Wake County Continuum of Care

Membership Meeting

August 24, 2026

Raleigh Housing Authority – Community Room

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

Meeting start: 2:04 PM

Welcome

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

Lead Agency Updates

HMIS Updates

Thurston Alexander-Smith updated that Clarity HMIS new user interface (UI) will roll out to all users on October 1, 2026. It is required of all users and cannot be opted out of. Staff will host required training sessions for the new UI. ***See PowerPoint for dates.***

Thurston Alexander-Smith stated that Agency Administrator (agency point of contact for all things HMIS) meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month. Agency representation is required. Announcements and invites will go out soon.

Thurston Alexander-Smith updated that the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) process is beginning and HMIS staff will begin LSA clean up this fall. Be on the lookout for communications as the HMIS team waits on further instructions from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Thurston Alexander-Smith reviewed the discussion from the July CoC membership meeting on client sharing and data privacy. Thurston gave an update that client sharing policies and procedures updates are coming and will be worked through the Data Advisory Committee first.

Thurston Alexander-Smith gave an update about the NC CoCs state-wide data warehouse RFP. Thurston updated that Green River was chosen as the vendor and the representatives for all 12 CoCs are looking to contact external funders to keep the costs off the CoCs.

HMIS Software Vendor RFP

Eileen Rosa gave an update that the CoC Governance Board voted to move forward with negotiating details and pricing with Bitfocus even though it was not the highest scoring provider, based on material and information presented to the Board. Eileen Rosa stated that the internal procedures for Wake County procurement are underway.

Coordinated Entry Updates

Eileen Rosa updated that the CE team is expanding, having hired the first Housing Diversion Specialist who will be onboard in September. Eileen also updated that the virtual access process is in the final stages with the IT Department.

Youth Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Eileen Rosa gave an update that the Wake CoC oversaw a regional application as the Collaborative Applicant for the Youth Homelessness NOFO that expanded across Durham, Orange, Chatham and Wake. Eileen gave an overview of the recommended projects and the amount the project was recommended for.

Eileen Rosa stated that the next step is for HUD to make awards by September 15, 2026.

See PowerPoint for more details.

NC Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Eileen Rosa gave an update that the Wake CoC Collaborative Applicant submitted the ESG Regional Application for the Wake CoC on August 24, 2026. Eileen reviewed the breakdown of the Wake CoC fair share, projects recommended for funding and at what amount.

Eileen Rosa stated that the next step is to expect conditional awards by October.

See PowerPoint for more details.

Continuum of Care Program NOFO

Eileen Rosa gave an update that the local competition process did take place, and the Governance Board did approve the Funding Review Committee's recommended Priority Listing. However, the day after the approval, a federal court issued a temporary injunction, and the competition has now been paused.

Eileen Rosa reviewed the approved recommended Priority Listing. Eileen stated that the Collaborative Applicant is awaiting next steps from HUD, while the competition is paused.

See PowerPoint for more details.

CoC Committees

Eileen Rosa gave an overview of the Wake CoC committees, and the changes made to the committee structure within the CoC Charter that was updated and approved in July 2026.

Eileen Rosa proposed shifts to add a Street Outreach Workgroup and shift the focus of the Data Advisory Committee in tandem with the Agency Administrator meetings. Eileen made a call for new members to various committees.

Apply for a Committee on the Wake CoC website here.

Eileen Rosa reviewed the annual Membership and Committee renewal process to come with an estimated timeline for October through December.

Wake at Home

Eileen Rosa reviewed the Wake at Home initiative specifically to prevent and eliminate street sleeping in a two-part surge that will provide direct housing and rapid resolution services.

Eileen Rosa updated that the Governance Board will be further discussing more in depth on a fiscal structure at the September Governance Board meeting.

See PowerPoint for more details.

Announcement and Adjournment

Eileen Rosa shared that NC Medicaid is inviting community organizations that support individuals experiencing homelessness to an informational webinar designed to help partners understand upcoming NC Medicaid changes associated with the federally mandated H.R.1 and learn how these changes may affect the unhoused population.

Webinar will be on August 26, 2026, from 12-1 PM

Register here.

Adjourn

Meeting End: 3:19 PM

Next Meeting:

- **Date and Time:** Monday, September 28, 2026, from 2 - 3:30 PM
- **Location:** Raleigh Housing Authority – 971 Harp St. Raleigh, NC 27601