

**Northwestern Continuum of Care  
CoC Steering Committee Meeting  
March 18th, 2025 – 10:00 AM  
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- **Welcome & Agency Updates**
- **COC Planning**
  - **HMIS Reporting- SPM Data Submission Deadline- April 11, 2025**
  - **Annual PIT/HIC Bed Count Updates**
  - **Watauga Housing Council Update**
- **Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates**
  - **State and Federal Grant Updates**
  - **ESG RUSH Disaster Funding Awarded**
  - **ESG Annual**
- **New Business- HUD Updates**
- **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**
  - **NWCoC – Virtual Tuesday April 15, 2025 at 10am.** Below is the meeting link /call in information for Tuesday's meeting.

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**Northwest Continuum of Care (NC 516)**  
**CoC Programs Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 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  
**Kennedy Freeman:** Leadership Coordinator, Hospitality House  
**Graham Doege-Osler:** Rapid ReHousing and WeCan Coordinator, Hospitality House  
**Christiana Glenn Tugman:** Compliance and Planning Specialist, Hospitality House  
**Tom Reuteler:** Disaster [Recovery Housing Navigator, Hospitality House](#)  
**Lori Watts:** Housing Specialist – Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Vaya Health LME/MCO  
**Rachelle Ellis:** Housing Specialist, 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.  
**Emily Fortunato:** Shelter Manager, OASIS, Inc.  
**Casey Maslow:** Housing Manager, OASIS, Inc.  
**Brooke Whitman:** Center Director, Daymark Recovery Services, Watauga County  
**Fran Harvey:** SSVF Case Manager/Veteran Outreach, Veteran Services of the Carolinas at ABCCM  
**Regina Brown:** McKinney-Vento Social Worker, Wilkes County Schools  
**Seth Horton:** Coordinated Entry Specialist, Salisbury Veteran Administration Medical Center

- **Welcome and Agency Updates**

- **Graham Doege-Osler:** RRH Coordinator for Hospitality House reported that the RRH Program will take a few more households at the next CE meeting. Still difficult to find housing for other participants but continuing housing search. Contact [graham@hosphouse.org](mailto:graham@hosphouse.org) for information on RRH or the Wilkes Center.
- **Kim Cashatt:** Family Services Coordinator, Northwestern Regional Housing Authority (NRHA) reports that the Lease in Place is assigning vouchers and moving quicker than mainstream vouchers due to lack of available units. HCV was discussed at the last CE meeting and several vouchers were pushed out in the last CE meeting. NRHA would like to use the BNL to get more vouchers out in the community.
- **Rachelle Ellis:** Housing Specialist, Vaya Health, reminds CoC 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.

- **Jeanie Futrelle:** Executive Director at OASIS reports that the Emergency Shelter is at capacity. Currently have three households in temporary placement at hotel. OASIS has been able to maintain hotel stays but running out of funding for this type of assistance. Shelter capacity changes frequently. No updates to provide on the Avery shelter.
  - **Emily Fortunato:** **There are no openings at the RRH program but have housed two households in the PSH program recently.** The prior tenants passed away and we have now filled those units. Encouraging people to get on waitlist for HCV if not on the waitlist already.
  - **Casey Maslow:** Housing Manager at OASIS has no report. Casey can be reached at: [cmaslow@oasisinc.org](mailto:cmaslow@oasisinc.org)
  - **Seth Horton:** Coordinated Entry Specialist, Salisbury Veteran Administration Medical Center reports that 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. 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)
  - **Regina Brown:** Wilkes County Schools are currently assisting several households to locate housing that have vouchers. Have a household with 5 children and cannot locate appropriate housing for this household due to size of household and limited housing inventory. Needing placement in Wilkes County of at least a 4 bedroom. Also working with the Wilkes Center to find housing in Wilkes area for other families.
  - **Brooke Whitman:** Daymark is doing a walk-in clinic. People can schedule first appointment but if miss the scheduled appointment, the client would have to do walk-in clinic to be seen. Operating hours are M-F 8:00am-2pm. The walk-in clinic is available at all locations. Daymark is moving into a site at the Avery library that DSS was using for clients in that area.
  - **Tom Reuteler:** Disaster Recovery Housing Navigator at Hospitality House reports assistance for persons displaced from Hurricane Helene. Difficult to find housing units for households due to a loss of housing units from the disaster. Can provide security and first month's rent. Contact Tom at (828) 434-0287 or email at: [tom@hosphouse.org](mailto:tom@hosphouse.org) for more information on this program.
  - **Tina Krause:** Executive Director at Hospitality House (HH) and CoC Lead reports that Hospitality House is at capacity but can do safety plans and cold weather over-flow. There is a warming center at the Fire Station on 421 right before the parkway bridge and the information is posted on the Emergency Management site at the county. Sean and William (SO) have visited Yancey, Mitchell, and Avery and have established new contacts in those counties. Staff will be doing office hours at the Burnsville Reconciliation Center and recently attended a DSS multi-disciplinary team meeting in Avery. HH will be having office hours in Mitchell County as well. HH is representing the CoC in several state and federal meetings related to disaster response and recovery. Most conversations are focused on long term recovery plans. Tom Reuteler and Tina will be on the housing subcommittee for the Long Term Recovery Group (LTGR).
- **CoC Planning**
    - **HMIS Reporting:** The System Performance Measures report normally due in February has been placed on delay by HUD. No update on when the report can be submitted.
    - **2025 PIT/HIC:** The PIT/HIC was conducted in the Northwest CoC on January 29, 2025. The HIC was sent out for verification of beds to be included in the count. Collecting all the PIT surveys now to begin the de-duplication process. The HUD office required upload to HDX2 for first time last year. A more comprehensive list of crisis assistance/drop in sites was created to get more agencies identified, contact information confirmed, and ensure the count was comprehensive.

- **HUD Update:** Access to eLOCCS was blocked temporarily nationwide in January but the system is back up for now. Agencies should stay current with draws while the system is open for reimbursement. Websites and basic posted materials/manuals are no longer available on HUD's website. NC HMIS and MCAH established a folder on a drive to hold manuals, policies, notices to help keep people informed and retain valuable information. CPD Office Diane Dillahunt sent a form to be completed weekly for updates on HUD disaster spending and other funding spent by Hospitality House. Trying to get clarification on the form requirements as no federal disaster funding was received by the agency. The CoC NOFO award notice was announced Friday, January 17, 2025 for the last annual CoC competition. There has been no further updates from HUD on awards for the CoC and the award notice has since been removed from the HUD website.
- **The Watauga Housing Council:** Kellie Reed-Ashcraft could not attend today. The Watauga Housing Council is meeting monthly rather than quarterly. A partner agency meeting is occurring every other month and FEMA representatives attend. The Long Term Recovery Group is also meeting regularly. High Country Housing and FEMA representatives attended the last meeting.
- **CoC Registration and 2025 CoC grants:** The HUD Office Hours was held Thursday, January 16, 2025 and the CoC registration process for 2025 was announced. Collaborative Applicants must only complete the FY 2025 Registration Process for the following circumstances: Collaborative Applicant of an existing CoC, not currently designated as a UFA, that wishes to apply for UFA designation during the FY 2025 Funding Year; Collaborative Applicant of a new CoC that has not registered for the CoC Program competition in prior years and will apply for the FY 2025 Funding Opportunity if new FY 2025 funding becomes available; and Collaborative Applicant of a CoC that merged with, or split from, an existing CoC after the FY 2024 Registration Competition. CoCs will be notified when Registration is open in [e-snaps](#) via HUD listserv message. Northwest will not need to register.
- **NC HMIS Governance Committee Update:** NC HMIS submitted an HMIS application to the state ESG Office for 2025 funding. The state data warehouse workgroup completed an RFP with HUD TA that should go out in February for a NC state Data Warehouse. Northwest is already a part of a data warehouse with NC HMIS and Green River. Members of NC HMIS CoCs in disaster declared area had a meeting with Kristin Walker at NC Office of Budget and Management to discuss concerns related to the Back at HOME program implementation of the state and the issues that have resulted from poor communication, operationalizing a program during a disaster response, and funding being allocated to organizations outside/not staffed to engage in housing work. Northwest has not seen any action/movement in over four months since RUSH funds were allocated to NCORR for housing programs. The meeting was held Wednesday, February 12, 2025, the day after ESG sent RUSH RFA out to existing ESG Housing Stabilization sub-recipients. It appears that NCORR RUSH funds were rescinded by leadership which addressed some of the concerns raised in the meeting with OMB.
- **RUSH RFA:** Notice was received by current sub-recipients only on Tuesday afternoon, February 11, 2025. A webinar was held 2/13, an LOI was due 2/14 and the application is due tomorrow, February 19th. Nearly 3 million is available and is from the RUSH allocation received by the state in October. To date, no RUSH funding was spent by NCORR, who took the initial award. HH is only applying for RRH and will use the foundation money for other related housing activities to support disaster recovery. Award notice is anticipated by February 21, 2025. A second allocation/RFP may be released for disaster area providers if funding is received.
- **Disaster policy:** The NC 516 Disaster Response policy for the Written Standards has been revised to separate infectious disease response/state declared natural disaster response. Jeanie Motion, Kim second, Vote unanimous.
- **ESG Annual:** Contracts are executed. Hospitality House only requested and received RRH and HMIS funding.

- **Other Business:**

- No other business.
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