelter. Vance shared that we've declared White Flag on 58 nights this White Flag season (so far). He stated that the highest number of beds our community has provided was 386 on a single night. He then provided an overview of demographics based on gender and shared that he'll be conducting an after-action review of the season, including this season's winter storms. **See PowerPoint for more information.**

There were questions about whether the bus systems (Go Raleigh, Go Wake, and Go Triangle) would be a part of the after-action review. Vance responded that they will be invited to participate.  
Coordinated Entry Update

Allison Sickels introduced herself as a Lead Housing Specialist with the Wake County Housing Affordability and Community Revitalization Department and the new By-Name List coordinator. She

added that the BNL is being sorted through in multiple case-conferencing meetings in March to catch up with the back log of openings.

## Wake CoC Funding

Erin Flynn shared an overview of the initial federal funding awarded to the Wake CoC. **See PowerPoint for details on the changes from FY23 to FY24 NOFO awards.** Additional details are pending HUD HQ.

A conversation was had about funding and potential federal funding cuts, along with a discussion about how to proceed with services in the midst of funding impacts .

## Lead Updates

Peter Morris gave an update on the HMIS Lead. Peter stated that the data quality needs to be up to date so that data is accurate. Agencies have been assigned an agency administrator for data entry. He stressed that privacy and security training is extremely important. Chloe Pearson from Wake County Housing Affordability and Community Revitalization Department echoed this announcement and added that Clarity accounts will be shut down if they do not complete their training. She also added that the new ROI procedure is in place.

## Agency Updates

Stephen Gruver announced that The Salvation Army of Wake County is hosting a career fair at the Capital Blvd. location. He also announced that they have started their Project FIGHT program for DV survivors.

Rick-Miller Haraway from Oak City Cares Board announced that 44 people a part of the City of Raleigh Pilot Program were housed or placed in a hotel on their way to housing after going through the program. Erika Brandt, Housing & Neighborhoods Assistance Director with the City Raleigh, provided further details of the pilot program.

Amanda Blue at Healing Transitions announced that they have two job opportunities available. See Indeed or the Wake CoC newsletter for more information.

***Adjourn: 3:01 PM***

***Next meeting is March 24, 2025 at 2 PM.***

***Location: Wake County Emergency Services Education Center - 221 S Rogers Lane, Raleigh, NC 27610.***

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