

Wake County Continuum of Care

Membership Meeting

August 25, 2025

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

Meeting start: 2:06 PM

Welcome

Eileen Rosa welcomed everyone to the August Membership meeting and gave an overview of the agenda for the meeting.

Wake CoC Updates

Charter and Associated Policies

Erin Flynn shared the update that the vote for the Charter and Associated Policies from the July Membership meeting has passed with the simple majority vote. She also confirmed that all approved and updated policies have been added to the Wake CoC website.

Lived Experience Committee

Erin Flynn provided an overview of the new Wake CoC Lived Experience Committee and reviewed the application process to identify new Committee members. The flyer for the Lived Experience Committee was provided as a handout and is available on the CoC [website](#).

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Application

Erin Flynn confirmed that the Wake CoC submitted the regional application and all approved project applications on Friday, August 22nd before the deadline of August 25th. She highlighted that the CoC did not move funds from the Emergency Services category, which has a maximum of 60% of the total fair share, to the Housing Stability category, which has a minimum of 40% of the total fair share.

Staffing Updates

Eileen Rosa gave an update that the HMIS Systems Supervisor will start September 2, 2025, and the Coordinated Entry Manager will start on September 15, 2025 with additional positions expected to start later in September.

HUD Competition NOFO

Eileen Rosa shared that the competition has been forecasted but no dates have been confirmed. She advised returning applicants to check their Esnap accounts and encouraged all providers (returning and interested applicants) to review the **FY24 NOFO notification located on the Wake CoC website.**

Shelter Capacity Update

Eileen Rosa provided an update to the incremental reduction in drop in shelter beds for women at Healing Transitions. There has been collaboration amongst various agencies to engage and connect women with other temporary and permanent housing resources.

- Q: Why was there such a big reduction?
- A: A Special Use Permit from the City only allows for 40 beds between the Drop In Shelter and program-based emergency beds; there was also a reduction in funding. In addition, providing drop-in shelter was something Healing Transitions stepped into out of necessity during COVID; this is not their core mission work.

White Flag Response Plan

Eileen Rosa shared that the White Flag response plan is currently under review by the Homeless Emergency Response Committee (HERC). The plan reviews alert activation & communication, shelter access, capacity, utilization & operations, and services & supplies. **See PowerPoint for more information.**

Caroline Seydi voiced concern over warming center activation thresholds and the alert system. Eileen Rosa stated that concern will be brought back to the committee to discuss the logistics of that activation, especially concerning the shelters who provide overnight White Flag shelter and their capacity.

Momma Kai asked about the program WakeMed ran previously that provided funds to house elderly and children in hotels and if that was an option to revisit. Thurston Alexander-Smith shared that was a program funded by COVID funding.

Workforce Development Training

Kenneth Gathers, Director of Operations at NCWorks Career Centers, presented on workforce development. **See PowerPoint for training details.**

Adjourn: 3:05 PM

Next meeting is September 22, 2025, at 2 PM

Location is Raleigh Housing Authority – 971 Harp Street, Raleigh, NC 27601 in the Community Room

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