W@ke County CoC Membership Meeting

Monday, August 24th

2 – 3:30 PM

In person: RHA Community Room

971 Harp St

AGENDA

- CoC System & Lead Agency Updates
- Committee Features: Updates & Call for New Members
- Strategic Initiative: Wake at Home

WAKE COUNTY
Continuum of Care - NC 507

System & Lead Agency Updates

HMIS Updates: UI & Training

- Clarity HMIS' new user interface (UI) will roll out to all users on 10/1
- Staff will host REQUIRED training sessions
  - 9/16, 1-4PM
  - 9/18, 9AM-12PM
  - 9/22, 9AM-12PM
  - 9/25, 9AM-12PM
  - Sessions divided by program type (shelters, street outreach, permanent housing providers)
  - Sessions will be recorded

HMIS Updates: @gency Admin + LSA

Agency Administrator Meetings

- Reminder: Agency Admins are the agency point of contact for all things HMIS
- Topics will include important system updates, advanced training, and HUD standards updates
- Meetings will be held on 3rd Wednesday of the month
  - Agency representation is required
  - Announcements and invites will go out soon

Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA)

- HMIS team will start LSA clean up this fall
- Be on the look out for communications
- No time-line announcement from HUD yet

HMIS Updates: Data Sharing

Client sharing Policies & Procedures updates

- Feedback about current visibility model collected from lived experience committee
- Agency Sharing agreement and Client ROI being updated to match capabilities of Clarity
- Data Advisory Committee will review and make a recommendation to the board and membership
- Agreements will be shorter and easier to understand

State-wide Data Warehouse RFP update

- Reminder: 12 NC CoCs are divided among 4 HMIS implementations
  - NC HMIS
    - NC-500 Winston-Salem/Forsyth, NC-201Asheville/Buncombe, NC-504 Guilford/Greensboro, NC-506 Cape Fear, NC-509 Gason/Lincolin/Cleveland, NC-511 Fayetteville/Cumberland, NC-516 North West (7 counties)
  - HMIS@NCCEH
    - NC-502 Durham, NC-503 Balance of state (79 rural counties), NC-513 Chapel Hill/Orange
  - NC-505 Charlotte/Mecklenburg and NC-507 Raleigh/Wake are on their own
- Workgroup with representatives from all implementations executed and RFI and RFP over the past 2 years to achieve state-wide HMIS data
- Green River was chosen as the vendor
  - Potential funders being contacted
  - Governance structure to be negotiated (along with HUD Technical Assistance)

HMIS Software Vendor RFP

- 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".*

- **Status**:
  - Wake County meeting internally to determine appropriate next steps.
  - CoC Dept moving forward with FY27 Bitfocus contract as planned regardless of RFP outcome.

Coordinated Entry Updates



- **CoC CE Team Expanding**
  - Hiring Housing Diversion Specialist
  - Formal announcements coming next month
- **Virtual Access**
  - Final stages with Wake IT Department

Youth Homelessness NOFO

Overview

- **HUD's FY24-25 Youth Homelessness NOFO**
  - Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) – *awarded to Triangle Region FY23.*
  - Youth Homelessness Demonstration Projects (YHDP)
- **HUD Expects to Award:**
  - 12 YHDP Community Recipients (i.e. CoCs) from the FY24 funds,
  - 12 YHDP Community Recipients from the FY25 funds
  - *Community awards will range between a min. $500k – max. of $15million.
- **Eligible YHDP Projects:**
  - Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only (Standalone or Street Outreach)
  - Standard CoC infrastructure grants (Coordinated Entry, HMIS and Planning)

Triangle Region for Youth Application

- **Wake CoC as Collaborative Applicant** - registered community for regional application and completed Consolidated Application.
  - Built on priorities identified through YHSI recommendation report, Building Better Pathways.
- **Application Process**
  - Expanded local Wake CoC project application process to regional service providers and partners.
  - Funding Review Committee of nonconflicted and regional representatives reviewed and scored all applications according to Wake CoC developed scorecard.
  - Final ranking based on order of average score from across three evaluators.
  - All applications were approved and recommended for submission under the regional application.

YHDP Project Ranking

Agency	Project Type	Average Score	Total Request	Recommendation	*% of request*
THRIVE (Durham)	SSO	368.3	$400,000	$400,000	100%
LIFE Skills Foundation (Durham)*	TH	365	$727,166	$727,166	100%
Hope Center	SSO	360.3	$1,217,066	$1,217,066	100%
Youth Street Outreach (Orange)	SSO-SO	355	$214,000	$214,000	100%
Haven House	SSO-SO	350.6	$1,053,263	$1,053,263	100%
Haven House	TH	350.6	$2,504,070	$2,504,070	100%
Wake County – CoC	HMIS	n/a	$100,000	$100,000	100%
Wake County – CoC	SSO-CE	n/a	$200,000	$200,000	100%
Wake County – CoC	Planning	n/a	$200,000	$200,000	100%
		Total	$7,086,059	$7,086,059	

Approved by Wake CoC Governance Board on August 6th, 2026

Summary & Next Steps

- All application components – **projects, priority listing, consolidated application** – were submitted by the HUD deadline of 08/10.
  - Materials are posted to the Wake CoC website under Funding Opportunities
  - https://wakenc507.org/fy24-and-fy25-yhdp/

- According to the Youth Homelessness NOFO, HUD expects to make awards by September 15th, 2026.
  - All FY 2024 YHDP funds must be obligated by September 30, 2026.
  - All FY 2025 funds must be obligated by September 30, 2027.
  - If awarded, estimated Period of Performance (PoP): 10/1/2026 – 03/31/2029.

NC Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Overview

- For the 2027 calendar year, the Wake CoC fair share is $392,309, a decrease of $41,373 from the FY25-26 competition.
- Eligible ESG projects include Emergency Services (Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach) and Housing Stability (Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing).
- Under the ESG program, CoCs are required to dedicate a minimum of 40% of the fair share to Housing Stability projects, with a maximum of 60% for Emergency Services.

ESG Funding Breakdown	2026 Available	**2027 Available**	*2027 Apps Requested*
Emergency Response Services (<60%) - SO, ES	260,209	**$235,385**	*$645,655*
Housing Stability (>40%) - RRH, HMIS, Prev	173,473	**$156,924**	*$309,361*
NC 507 Fair Share Total	433,682	**$392,309**	*$955,016*

Funding Recommendation

Emergency Services				
Agency – Project Type	**2026 Funds**	**2027 Funds Requested**	**Recommendations**	*% of request*
Family Promise - ES	n/a	$40,034.00	$29,039.00	72.54%
Healing Transitions - ES	$73,409.00	$91,000.00	$65,000.00	71.43%
InterAct - ES	$55,650.00	$68,000.00	$53,720.00	79.00%
Oak City Cares - SO	$37,000.00	$50,000.00	$37,500.00	75.00%
Urban Ministries - ES	n/a	$63,231.00	$47,423.00	75.00%
Total	$260,209.00	$645,655.00	$232,682.00	
	ES Available (max)		-$2,703.00	

Housing Stability				
Agency	**2026 Funds**	**2027 Funds Requested**	**Recommendations**	*% of request*
Families Together - RRH	$79,500.00	$120,000.00	$71,242.00	59.37%
Family Promise - RRH	$42,535.00	$62,361.00	$40,000.00	64.14%
Hope Center at Pullen - HP	$31,000.00	$32,000.00	$28,385.00	88.70%
Hope Center at Pullen - RRH	$20,438.00	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	100.00%
Total	$173,473.00	$309,361.00	$159,627.00	
	HS Available (min)		(+$2,703.00)	

- **Emergency Services** includes partial funding for 5 projects, at about 75% of applicant requests with:
  - reallocation of 2 returning project applications based on evaluation and available funding;
  - 2 new applications providing emergency shelter; and
  - a reduction for 2 of the 3 returning applications from 2026 award amounts.
- **Housing Stability** includes funding for all 4 returning projects at the same or reduced levels from 2025 due to the reduced fair share.

Summary & Next Steps

- All application components were submitted by the NC ESG deadline, today 08/24 by 5pm.
  - Materials are posted to the Wake CoC website under Funding Opportunities

- Based on previous years, expect conditional awards by October.
  - Period of Performance (PoP): 01/01/2027 – 12/31/2027.

Continuum of Care (CoC) NOFO

Overview

ARD Amount (Renewals)	$5,811,919
DV Bonus	$1,405,325
CoC Bonus	$1,053,994
Planning	$351,331
Total Available to Apply	**$8,622,569**
Total Proposed Application	***$7,217,244***

- Wake CoC proposes application of $7,217,244
  - Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) +
  - CoC Bonus +
  - CoC Planning.
- Scaling up FY24/25 DV Bonus programming, so will not pursue DV Bonus under FY26 NOFO
- Funding Review Committee balancing
  - Maximize ARD
  - 60% limit on Tier 1
  - HUD priorities
    - Shift to supportive services (30%)
    - Population
    - % reallocated

Funding Recommendation & Priority Listing

Score	Rank	Status	Application Type	Agency	Project Type	GIW Amount (Max Amount Avail.)	Amount Requested	Recommended Funding	% of request
352.5	1	Accepted	Renewal	Families Together	RRH	$205,000	$205,000	$205,000	100%
347.5	2	Accepted	Renewal	Haven House	RRH	$116,728	$116,728	$116,728	100%
370	3	Accepted	Renewal	Wake County - CoC	HMIS	$161,730	$161,730	$161,730	100%
355	4	Accepted	Renewal	Wake County - CoC	SSO-CE	$177,685	$177,685	$177,685	100%
345	5	Accepted	Renewal	Interact	RRH	$1,280,899	$1,280,899	$1,280,899	100%
335	6	Accepted	Renewal	Wake County - HACR	PSH	$1,545,109	$1,545,109	$1,545,109	100%
						Tier 1 Subtotal	**$3,487,151**	**$3,487,151**	
335	6	Accepted, Reduced	Renewal	Wake County - HACR	PSH	$1,397,793	$1,397,793	$1,204,707	86%
368	7	Accepted	New	Families Together	TH	$0	$190,000	$190,000	100%
365	8	Accepted	New	Haven House	TH	$0	$250,296	$250,296	100%
361.5	9	Accepted	New	Family Promise	TH	$0	$262,500	$262,500	100%
361.5	10	Accepted	New	Family Promise	TH (2)	$0	$166,730	$166,730	100%
357.5	11	Accepted	New	Families Together	SSO	$0	$250,000	$250,000	100%
350	12	Accepted	New	Family Promise	RRH	$0	$148,500	$148,500	100%
349.5	13	Accepted	New	Raleigh Dream Center	TH	$0	$450,000	$250,000	56%
349	14	Accepted	New - Transition	Women's Center	SSO	$0	$368,000	$368,000	100%
262.5	15	Accepted	New - Transition	Triangle Family Services	SSO	$0	$288,029	$288,029	100%
						Tier 2 Subtotal	**$3,771,848**	**$3,378,762**	
	16	Accepted	N/A	Wake County - CoC	Planning	$0	$351,331	$351,331	100%
					Totals	**$4,385,167**	**$7,610,330**	**$7,217,244**	
292.5		*Fully Reallocated*	*Renewal*	*Passage Home*	*PSH*	*$319,747*	*$319,747*	*$0*	*0%*
332.5		*Rejected*	*New*	*Wake County - HACR*	*TH*	*$0*	*$400,000*	*$0*	*0%*
322		*Rejected*	*New*	*HOST*	*TH*	*$0*	*$120,804*	*$0*	*0%*
87.5		*Rejected*	*New*	*Sisu Living House*	*TH*	*$0*	*$140,360*	*$0*	*0%*

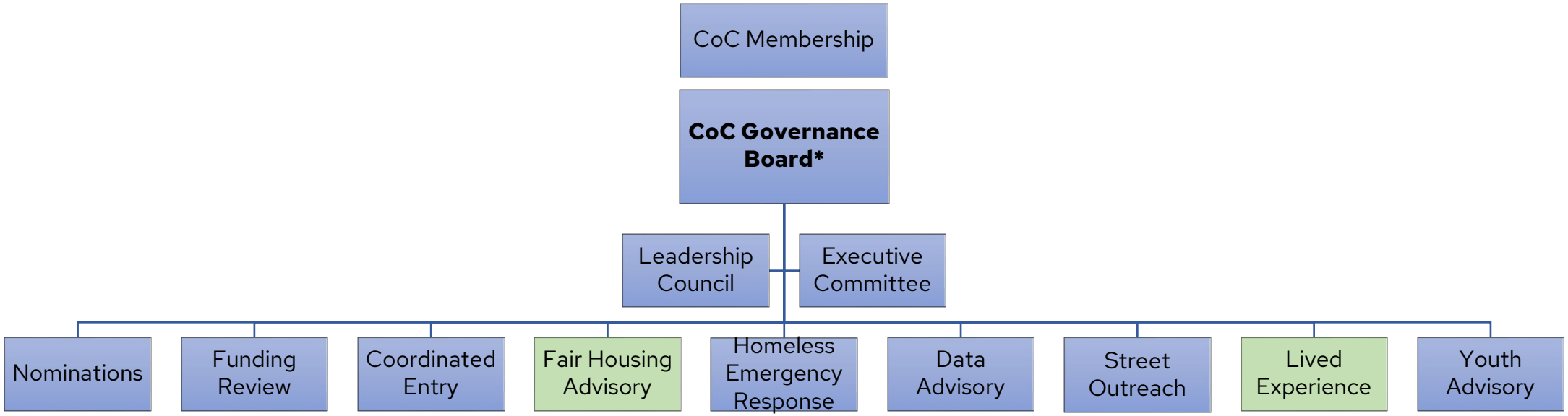
Status & Next Steps

- As of 1pm, August 7th, 2026, the Court has issued a **temporary injunction** on the HUD FY26 CoC Program NOFO. See the Court decision here: Court Listener.
- Until further notice, the FY26 CoC Program NOFO Competition is paused.
  - The Wake CoC Collaborative Applicant will provide updates as they are issued.
  - CoC Staff continue to work on the Consolidated Application based on Detailed Instructions published.
- Potential pathways/outcomes:
  - HUD issue a new NOFO
  - Automatic renewals for FY26

CoC Committees

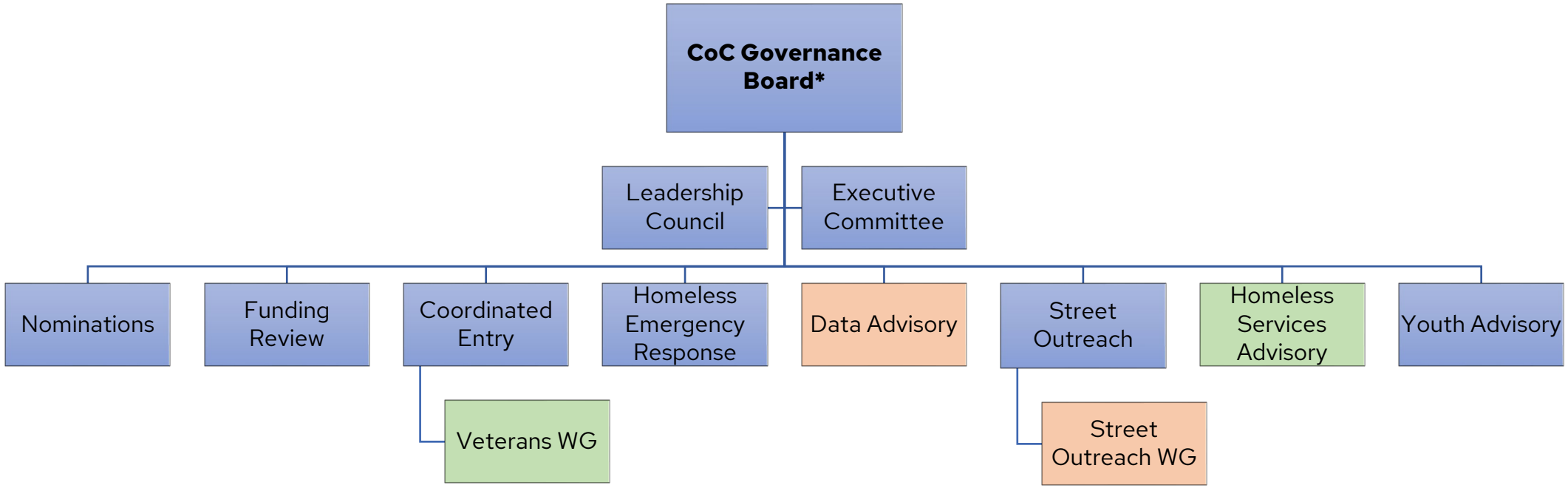
Overview

- Limited changes made through annual CoC Charter Review.
- All Committees are required to have Annual Work/Action Plans approved by the CoC Governance Board.
- Opportunity to align annual Membership Review + CMTE Member Review.



Operational Shifts

- Merging Fair Housing Advisory + Homeless Services Advisory underway
- Proposed shifts:
  - Addition of Street Outreach WG
  - focus and frequency for Data Advisory



Calling for New Members!

	# of members needed	Notes/Considerations
Nominations	N/a	
Funding Review	4-5 + Chair	Must be non-conflicted CoC Members. i.e. not affiliated with or receiving any financial gain from potential applicants.
Coordinated Entry	N/a	
Homeless Emergency Response	One person from all shelter providers	Focus on year-round emergency planning, seasonal shelter capacity, and utilization, frontline and client focused communications.
Data Advisory	4-6 addtl members + Chair	Ideally, Agency Admins. Focus for remainder of 2026 – P&Ps, data sharing; 2027 – system performance.
Street Outreach	N/a	
Street Outreach WG	10-12	Limited to HMIS participating street outreach teams only.
Homeless Services Advisory	3 people with Lived Experience	Merged with Fair Housing Advisory CMTE.
Youth Advisory	N/a	Coordinates with Regional YAB.

Annual Membership & Committee Renewal

- Per the CoC Charter every Organizational and Individual Member of the Wake CoC must renew their membership annually.
- Separate forms for Organizations, Individuals and Committee Members.
- All organizations, individual members and committee members who do not complete the form will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee for continued active status.
  - The Nominations Committee may determine a member is no longer a voting member or participant in a committee and therefore 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.
    - Committee participants can reapply for a committee if removed through this process.

- **Estimated Timeline**: October – December 2026.

CoC Strategic Initiative

WAKE @ HOME

Wake at Home will prevent and eliminate street sleeping through a targeted rehousing strategy.

Phase I: 2026 - 2027	**Phase II: 2028+**
2 Year Surge	Annual Sustainability
$22M	**$23M/Year**
1,400 households	~1,800+ households

~400 Direct to Housing
(Unsheltered, Long Stayers)
~1,000 Rapid Resolution
(Shelter Inflow)

Phase I: Funding Overview

Phase 1: Surge

- Planned commitments of $15M in new and leveraged public funds
- Gap of $6 million
- Marketing and fundraising campaign taken up by CoC Board
- Developing “opportunity menu” for businesses, faith-based partners
- Municipal engagement

Phase 2: Sustainability

- Continued public sources
- Pursuit of larger philanthropic opportunities
- Explore endowment fund structure
- Municipal engagement and regional partnerships

Direct to Housing & Street Outreach Synergy

- Unsheltered homelessness strategy

Street Outreach Committee	Wake at Home
• Goal to assign team zones • CE referrals by capacity and zone	• Requires designated lead outreach by site • HMIS Workflow
• Unsheltered strategy review • Site assessment and prioritization	• Updates based on Committee feedback • Putting it into practice with dedicated housing resources, roles/responsibilities

Fiscal Structure Update

- **Overview:** CoC Board voted to advance with establishing a foundation (501c3) for the purposes of fundraising private dollars dedicated to Wake at Home.

- Anticipate deeper discussion at September Board meeting!
  - More to come!

Announcements & Adjournment

NC Medicaid Informational Webinar

- NC Medicaid invites 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.
- This session will provide an overview of key policy changes, discuss potential barriers and challenges that individuals may experience, and equip organizations with information and tools to share with those impacted.

Scan the QR Code to register

Date: Aug. 26, 2026

Time: Noon- 1 p.m.

Adjourn



Next CoC Membership Meeting:

- Monday, September 28, 2026 from 2 - 3:30 PM
- Raleigh Housing Authority Community Room – 971 Harp St

Tentative Agenda

- Board Nominations
- HR1

HEADS UP: November Membership meeting will be moved from the 23rd to the 16th to accommodate the Governance Board Slate vote.

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