



Wake County CoC Membership Meeting

Monday, January 26th

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Microsoft Teams

Sign in to the chat!



THANK YOU!

We had a marathon few days through the NOFO, Point in Time Count and Winter Storm Fern. We are sincerely grateful for your hard work, creativity and contributions to this community. We could not do it without you!

AGENDA

- Welcome & Agenda Review
- 2026 Affordable Housing Annual Action Plan
- Wake Prevent
- CoC System & Lead Agency Updates
 - Coordinated Entry
 - HMIS
 - NOFO Status
 - PIT & Winter Storm Debrief



2026 Action Plan

Housing Affordability & Community Revitalization Dept

CoC Membership Meeting

Diana Youssef, Housing Grants Administrator

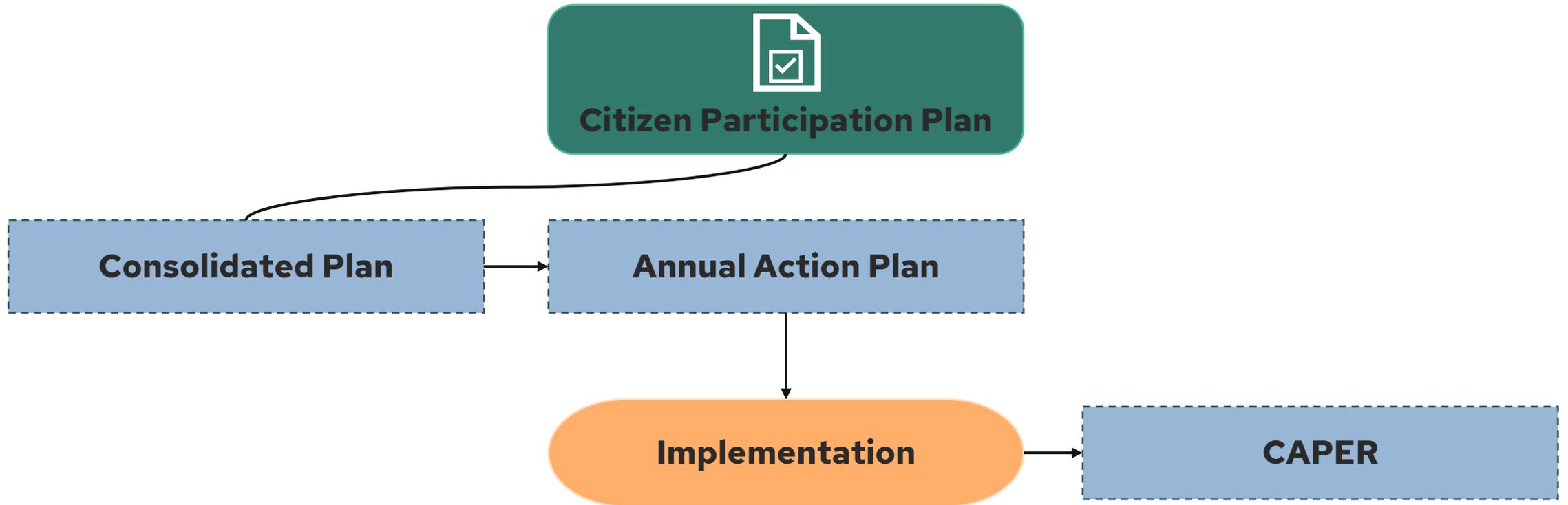
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Overview: HUD Planning Process



Demonstrates the regulatory connection



Requires a summary of citizen participation activities

2025-2030 Consolidated Plan Goals



1. Increase and Preserve Affordable Housing

- Affordable Housing Development
- Rehabilitation / Preservation
- Homeownership Assistance



2. Reduce Obstacles to Housing Affordability

- Job Training and Employment
- Fair Housing Activity / Grant Administration

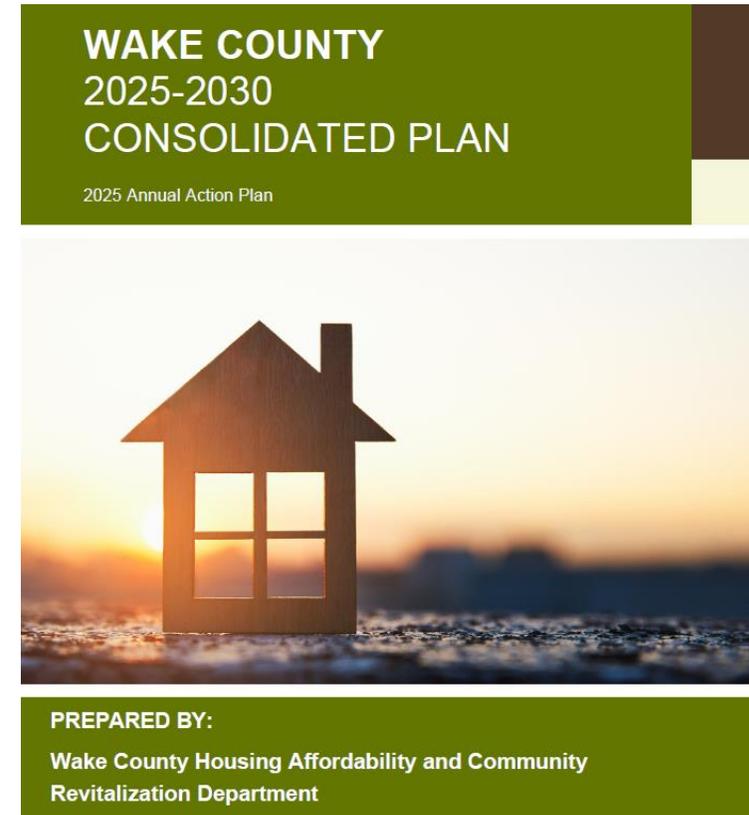


3. Support LMI Communities in Need

- Homeless Services
- Short-term Financial Assistance
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Case Management & Support Services

2026 Annual Action Plan

- One-year action plan, required to receive annual federal funding from HUD
- Defines how federal funds will be used to serve low-to-moderate income communities
- 2026 Action Plan, 2nd of 5 annual plans to implement goals in 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan.



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Who Do We Serve?

Program Participants must meet HUD Income Limits

	Household Size							
Percent of Area Median Income (AMI)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Median Income (100%)	\$92,890	\$106,160	\$119,430	\$132,700	\$143,316	\$153,932	\$164,548	\$175,164
Low Income (80%)	\$72,950	\$83,400	\$93,800	\$104,200	\$112,550	\$120,900	\$129,250	\$137,550
Very Low Income (50%)	\$46,450	\$53,100	\$59,750	\$66,350	\$71,700	\$77,000	\$82,300	\$87,600
40%	\$37,160	\$42,480	\$47,800	\$53,080	\$57,360	\$61,600	\$65,840	\$70,080
Extremely Low Income (30%)	\$27,900	\$31,850	\$35,850	\$39,800	\$43,000	\$46,200	\$49,400	\$54,150

*HUD Income Limits as of May 2025

FY 2026-2027 Expected Funding

Expected Sources	Funding	Program Income*	Total
CDBG Community Development Block Grant	\$2,178,737	\$330,000	\$2,508,737
HOME HOME Investment Partnership Act	\$887,753	\$300,000	\$1,187,753
HOPWA Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	\$1,713,482	\$10,000	\$1,723,482
ESG Emergency Solutions Grant	\$190,060	\$0	\$190,060
Total	\$4,970,032	\$640,000	\$5,610,032

**Program Income reflects projected repayments from prior-year loans.*

Projected Activity

CDBG Grant	
Rehabilitation: Resilient Homes	\$697,990
Acquisition: Affordable Housing Development Program	\$300,000
Home Purchase: Affordable Homeownership Program	\$750,000
Public Services: Job Training	\$20,000
Public Services: Wake Prevent! Rental Assistance	\$30,000
Public Services: Street Outreach – Bridge to Home	\$55,000
Public Services: Enhanced Shelter Services	\$220,000
Grant Administration	\$435,747
Total	\$2,508,737

Projected Activity

HOME Grant

Development or Preservation: Affordable Housing Development Program	\$1,098,978
Grant Administration	\$88,775
Total	\$1,187,753

HOPWA Grant

Long-term Rental Assistance	\$829,879
Short-term Rental Assistance: Wake Prevent! Rental Assistance	\$375,592
Case Management and Supportive Services	\$466,607
Grant Administration	\$51,404
Total	\$1,723,482

ESG Grant

Homeless Services: Bridge to Home	\$190,060
Total	\$190,060

Process & Timeline

Public Hearing:

Board of Commissioners – January 20, 2026

Stakeholder Consultations

January – February 2026

Draft Plan 30-day Public Comment Period:

March 30th – April 28, 2026

Board of Commissioners Plan Approval

May 4, 2026 **Contingent on HUD Allocations**

Submit Approved Action Plan to HUD - May 15th

Discussion

Contact Information

Thank you for your time and your input!

For more information about the Annual Action Plan, please contact:

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Housing Affordability & Community Revitalization Department

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Wake Prevent!



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Overview of Wake Prevent Program

Wake Prevent! is designed to help households at risk of eviction remain in their homes through a one-time support intervention, reducing homelessness in our community.

Prevention can involve landlord-tenant mediation and ongoing case management to ensure housing stability for households who qualify for the program. Wake Prevent! only assist Wake County residents who are in a housing crisis.

Program Criteria

To qualify for assistance, applicants must meet the following conditions:

- At least 30 days past due with a late notice or demand letter
- Lived in the current unit for more than 90 days
- Rental arrears no more than 3 months and under \$5,000
- May only receive assistance once every 3 years

Services provided

- Rental Arrears
- Case Management Services
- Resource Navigation
- Landlord mediation
- Legal Services
- Utility Assistance
- Access Across Wake County



Apply via Neighborly Platform

Access Across Wake County

How to Apply

To apply online:



<https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/WakeCountyNC/Participant>

To apply in person :

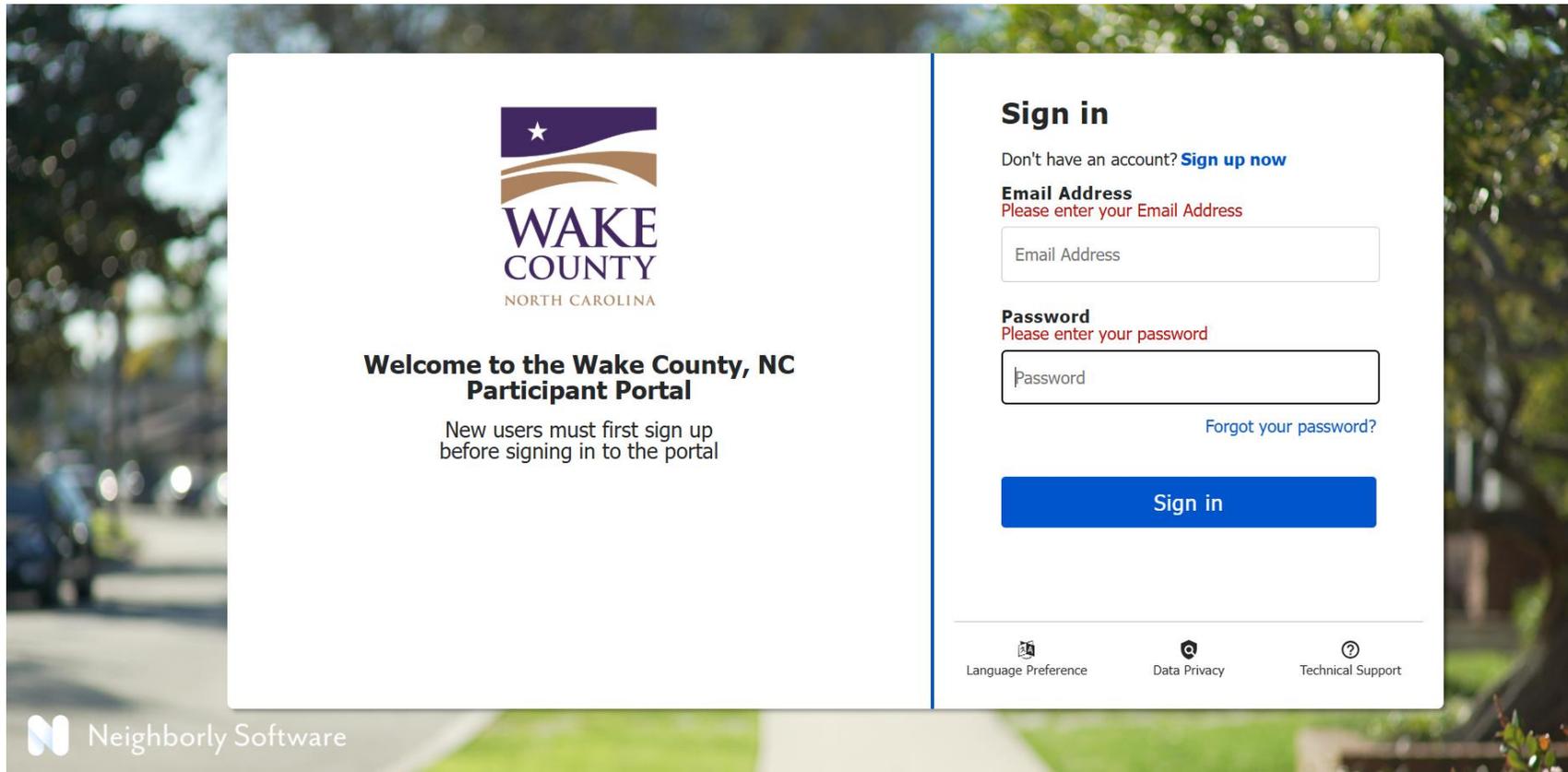
Oak City Cares
1430 S. Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27603



**Housing Affordability &
Community Revitalization**

Application Portal

Clients will be required to log in to Neighborly and create an account to complete the application



The screenshot shows a web interface for the Wake County, NC Participant Portal. On the left side, there is a logo for Wake County, North Carolina, featuring a purple square with a white star above a stylized brown and white wave. Below the logo, the text reads "WAKE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA". Underneath the logo, it says "Welcome to the Wake County, NC Participant Portal" and "New users must first sign up before signing in to the portal".

On the right side, there is a "Sign in" section. It includes a link "Don't have an account? Sign up now" in blue. Below that, there is a label "Email Address" in red, followed by the instruction "Please enter your Email Address" in red. There is a text input field for the email address. Below the email field, there is a label "Password" in red, followed by the instruction "Please enter your password" in red. There is a text input field for the password. To the right of the password field, there is a link "Forgot your password?" in blue. Below the password field, there is a blue button labeled "Sign in".

At the bottom of the sign-in section, there are three links: "Language Preference" with a globe icon, "Data Privacy" with a lock icon, and "Technical Support" with a question mark icon.

In the bottom left corner of the screenshot, there is a logo for Neighborly Software, consisting of a blue and white stylized 'N' followed by the text "Neighborly Software".

Neighborly Application

- Clients will be required to make an account in Neighborly.
- Once the account is created, clients will need to complete the "Homeless Prevention" Application.

Welcome to the Wake County, NC Application Portal

Wake County, NC is committed to accessibility for all applicants. If you require this material in an alternate format, please contact us at 919-856-6220 or wakepreventevictions@wake.gov.

[Start a New Application](#) Search Applications

Application Name	Description	Action
Affordable Housing Development	Wake County's Department of Housing Affordability & Community Revitalization (HACR) announces the availability of funds under the Affordable Housing Development Program (AHDP) to support the development of affordable housing through 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), 4% LIHTC and Non-LIHTC. The County seeks qualified developers to submit proposals for affordable rental projects (9% LIHTC, 4% LIHTC and Non-LIHTC) and ownership projects (Non-LIHTC).	Start Application
Homeless Prevention	Please select this option if you are applying for the Eviction Prevention Program.	Start Application
Housing Rehabilitation	Elderly and Disabled: Select this option if you are a homeowner earning less than 50% of Area Median Income and in need of home repair to assist with mobility or retrofits after a hospital stay. Emergency Grant Repair: Select this option if you are a homeowner earning less than 50% of Area Median Income and in need of emergency repairs to keep your home safe. Eligible repairs include heating, well/septic, roof and electrical hazards.	Start Application
Community Investment Partnership Program	Wake County's Community Investment Partnership Program (CIPP) was developed to help maintain healthy, vibrant, affordable, and accessible communities through the preservation and development of affordable housing, community infrastructure, and public facilities. The CIPP offers municipalities and service providers in Wake County's HUD entitlement communities options to meet the community development needs that are specific and most critical to their locality.	Start Application

Documents Needed for Application

Clients will be required to upload certain documents for their applications to be reviewed. The documents required are:

1. Identification (State ID or Passport) (everyone in the household)
2. At Risk Documentation:
 - Facing Eviction: Submit a Late Notice/Demand Letter or Court Summons.
 - Additional Eviction Documentation (if available)
 - Court Activity: If you have appeared in court or filed an appeal, please provide all related documentation.
3. Lease and ledger
4. Financial Statements: 3 Most recent months of full bank statements/and or Prepaid Account statements (ALL pages with balances required). This includes Venmo, Cash App, Apple Pay, Zelle, Pay Pal, Chime, Google Pay, Net spend, Direct Express, Bank of America for Child Support etc.

Documents Needed for Application (Continued)

5. Income Documentation:

1. Offer letter
2. SSI/SSDI Letter (must be dated within the past 30 days) and three most recent months of Direct Express transactions if deposited there.
3. If you have earned income, 3 most recent months' of pay stubs showing your gross earnings:

6. Release of Information Form

7. Copy of Filed Tax Return (REFUND PAGE ONLY)

- All documents are required to be uploaded. Any documents not uploaded will not allow the client to sign or submit their applications.
- **Screenshots are not accepted.**

Tips for a successful application

- Clients must put their First and & Last Name in application.
- Please ensure all required information is uploaded for all household members.
- Making sure you provide a working contact number and email for communication.
- Checking your emails/voice messages to return missed calls/emails.
- Applying to the correct program through our online portal for "Wake County" Homeless Prevention.

Questions?

CONTACT FOR PROVIDERS

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Lead Agency Updates

Coordinated Entry (CE) Updates

- [Coordinated Entry page on CoC Website](#) now holds CE Policies and Forms, CE Documents and CE Trainings!
- **Upcoming CE Training**
 - Pre-Assessment / Prevention / HMIS Training (Jan 28, 2026 – in person)
 - Housing Problem Solving 3 Part Training Series (Feb 19th & March 5th, 2026- virtual, March 23rd – in person)
 - CE 101 (Feb 2026 – video on demand)
 - Coming Soon – Veteran Training
- **Virtual Access Hub**
 - Two listening sessions, if you attended there is still time to provide additional feedback
- **New Veterans Workgroup** established! Will report up to CES Committee.
- **CE Queues and Direct Referrals**
 - All direct referrals are currently paused for clean-up. To date:
 - ~ 2,500 Records from the Coordinated Entry Community Queue
 - ~ 1,500 Direct Referrals
 - Coming Soon: New Queues and LEU Checklist
- **CoC CE is Hiring – Administrative Coordinator for Coordinated Entry.** Check it out on wake.gov/careers

HMIS Updates

New HMIS Data Analyst

- Welcome Hannah Lundy!

HMIS Administration has now transitioned to CoC staff

- Support address is HMIS@wake.gov
- Please send general HMIS questions to this address (instead of staff directly)

HMIS Documents

- County legal is reviewing the sharing agreement and ROI, no timeline yet

HMIS Software RFP

- County IT staff has done initial pass/fail review of applicants
- RFP team will begin reviewing applications
- Updated timeline to be announced soon

System Performance Measures due March 4th!

Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Submission

LSA Submitted on 1/16

Thanks to all of our agencies for their hard work. This is NC 507's most accurate submission in years!

- Significant increases in overall data quality.
- Reduced overlapping residential enrollments from 977 to 110 in three weeks.
- Closed inactive programs dating back to 2021 that were inflating past counts.
- HMIS team will share some stats from the LSA soon.
- Extra kudos to the staff from Healing Transitions, Families Together, South Wilmington Street Center, Wake HACR PSH for their clean-up efforts!

HUD CoC NOFO

- HUD reopened the FY24-25 NOFO (originally issued in summer 2024) with adjusted dates for FY25 renewal process.
 - As a reminder, HUD released the FY2025 NOFO on November 13, 2025. HUD rescinded that NOFO on Monday, December 8, 2025, and issued an updated NOFO on Friday, December 19, 2025.
 - Due to pending litigation and in response to the court order, HUD reopened the FY24-25 NOFO to begin processing renewals outside of the December NOFO.
 - Should final judgement rule in HUD's favor, they have indicated a return to the December NOFO. Do not expect any awards will be distributed prior to final judgment (hopefully end of February).
- **Current Status:** FRC (01/26) to review renewal eligibility and compliance to ensure CoC can move forward without new Priority Listing.

Point-in-Time Count

- Pre-Storm! White Flag alert declared, but warmer night overall (~37-39 degrees).
- Largest outreach pushes in shifts Thursday 01/22 between 8-11pm and Friday 01/23 morning 5-8am.
- Additional survey coverage at day center/meal sites: Oak City Cares, Shepherds Table, TFS, Place at the Table, etc.
- Preliminary unsheltered count of over 300 individuals.
 - Deduplicating underway. Household and sheltered count not yet available.
 - Planning to compile full results by early/mid-May.
- Anecdotal reflections from surveyors:
 - “People see the value in it and...that we are doing it to...get more support for them”;
 - Shows we are “building trust”.

Winter Storm Fern

- Operationally shifted men from COGS to Oak City Cares and Second Street to reduce risk of power/plumbing issues.
- First Baptist was rerouted to County weather shelter 01/25.
- Now working to resume standard White Flag operations as County winds down storm response posture.
- Significant learnings for improved preparation and coordination, as well as insight on shelter needs for single adults and families.

Thank you to all who supported communications, logistics, continuous staffing, meals, etc. You are appreciated!

Annual Membership Renewal

- Per the Wake CoC Charter every Organizational and Individual Member of the Wake CoC must renew their membership.
- Two separate forms for Organizational Members to complete and a form for Individual Members to complete.
- All organizations and individual members who do not complete this form by February 28th will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee for active status.
 - The Nominations Committee may determine a member is no longer a voting member and will only be contacted about Wake CoC updates.
 - This will be conducted annually. Voting member status can be reinstated during the following calendar year's renewal process.

2026 Governance Board

- The 2026 Governance Board Slate was approved on Friday, December 5, 2025, at 5 PM EST.
- New Governance Board members participated in New Board Member Orientation on January 5, 2026.

2026 Governance Board	
Category	Seat Holder
City of Raleigh	Erika Brandt (City of Raleigh)
Housing Authority of Wake County	Felts Lewis (HAWC)
Lived Experience	Onia Royster (Triangle Family Services)
Population-specific lived experience	KC Buchanan (HOST)
Non-Raleigh Wake County locale	Mary Lederle (Town of Cary)
Non-Raleigh Wake County locale	Quentin Miles (Town of Zebulon)
Philanthropic	Zach Ward (Triangle Community Foundation)
Healthcare Provider	Ann Oshel (Alliance Health)
Business Representative	Bonner Gaylord
Veterans or Domestic Violence	Nicole Wilson (Durham VA Health Care)
Community Member	Nicole Stewart (AJ Fletcher Foundation)

Adjourn



Next CoC Membership Meeting:

- February 23, 2026
- 2-3:30 PM
- Raleigh Housing Authority (Community Room)

CoC Coordination or for more info: Info@wakenc507.org