

Wake County Continuum of Care

Membership Meeting

September 22, 2025

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

Meeting start: 2:04 PM

Welcome

Eileen Rosa started the meeting by welcoming everyone, giving a reminder to sign in and reviewing the agenda.

Wake CoC Updates

New CoC Staff

Eileen Rosa introduced the new Lead Agency staff:

- Thurston Alexander-Smith- HMIS Supervisor
- Chloe Pearson- HMIS Specialist
- Katrina Wayne- Coordinated Entry System Manager
- Allison Sickels- By-Name-List Coordinator

HMIS Updates

Thurston Alexander-Smith provided an update on the HMIS vendor software RFP that is estimated to post on October 1, 2025. He also shared that members of the Data Advisory Committee (DAC) will be reviewing and scoring the software proposals based on a scorecard developed by HMIS staff and County procurement guidelines. The documents, vendor demonstrations, cost estimates, etc. will be available to CoC membership.

Thurston Alexander-Smith reviewed some of the new HUD Data Standards. The data standards will go live on October 1, 2025. Thurston reminded everyone that Bitfocus will hold Data Standards training Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

Lastly, Thurston Alexander-Smith noted that sharing agreements, release of information and HMIS policies are being reviewed by Wake County legal department and all documents will be posted for the CoC membership to review.

Coordinated Entry Update

Eileen Rosa reviewed the notable changes to the Coordinated Entry flyer, including that the Salvation Army cannot accept walk ins for CE assessments and referrals. Eileen noted that drop-in-shelters are trained in CE and can complete the CE enrollment as needed and that ACORNS is not an access site. Eileen Rosa also reminded everyone to minimize the use of the VI-SPDAT.

CoC Funding

Eileen Rosa gave an update on the various forms of funding opportunities since June including Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), CoC Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), CoC Program NOFO, and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP).

CoC Committee Updates and Key Projects

Eileen Rosa provided an overview of two key items that Lead Agency and Committees are doing at this time:

- Annual Review of Membership and Committees
 - Call for new Chairs of Data Advisory Committee (DAC) and Coordinated Entry System (CES) Committee
- Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Preparation
 - Street Outreach teams did a summer survey to collect known locations in preparation for the PIT Count
 - Possible kick-off/surveying event will take place tentatively on January 22, 2026

See PowerPoint for further information.

Board Selection Process

Meredith Yuckman, Vice Chair of the Governance Board and Chair of the Nominations Committee, reviewed the Governance Board responsibilities and provided an overview of the Board Selection Process including timeline, seats available, and the application process.

Apply for the Governance Board here: <https://wakenc507.org/governing-board/>

See PowerPoint for further information.

White Flag Response Plan

Vance Haywood, Chair of the Homeless Emergency Response Committee (HERC) and Executive Director of the Bryant Center, who has been chosen as the White Flag Operator,

gave an update on the status of White Flag planning. He gave the recommendations made by HERC, including keeping the current White Flag alert threshold at 35 degrees or below.

Vance Haywood provided an overview of 2025-2026 shelter capacity needs and noted that the need for increased White Flag shelter capacity due to the reduction in year-round capacity.

Vance Haywood called for suggestions to be sent his way for volunteers, food, transportation, and faith-based partners for shelter: vanceh@stjohnsmcc.org

See PowerPoint for further information.

Coordinated Entry System Redesign

Eileen Rosa gave an overview of the feedback provided during the July Membership meeting on the Coordinated Entry system.

Eileen Rosa went over the next steps that the CES Committee is currently reviewing.

See PowerPoint for further information.

Adjourn: 3:01 PM

Next meeting is October 27, 2025, at 2 PM

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

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