GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 07/20/2026
Started: 1:02 PM
Facilitators: Meredith Yuckman, Eileen Rosa
Location: NCWorks Career Center

In Attendance

Wayne Beatty, Amanda Blue, Erika Brandt, Eric Braun, KC Buchanan, Bonner Gaylord, Mary Lederle, Felts Lewis, Onia Royster, Pat Sturdivant, Zach Ward, Michele Woodson, Meredith Yuckman

Absent

Doris Bullock, Ashley Lommers-Johnson, Quentin Miles, Ann Oshel, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Kayla Rosenberg Strampe, Nicole Stewart, Johnnie Thomas, Nicole Wilson

June Board Minutes

Eric Braun motioned to approve the June Board Meeting minutes.

Zach Ward seconded the motion.

Approved: Wayne Beatty, Erika Brandt, Eric Braun, KC Buchanan, Bonner Gaylord, Mary Lederle, Felts Lewis, Onia Royster, Pat Sturdivant, Zach Ward, Michele Woodson, Meredith Yuckman

Disapproved: None

Abstained: None

Funding Competitions

Eileen Rosa gave updates on the status of the Local Funding Competitions, including the number of project applications submitted and the breakdown of the applications submitted across Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP), NC Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

HMIS Software Vendor RFP

Eileen Rosa gave an overview of the HMIS Software Vendor RFP Brief that includes background, summary and conditional award information. Eileen reviewed the next steps and approval process.

Mary Lederle asked if Green River was ranked based on the current data sharing policy and procedure. Eileen Rosa stated that they were scored based on scoring components in the RFP and that all applicants are able to comply with HUD privacy and data protection requirements.

Eileen Rosa reviewed the cost analysis comparing Bitfocus and Green River over the course of 5 years which includes consideration for the overlap of software contracts. Eileen stated that these are estimations made but cannot finalize these numbers until contract negotiations are completed.

Board members discussed concerns over whether a transition would be worth the investment, time and effort for both internal CoC staff and the service providers within the Wake CoC. An additional concern was loss of data if there is a transition. Thurston Alexander-Smith explained that these concerns were addressed during the RFP, including directly asking vendors to explain a transition plan to ensure there is no loss of information.

The board asked if staff were satisfied with the current vendor's customer service. Eileen Rosa noted that have been some issues in terms of administrative tasks like invoicing, though general software technical assistance has been satisfactory.

The HMIS team stated that they feel confident to lead the community through a transition if necessary.

Eric Braun wanted to ensure that there is more transparency with the Membership to ensure their understanding of what a transition would mean.

The Board opted to postpone the vote on the HMIS Software Vendor outcome until the August meeting to allow Board member review and additional engagement with CoC Membership.

Wake at Home

Eileen Rosa introduced the Wake at Home fundraising page for the Governance Board to review but stated there will be more discussion about it at the next Governance Board meeting.

Adjourn: 2:38 PM

Next Meeting

Date and Time: August 6, 2026, from 9-10:30 AM

Location: NCWorks Career Center