

## Wake County Continuum of Care

### Membership Meeting

April 27, 2026

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

**Meeting start: 2:05 PM**

## Welcome

Eileen Rosa, CoC Lead Agency Director, started the meeting by reviewing the agenda.

## Lead Agency Updates

### HMIS Updates

Thurston Alexander-Smith gave an update on the HMIS Software Request for Proposals (RFP) and that HMIS software demos are underway, with panel discussions to follow. Thurston stated that next steps are to post materials and gather community feedback, with vendor recommendation to CoC Governance Board expected on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thurston also reviewed the status of the Point in Time Count (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data submission timeline. The HMIS team is currently completing final data clean up.

### Coordinated Entry Updates

Allison Sickels provided CE matching updates, including shelter and permanent housing. She also noted that the CE team was supporting smaller agency case conference calls.

Katrina Wayne shared updates that the CE team is working with Wake County Regional Centers and that work on the HMIS workflow for CE queues continues. Katrina also noted that the Access Site Flyer is being updated, and more CE team members are in the process of being hired.

An attendee asked how long CE takes. Eileen Rosa answered that it depends on the needs of the client and the availability of resources. For example, temporary shelter has a higher exit rate and turnover than permanent supportive housing resources. Katrina Wayne added that it can also be a short turnaround depending on the vacancies available and the needs of the client(s).

## System Updates

### Federal Funding Updates

Eileen Rosa shared that CoC Program funded projects whose FY24 grant agreements ended in January – March 2026 (CY Quarter 1) have received FY25 award letters but are still waiting on grant letters. Additionally, an email was sent about an hour before Membership that Quarter 2 renewals are expected soon.

Eileen Rosa reviewed the funding opportunity forecast with expected dates of CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP).

A meeting attendee asked if there are concerns about the 30% permanent housing limit being enforced in the upcoming federal funding opportunity. Eileen Rosa stated that the [THUD bill](#) has stated that Tier 1 cannot be lower than 60% but nothing has been stated about the permanent housing limit. The Lead Agency is working with current grantees and the Funding Review Committee to outline options based on what is included in the NOFO.

Eileen Rosa reviewed the local competition process and decision-making process. Eileen also shared a reminder that there are informational sessions on the CoC Program NOFO occurring. [See the recordings and materials for these informational sessions here.](#)

### **CoC Charter and Written Standards**

Eileen Rosa gave an update on the status of the CoC Charter and Written Standards review, specifically, edits on both documents are being drafted. Eileen also shared the overview of the slated timeline for public comment and voting process to move forward with updated documents.

### **CoC Communications**

Eileen Rosa reviewed the efforts to date related to communication and improvements made within the year of transition to Wake County Government as Lead Agency.

Eileen Rosa posed discussion questions about how best to use Membership meeting time, what members would like to see in the newsletter and on the website, and what orientation materials would be helpful.

- More information to orient new members
- Setting aside time for people to meet with Lead Agency staff before or after Membership meetings
- Repetitive links, however, it is helpful for reminders
- Request for calendar invites for Committee and Membership meetings

Eileen Rosa shared that there are Wake CoC logo changes on the horizon as well.

A meeting attendee asked that a status of drop-in shelter be added to the website, similar to White Flag shelters. Katrina Wayne confirmed that it is currently being worked on.

## **Strategic Initiative**

Eileen Rosa reviewed the three main areas of the Strategic Initiative:

- Unsheltered Homelessness Response
- Immediate Interventions
- Integrated Care

Eileen Rosa shared the [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) issued by the Wake CoC Governance Board to seek input from community foundations and organizations, as well as inform development of

centralized fiscal structure to support the strategic initiative. Responses are due at 5 PM Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> through the form linked on the [Wake CoC website](#).

Eileen Rosa gave an update on the funding status for the Strategic Initiative as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Of the \$22M needed for a 2-year surge, about \$12M has been identified in planned commitments with a current gap of about \$10M in public and private funding.

#### Questions & Discussion:

- A meeting attendee asked how a private group would get involved in obtaining the \$10M. Eileen stated that the fiscal structure is needed in order to accept funds for the initiative not otherwise contributed by the City or County governments.
- A meeting attendee asked what stabilization case management entails. Eileen Rosa stated it is the case management paired with rental assistance to support transition to permanent housing.
- A meeting attendee asked what the planned commitments are. Eileen Rosa stated that they are agency and departmental funds.
- A meeting attendee asked what type of incentives are in place for this funding and are there any other guidance on the implications of these funding sources? Eileen noted the investment in a shared community initiative for local businesses, healthcare and broader community but that the more direct fundraising strategy is underway. Additional sources have not yet been secured so specific implications are not yet known.

Eileen Rosa reviewed the initial rollout and sustainable practices timeline. Eileen also stated that there will be more updates coming to the next Membership meeting to help answer some of these questions.

## Adjourn

**Meeting End: 3:16 PM**

#### Next Meeting:

- **Date and Time:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026, from 2 - 3:30 PM
- **Location:** Virtual Teams Meeting