**Northwestern C0C NC-516 Meeting Agenda**

**August 19, 2025 – 10:00 AM**

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* **Welcome & Agency Updates**
* **COC Planning**
* **NC 516 Revised Written Standards for vote**
* **Watauga Housing Council Update**
* **Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates**
* **HUD Updates**
* **New Business- State Updates**
* **2025/2026 ESG RFA NC 516 Local Process TimelineUpcoming Meetings and Dates:** **NWCoC** – **Virtual Tuesday September 16th, 2025 at 10am**.

**Northwest Continuum of Care (NC 516)**

**Emergency Solutions Grant Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 10:00am**

**Via Web Conference**

* **Attendees:**

**Tina B. Krause:** Executive Director/CoC Lead, Hospitality House of Northwest, NC

**Todd Carter:** Chief Development Director, Hospitality House

**Ethan Flynn:** Director of Grant Funding, Hospitality House

**Sonya Hamby:** NC HMIS Local System Administrator, Hospitality House

**Graham Doege-Osler:** Rapid ReHousing and WeCan Coordinator, Hospitality House

**Christiana Glenn Tugman:** Compliance and Planning Specialist, Hospitality House

**William Holley:** Coordinated Entry and Street Outreach Coordinator, Hospitality House

**Lori Watts:** Housing Specialist – Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Vaya Health LME/MCO

**Kim Cashatt:** Family Services Coordinator, Northwestern Regional Housing Authority

**Jeanie Futrelle:** Executive Director, OASIS, Inc.

**Rubi Estrada:** Community Systems Manager, OASIS, Inc.

**Brooke Whitman:** Center Director, Daymark Recovery Services, Watauga County

**Kellie Reed-Ashcraft:** Executive Director, Watauga Housing Council

**Fran Harvey:** SSVF Case Manager/Veteran Outreach, Veteran Services of the Carolinas at ABCCM

**Chariden Lewis:** TCL Program Manager for Veterans Services of the Carolinas at ABCCM

**Seth Horton:** Coordinated Entry Specialist, Salisbury Veteran Administration Medical Center

* **Welcome and Agency Updates**
* **Kim Cashatt:** Family Services Coordinator, Northwestern Regional Housing Authority (NRHA) remind providers that NRHA has mainstream vouchers available, including non-elderly disabled, 18-61 years- non-waitlist submission for homeless qualifying population. There are approximately 64 vouchers available. NRHA can do rent reasonableness comparison for housing assistance programs so please utilize this resource. The Lease in Place is assigning vouchers and moving quicker than mainstream vouchers due to difficulty in finding new units. NRHA would like to use the BNL to get more vouchers out in the community. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with CoC Grantees and NWRHA to work toward this goal. The OASIS housing project in Newland broke ground and will be open in spring of 2026. Sawmill in Yancy breaks ground next month.
  + **Graham Doege-Osler**: Rapid ReHousing and WeCan Coordinator, Hospitality House is actively looking for properties to lease up for households enrolled in the RRH and RUSH programs. Please contact if you know a property owner/manager that has units available.
  + **Fran Harvey and Cheridan Lewis:** The VA and Veteran’s Services of the Carolinas (VSC) are working on a surge event in Hickory for unsheltered Veterans on July 24th, from 9-2:00pm at the Hickory Soup Kitchen in Hickory (Catawba County) which includes the Foothills and Northwest regions for the VAMC. Emergency assistance and screenings for housing assistance and connection to resources will be available and lunch will be provided. Suicide Prevention program will also be there with Peer Support. If agencies or individuals know of any Veteran needing assistance, please reach out to get direct assistance from the VSC where they are located.
  + **Jeanie Futrelle:** Executive Director at OASIS reports that a 2-bedroom unit in PSH will be open and OASIS will be taking referral from the next CE call. The unit is located on the 2nd floor of the building. The RRH program is full. OASIS has received architectural bids and will move forward for the Avery County OASIS emergency shelter. Funds need to spent by June of 2026. The current shelter location remains at capacity. Looking forward to connecting at the NWRHA and CoC grantees meeting tomorrow with everyone.
  + **Lori Watts:** Housing Specialist–Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Vaya Health LME/MCO reminds NWCoC members that the One-Time Assistance program is for contracted providers to refer members/recipients for help to initially obtain housing. The program provides a maximum of $500 per household for either rent deposit, 1st month's rent, and/or utility deposits in VAYA’s 32 service counties. The program cannot pay for past due rent (arrears), ongoing rent, or past due utilities. Referrals must come from community providers (Daymark Recovery, RHA, Mountain Health Solutions, Infinite Beginnings, Stepping Stone, Easter Seals, etc.) that are contract providers with VAYA. The phone lines provide opportunity to have issues staffed to provide better assistance. Information about the One-Time Assistance Program should be directed to: [HousingSupport@vayahealth.com](mailto:HousingSupport@vayahealth.com) or Rachelle Ellis at [Rachelle.Ellis@vayahealth.com](mailto:Rachelle.Ellis@vayahealth.com) or 828-225-2785 ext. 1262. The VAYA Housing Line- call for resources and to staff for housing needs at 828-225-2785 ext. 4560. Persons needing assistance to secure housing can call the line for help.
  + **Brooke Whitman:** Center Director, Daymark Recovery Services, Watauga County reports that clients wishing to connect with VAYA and other housing assistance programs may utilize walk-in services to help facilitate referral. Daymark can schedule appointments if needed for children, special needs, etc.) to perform the clinical assessment needed. The assessment takes 1-2 hours to complete. The intake is needed to qualify for services (if not otherwise already qualified) to be linked to VAYA for housing assistance. if a referral comes to the walk-in clinic, can ask for housing support. If have Tailored Care already, could set up referral with case manager quickly- if not already receiving Medicaid/Medicare, then may need assigned tailored care manager to support referral for housing assistance with VAYA.
  + **Seth Horton:** Coordinated Entry Specialist, Salisbury Veteran Administration Medical Center reports that the VA is doing a nationwide push to outreach homeless Veterans. The VA is going out in Kernersville to engage Veterans to connect to resources. Another outreach and service event on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 from 11-3:00pm is scheduled at the Union Community Development Center in Winston-Salem. Will send out a flyer to the NWCoC listserv with that information. The Salisbury VAMC covers Ashe, Alleghany, and Wilkes for the VAMC in the Northwest CoC and will assist Veterans impacted by Hurricane Helene and those experiencing homelessness. Have VASH in counties outside the Northwest CoC available. The VA has services/transitional housing in Forsyth and Guilford for this catchment area. Doing contract housing in the service areas outside of this CoC and surrounding counties as well. Please provide contact information for homeless Veterans from Northwest CoC for assistance needed if from those service areas. Contact Seth at 980-401-2998 or email at: [seth.horton@va.gov](mailto:seth.horton@va.gov)
* **Tina Krause:** Executive Director at Hospitality House (HH) and CoC Lead reports that Hospitality House (HH) is attending the Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) for disaster recovery. NC Works received a grant to help support disaster displaced persons return to work- some organizations can also receive grants that are helping persons who lost employment due to Helene. Contact Toni Deil. Faith 360 Network, an initiative of ABCCM, was also was present at the LTRG meeting and is networking in the western region of NC 516. The initiative is tied into NCCARES 360 but NC CARES does not work well in NWCoC so another source is being utilized. The Faith 360 Network will work with faith groups to fill gaps in disaster recovery.
* **CoC Planning**
* **2025 PIT/HIC Update:** NWCoC received the HUD TA PIT/HIC data quality review letter- always send follow-up questions for clarification on PIT/HIC submission. This year, no abnormal data quality issues and the same general report questions have to be confirmed like why the DDV/SSA project at Hospitality House is in HMIS. Sonya Hamby uploaded 2025 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and the Point in Time count on June 10, 2025 in HDX2. HDX2.0 worked better this year than last year in accepting the submission.
* **NC HMIS Governance Committee Update**: The Governance Committee of NC HMIS met yesterday and had discussion with MCAH about HUD no longer collecting gender in HMIS/federal reports. Discussion was to continue to collect gender identity in the CoC, but will not submit. The FY2025-26 NC HMIS contract with MCAH is signed. The state data warehouse workgroup completed an RFP with HUD TA, ICF and received 2 responses. Northwest is already a part of a data warehouse with NC HMIS and Green River. The ESG grant for NC HMIS supports work across the 7 CoCs of NC HMIS and this year will pay for the current data warehouse, administrative support, and nearly 5-6 months of Northwest’s Wellsky costs (precise costs to be covered by the grant will be determined later this month).
* **Watauga Housing Council (WHC):** Kellie Reed-Ashcraft, Executive Director, The WHC is now a licensed dealer for manufactured housing and securing land to support this work. Now acquiring insurance. The dealer’s license will enable Watauga Housing Council to get significant discount on modular homes keeping them affordable. First effort will be with Ashe County Habitat for Humanity to get contracts developed and then continue to reach out to area NPs and other area Habitat agencies to get more homes built on land already owned. The WHC is putting together a small workgroup to facilitate this effort with area partners. The WHC has contracted with communications resource specialist to get a High-Country community partners resource list to help connect those in need with resources. Once information is finalized, the resource list will be posted on the WHC website. Please update your information so resource information is current. Working with the LTRG on disaster assistance housing as well. WHC is doing an annual survey and will be at the Back-2-School Festival on August 9, 2025 starting at 9:00am at Valle Crucis, Mabel, Bethel and Two Rivers; 12:30 at Cove Creek and Parkway School; and 2:00pm at Green Valley and Homeschoolers may attend. Families can come to connect to resources. The Government Relations Committee will meet next week. The Government Relations Committee is working on a proclamation to present to local governments in the area on affordable housing need.
* **HUD Update**: HUD Secretary Turner sent out an email on July 3rd, 2025 indicating that there will be a CoC NOFO this year even though Congress approved a two-year NOFO process. The notice indicated new HUD priorities in vague terms: transitional, treatment and working across faith communities. No other information has been provided by HUD. The federal budget amendment did pass and was signed. It will affect funding and benefits to low-income persons. The push to reduce CoC program funding and merge CoC and HOPWA into ESG activities is proposed under the FY2026 federal budget which begins on October 1, 2025.
* **NC State ESG** **RFA:** NC 516 ESG Project Applications are due no later than Thursday, July 24th, 2025 by 11:59 PM EDT. ESG Project Applications for NC-516 and all required attachments must be sent electronically to Lori Watts, at [Lori.watts@vayahealth.com](mailto:Lori.watts@vayahealth.com). The Local ESG Project Review Committee will have notifications of acceptance or rejection to Project Applicants no later than August 8th, 2025 by 5:00 PM EDT. The ESG RFA recordings are posted at the ESG website for those interested. For this year’s RFA, Northwest CoC has $119, 571 total of the NC Fair Share. The CoC Lead will report new information and updates as made available about the annual competition and the local competition deadlines/requirements are in the NC 516 notice and posted online. Recommended projects and the NC 516 Regional Application must be submitted in Smartsheet by August 22 and final submission deadline is August 25, 2025 by 5:00 pm.
* **Todd Carter:** Chief Development Director, Hospitality House reports that three significant bills proposed in the NC General Assembly last session did not pass. Drug Free Service zone did not move forward, nor did anti-camping. The state senate said only budget and Hurricane recovery will be addressed next session. Continue to watch for these and other bills resurfacing in the future.
* **New Business**
* Hospitality House Annual Hope Luncheon is August 15, 2025. Guest speaker is nationally known documentary film maker and author Diane Nilan. Who wrote a book called “The Three Melissas”. Nilan has been a homeless families and youth advocate for over four decades. Information is posted on HH website at: <https://www.hosphouse.org/hope>

* **Other Business:**
* No other business.
* **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**
* Next scheduled meeting of the Northwest CoC- **August 19, 2025, at 10:00 am**

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