

**Northwestern Continuum of Care  
ESG & RRH Sub-committee Meeting  
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority Conference Space  
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 10:00 AM  
Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance: Kimberly Hill., Lori Watts, Tina Krause, John Mills, Kim Cashatt, Jamie \_\_\_\_\_, Jessica Peel, Marti Johnson,**

- **Welcome & Agency Updates**

NWRHA – No Updates

**Daymark:** No Updates

**Vaya Health:** Northern counties still have housing grant funds available. All other funding south of Buncombe has been exhausted. It is anticipated than funding for all counties

**OASIS:** Opening in supportive housing program, agency is in the process of reapplying for Family Justice Center grant. Hiring for Director of Client Services. Kaylen has been getting DV agencies prepared for PIT.

**Hospitality House:** WS and ES are averaging 55 per night, but we are

**Safe Home for Everyone:** 1 emergency shelter unit is currently opening and 1 additional unit will come available in February.

**Community Link:** Currently funded for RRH and Housing Prevention for Veterans in Wilkes & Alleghany.

- **Emergency Solutions Grants update including Rapid Rehousing**

Hospitality House has received ESG contract. Funding was awarded as requested. Contract will be executed and returned this week. Bonus funding may be available for RRH in 2018 funding cycle. There may be additional funding available for HMIS as well. Hospitality House will continue to monitor for additional opportunity.

RRH program has continued to enroll households through December and anticipates having households enrolled and in housing for Point in Time count. Vouchers were released and households may transition, but not until the beginning of February.

- **2018 Homeless Point in Time Count / Housing Inventory Count: 1/31/18**

All forms have been released by Balance of State. MCAH will be releasing forms and providing forms. ESG office may also provide forms for PIT. Lori will send an email next week with finalized forms for use.

Assignments:

- Marti Johnson: Pull Wintergreen & Hospitality House PSH program reports

- Hospitality House: Schools, HH shelter and other programs, contacts in Wilkes, Alleghany, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey, Ashe. HH to also coordinated media release. One meeting with reporter has already been held. HH attempting to locate results provided by HUD in graphic form. Please check emails to see if you received and forward a copy to Tina.
- OASIS – DV Shelters – all counties
- Vaya Health – MH/SU providers, Ashe/ACCH, Avery/Mitchell/Yancey contacts with Interagency Mtg, Wilkes Catherine-Barber Shelter
- Tommy McClure with work with Ashe DSS, ACCH, Food pantries etc., Alleghany DSS
- Street counts planned in area surrounding HH, and other community partners, law enforcement – Wilkes? Tina Krause will provide forms to Wilkes County participants.
- Daymark – assisting with sending out info via email
- HH will initiate media coverage in 7 counties
- Asking that agency contacts ask about homeless #'s and info for 1/31 from 2/1 to 2/7/18 and report information to Lori by end of February – HMIS shelter & PSH info on HMIS reports; non-HMIS shelter, PSH, unsheltered on forms
- Community Link: May have volunteers to assist with physical street counts. John will reach out regarding assistance for street count in Wilkes.

- **Coordinated Entry update**

- Centralized vs. Decentralized design – The committee reviewed centralized and decentralized coordinated entry designs and determined a decentralized design would be most beneficial for the community. The continuum will offer a primary central access point for individuals experiencing homelessness as well as additional points of access offered by partner agencies. Results will be submitted to the Coordinated Entry Specialist to be prioritized in coordination with the Housing Review Committee.
  - a. Responsibilities of Access Point(s): Attempt to divert household, verify literal homelessness, issue VI SPDAT, and submit data to coordinated entry.
- Coordinated Entry process will include all placement for transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing vacancies.
- Emergency shelter resources will not be prioritized through coordinated entry to allow immediate access to shelter for individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis.
- Prioritization preferences will be updated to prioritize chronically homeless individuals with the highest acuity and highest utilization of community services.
- Email revised standards – COB Friday, vote for passage Monday 12pm.
- Revised standards – A committee will be developed to plan implementation by May 2018.

- **CoC Award Updates**
  - All programs renewed
  - SSO Coordinated Entry funded
  
- **Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates**
  - Wake County has yet to determine whether they will continue to participate in MCAH. They continue their involvement in governance committee.
  - Agencies that span multiple CoCs can select which system they report into (ex: SSVF agencies).
  - BOS is in the process of preparing for data transfer to new system.
  
- **Other Business**
  - NWCoC 2018 Meeting Calendar
    - Status of invites to specific partners (youth/foster care, LGBTQ, etc.)
  
- **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**
  - NWCoC Steering Committee meeting – **Tues. 2/20/18** – NRHA
  
  - **2018 PIT: January 31, 2018**
  - Remaining CoC Dates:
 

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**Northwestern Continuum of Care  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority Conference Space  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

**In attendance:** Tina Krause, Kim Cashatt, Carl Jenkins, Marti Johnson, Tommy McClure, Jennifer Herman, Meredith Malpass, Terri Cleavinger, Jessica Peele

**Agency Updates:**

- VA Medical Center – No Updates
- OASIS: Government's Crime Commission grants have been submitted. Family Justice Center grant allows for legal assistance and counseling.
- VOC Rehab – No updates. Excited to be participating in CoC.
- Ashe County DSS – No updates
- Safe Home for Everyone: No updates
- Ester Seals: Two openings for the mental health group home in Ashe
- Northwestern Regional: All vouchers are leased up, and the only new vouchers are made available through turnover. No updates on new vouchers. Watauga waitlist is currently opening and at approximately 18 months. Kim to provide update on Wilkes County waitlist data. Historic Ashe Hospital is still taking applications for seniors (55+) and disabled adults (45+) . Lease up is anticipated for December. Contact Christina Day 264-6683 for additional information. 46 units total.
- Hospitality House: Coordination with Wilkes committee continues with plans in the works for scattered site expansion and family emergency shelter. Funding has been committed and the committee is in process of reviewing property options. Grant Coordinator position remains open and currently taking new applications through NC Center for Nonprofits.
  
- **Emergency Solutions Grants update including Rapid Rehousing**
  - RRH grant has served two households. Graham is out this week. Referrals will not be processed this week.
  - Hospitality House participated in mandated state training, and emphasis was placed on social security numbers. All agencies must collect SSNs. Please submit on all referrals. SSNs and other PII can be added after enrollment.
  - State ESG office announced in Feb that additional funding will be awarded. Applications are open until Monday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. Hospitality House meets the preliminary criteria to apply. OASIS will sign off on the CoC approval for the application process.
  - Motion: Jennifer Herman makes a motion to accept Hospitality House as the grantee for any additional ESG funds for Rapid Re-housing or Emergency Shelter.
    - Second: Tommy McClure
    - All in favor
  
- **2018 Homeless Point in Time Count / Housing Inventory Count: 1/31/18**
  - HIC participation: Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing – For those using HMIS, run HMIS reports when available and provide to Lori Watts by end of February for HDX submission in March.

- PIT Updates: Tommy mailed his forms to Lori. Marti has been in contact with Wilkes, school systems, and law enforcement.
- Low response rate and low count
- Data must be compiled and submitted to the state by April and later in May for federal submission
- PIT data is important for local funding, and helped to direct attention to Wilkes County which had the highest rate of family homelessness in the state. PIT data has also been helpful in directing HUD VASH vouchers.
- Jennifer Herman to connect with Lori regarding survey data
- Tina Krause has been working with a reporting who is interested in developing a series on poverty in the area. Jennifer Herman and Tommy McClure, pending approval, are interested in contributing.

- **Health Care & Hospital Committee Update**

- Hospitality House and Jennifer Herman continue involvement in the Hospital Discharge Committee. Transportation has been identified as a critical barrier for individuals eligible for a bed in Asheville. The recovery center provides 12 hours for patients to physically present for services until the bed is lost.
- Jennifer Herman recommends community appeal to assist with identifying transportation volunteers. Tommy McClure previously attempted to organize a faith-based resource for Ashe residents. He is working with Faith Health to address transportation as a part of on-going work.
- Tina Krause recommends approaching AppalCart about developing a professional shuttle service. Second recommendation was made for Watauga Sheriff's office to consider in their ongoing community work.
- Safety concerns were discussed for transporting

- **Coordinated Entry update**

- Revised standards are available on the NWCoC website.
- Separate committee will be developed after PIT to address plan for implementation
  - Committee interest: Kim Cashatt, Kaylen, Meredith Malpass, Jessica Peele,
- MCAH and Org Code to offer trainings on Coordinated Entry for rural communities. NWCoC has been paired with a CoC in NW Michigan. The training dates have not yet been released.

- **Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates**

- Transition to NCCH is underway. State is pending decision from Wake County on which provider they will contract with for services.
- It was announced at the state meeting that there are technical difficulties with OSNIUM. The ESG office will contact each DV agency that receives state funding. A work around has been developed to protect reporting. Tina Krause will provide additional updates to DV providers as it is received.

- **Other Business**

- In-service trainings for CoC will start in April with DSS presenting on foster care. Jessisa Peele to connect with colleague for Out in the High Country for presentation in May.
- Kim Cashatt has confirmed meeting space at NWRH conference room for remainder of the year.

**Northwestern Continuum of Care  
Steering Committee Meeting  
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Tuesday, March 20, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

**IN Attendance:** Kim Cashatt, Kaylan Lewis, Jennifer Herman, Michelle Grit, Marti Johnson, Meredith Malpass, Kim Hill, Tommy McClure, Tina Krause, Brian Husky, Chris Ramseur, Michelle Grit

- **Welcome & Agency Updates**

- **OASIS:** one permanent supportive unit open, 2 bedroom
- **VA Medical Center:** 20 Additional HUD VASH Vouchers for the Hickory area. Coverage Burk, Catawba, Caldwell. VA staff to attend a diversion training and will provide information back to CoC on how to implement diversion strategies. There is a potential to receive train the trainers training. If so, instruction will be provided to the NWCOC.
- **Hospitality House:** Openings for transitional housing and applications are being considered. The VI SPDAT is being used to determine acuity of applicants. Hospitality House is considering reallocation of transitional programs. There has been a significant reduction in CoC funding for transitional programs across the state, and the CoC needs to evaluate the most appropriate allocation of resources for the community. Medical respite and recovery beds are options being considered.
  - Winter Shelter is full with occupancy reaching 40+ per night. Winter shelter will end on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Hospitality House has previously held 10 overflow beds and is currently considering bed capacity for the upcoming year.
  - Hospitality House has added a Supportive Specialist position to provide case management for individuals in Winter Shelter program.
  - The agency is still hiring for shelter associates.

- **Emergency Solutions Grants update including Rapid Rehousing**

- Since January, Rapid Re-housing has provided housing for 6 adults and 5 children. Two families have been assisted directly from domestic violence shelters.
- Hospitality House was awarded an additional \$75,000 from ESG including \$55,000 for emergency shelter and \$20,000 for rapid re-housing. This represents the first increase in emergency shelter funding in the last seven years. The additional funding must be expended by December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Site visit from ESG office scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The visit is scheduled as a site visit and not a monitoring. The ESG office has also stated they would like to attend a CoC meeting in each funded region.

- **2018 Homeless Point in Time Count / Housing Inventory Count Update: 1/31/18**
  - HIC participation: Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing – For those using HMIS, run HMIS reports when available and provide to Marti for HDX submission in March. For non-HMIS, provide on paper forms to Marti.
  - Previous process for HIC is to send previous HIC to agencies and ask for updates. There are no updates to DV agencies.
  - Marti to send out previous HIC to agencies to receive input.
  - Tommy McClure will talk to Jaime Little about assisting with collection with outstanding school district data.
  - Future development for PIT should include homeless liaisons and closer communication with school districts
  
- **Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates**
  - NC HMIS Governance Board provided a letter to CoCs explaining the division of HMIS services across the state. 9 CoCs will remain with MCAH and Balance of State and other CoCs are going to be transitioning to their own HMIS system. Wake County is pending a decision on which system they will utilize.
  - The primary impact to our CoC as a result of this change is cost of our HMIS system. Current costs are based on the number of HMIS licenses and the number of licenses is anticipated to remain stable. Wake County's decision will impact the cost.
  - Additional guidance will be provided to Veteran services required to input into multiple systems as a result of shared geography across continuums of care.
  - Technical assistance will be offered to DV agencies as a result of technical challenges with OSNIUM. The NC Governance committee applied for technical assistance from the State ESG Office.
  
- **PSH Program Updates**
  - OASIS has 1 PSH unit available. PSH units are 2 bedrooms and meet rent reasonableness. One additional unit may come available next month and additional updates will be provided.
  - The Balance of State in conjunction with Duke University requested reporting on PSH programs from all CoCs across the state. The request was halted by the NC Governance Committee as a result of privacy concerns. Determinations are currently being made on how information will be used and shared before the request proceeds. Tina will provide updates to CoC funded agencies once guidance is received.



- MCAH is also evaluating a request from the State ESG office for a user license. The request is currently pending as a result of privacy concerns.
  - Hospitality House's PSH programs are currently at capacity. The agency is currently working with a local landlord to replace a 3 bedroom house with 3 1-bedroom units. Hospitality House anticipates some flow in PSH within the coming months and anticipates filling units with highly vulnerable individuals.
  - Hospitality House is still in the process of expanded PSH in Wilkes County and still meeting with the leadership committee there. Emergency family shelter proposal has faced challenges and legislation has been introduced to limit the potential for a new community shelter. Tina is going to request a meeting with the Police Chief for Wilkes County to review information received by Boone PD. As a result, Hospitality House will focus on increasing PSH resources for the area.
  - Brook Hollow Road Project committee will convene next week for further discussion on safety concerns and 911 calls from the area.
  - Discussion on "heads per bed" legislation affecting placements with a Section 8 Voucher.
  - NWRHA has changed their homeless preference policy to address wait times. Previously homeless preference was weighted at 200 for any homeless individual. The policy has been revised and single homeless is now weighted at 100 points and homeless with minors will be weighted at 200. Elderly individuals with fixed income were a priority population that were being affected with increased wait times as a result of previous homeless preference policies. NWRHA has a 20% attrition rate across the region, but there have been limited increases in federal funding for additional Section 8 vouchers. Formal federal housing assistance programs only currently assist an estimated 1 in 5 households that are income eligible for assistance.
  - Average issuance of voucher to housing selection is an average of 60 days. The mountain region suffers from issues with housing stock and unit availability. The need is increasing but most new developments are focused on the student housing. NWRH does allow households to port Watauga vouchers to other counties.
  - Kim to send guidance on regulations for Section 8 eligibility related to criminal history.
- **Other Business**
    - NWCoC 2018 Meeting Calendar
      - Status of invites to specific partners (youth/foster care, LGBTQ, etc.)
  - **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**

- Tommy McClure reports that April presenters to the CoC committee is unable to participate. Tommy has requested them to present for June 19th. Crossnore School will present in April.
- Ashe county Services for Aging will host a forum on May 15<sup>th</sup> on the opioid crisis and impacts on elderly population. The forum will include a keynote from Vaya Health and a panel discussion. All committee partners are invited.
- NWCoC PSH & COC Programs meeting – **Tues. 3/20/18** – NRHA
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Northwestern Continuum of Care  
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Thursday, April 19, 2018 – 10:30 AM

The Chairperson welcomed all members to the meeting.

Present: Lori Watts- Vaya, Murray Hawkinson- Daymark, Tina Krause Hospitality House, Brian Huskey- Hospitality House, Kim Cashett- NWRHA, David Barr- Easter Seals, Carl Jenkins- Easter Seals, Jessica Peele- Ashe County Safe Home for Everyone, Jennifer Herman- Oasis, Kristi Reisig- ABCCM

Agency Updates:

Lori Watts from Vaya reported that Vaya funds are very low for deposits.

Kim Cashett from Northwestern Regional Housing Authority reported that 1930 out of 1945 vouchers are in use, a little room to do a few clients that are not voucher for voucher.

Oasis reported that the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sexual Assault month in April.

Carl Jenkins reported that there are 2 openings at Ashe Group Home

Jessica Peele, Ashe County Safe Home for Everyone, has a current Community Advocate FT position open. Jobs list on Website.

David Barr, Easter Seals, Peace Street, reported 2 openings

Kristi Reisig, ABCCM, no updates.

Murray Hawkinson, Daymark, no updates.

Hospitality House- some TH applications are currently in review but there are no PSH openings at this time.

Guest Speaker: Virginia Ford, Crossnore School Foster Care Services was the guest speaker. She spoke on the wrap around series in Foster Care for youth 14-26 years old. The program prepares this age for adulthood through structure, accountability, training and the building on their ability to plan for the future. Once they have left Crossnore, these students will be able to obtain access for financial matches and emergency services to include assistance for their education as well as financial support for transportation (car) and other vital needs. The teens in Crossnore, Winston and Hendersonville foster care service programs are connected to resources in the community in their areas of interest in a Visiting Resource Program that is a Resource-Mentor relationship. This is modeled by design to encourage

prevention management rather than crisis management. Many innovative approaches are being used in the preparation of these young teens for adulthood and graduation from foster care. Virginia Ford can be reached at [vford@crossnore.org](mailto:vford@crossnore.org) or 828-783-1030

\*\* Emergency Solutions Grants update including Rapid Rehousing

\*\* 2018 Homeless Point in Time Count/Housing Inventory Count Update 1/31/18

\*\* Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates.

Ongoing discussion of transition to the new HMIS.

\*\* PSH Program Updates

Ned Fowler stepped in to speak to the NRHA Elk Park project, adaptive re-use/renovation of a school on the Historic Register. 40 apartments to provide housing for the elderly and disabled (seniors 62 and older, or disabled age 45 or older), all with Project Based Rental Assistance.

Other Business

A spokesperson with LGBTQ will be invited to the May 15, 2018 meeting of the NWCoC

Tina discussed a recent site monitoring visit from ESG staff at Hospitality House. A file review was conducted, ESG staff made recommendations for documents that needed to be included in all files. They also made recommendations about how to best utilize TH spaces that may no longer be used for TH after this year. Tina asked that this group provide feedback at next month's meeting what would be the best utilization of those spaces once TH program ends.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina B. Krause

**Northwestern Continuum of Care  
Data Quality Subcommittee Meeting  
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority Conference Space  
Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

In Attendance: Tina Krause, Kim Cashatt, Murray Hawkinson Brian Husky, Gillian Hampton, Jennifer Herman, Meredith Malpass, Lori Watts, Kim Hill, Mari Johnson

- **Welcome & Agency Updates**

- Division of Aging and Adult Services: Attending to learn about housing services and resources in the community.
- OASIS: OASIS celebrated 40<sup>th</sup> year of service. This Friday is the agencies Midnight at OASIS annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$40.
- VA Medical Center: Buncombe county CoC held diversion training. VAMC now has a trainer on the process, and will offer diversion training for the continuum. Training is an estimated 4 hours.
- VAYA Health: Housing funds for FY 2017 are fully expended. New applications for FY 2018 funding will be accepted in July. Funding levels are anticipated to remain the same as the previous fiscal year.
- Hospitality House: Winter Shelter has ended, and the shelter remains at full capacity. The overflow beds have increased from 10 to 15. All permanent units are filled, and there are some transitional units that are being allotted to highly vulnerable clients. Wilkes expansion is still in process and the committee met last week to determine locations for family shelter. The FY 2018 budget has an additional 3 units in the scattered site program in Wilkes. HH will hire an additional service coordinator for this role. Wilkes second highest homeless family rate in the state? All clients in the service area are eligible for Wilkes Scattered Site program. Supportive services are emphasized for clients in this program. The proposed emergency shelter locations are limited to the highway corridors.
- Daymark: Supported-employment program will begin being offered. It is based in Wilkes County, but offer to participants from the eight-county service area. Daymark is in the hiring process.
- NWRHA: Vouchers have dropped down in numbers. The waiting

- **Update from Ned Fowler- NWRHA**

- Grant opportunity for Regional Housing Vouchers
  - Mainstream Voucher Program: Non-elderly & disabled adult ages 18-61. Any member of the household can be used to qualify as long as they are 18 or older. Applications that contain partnerships with CoC service providers will be awarded additional points. \$75,000-5M. NWRHA is asking for 50-200 vouchers. HUD has announced that there are multiple years of funding.

TAC/NAEH presentation on the program was provided along with description of grant requirements from the NOFA.

- June 18<sup>th</sup> deadline. Awards will be announced in August and funding is available immediately. Only 40 awards will be issued in the country.
- NWRHA is requesting a synopsis of experience, services, capacity, and the average estimated value/cost for services provided from each CoC agency. Refer to highlighted section on the NOFA and pages 30-31 in the presentation for additional information. NWRHA is requesting narratives back within the next two weeks.
- No MOUs have been released by HUD for the application process, but letters of intent are allowable.
- Coordinated Entry is a large piece of the process. Marti to work with Kim to detail process.
- Call Kim with any questions about application or requested synopsis.
- Meredith to clarify what actions the VA is able to take in the application process. It is recommended that NWRHA connect with ABCCM and Community Link as they are the SSVF providers for the service area.
- Jennifer offered to assist with collecting information from DV agencies.
- A description and template to complete synopsis has been requested from NWRHA.
- 80% of vouchers must be leased up within the first year, and 80% must be maintained.
- Housing search process and an established landlord network is an area that requires development for current and future voucher programs.
- Strategies for attracting landlords discussed – outreach & advocacy on program benefits to landlords and explanation of impacts on vacancy rates.

- **Data Quality Update- Marti Johnson**

- SYS Performance Measures due May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- System-wide data quality improvements
- DQ affected prior reporting years
  - No Annual Assessments
  - Invalid Intake Assessment

- **Grant Inventory Worksheet, PIT and COC Registration- Lori Watts**

- Final HIC & PIT reports have been submitted
- Handouts of HIC and County PIT counts have been provided

- Lori anticipates questions from technical support in the coming weeks on submission. Explanations have been provided in the submission
- CoC registration has been completed.

- **ESG Desk Guide 2018 Released- Tina**

Included in this guide are the procedures and process each grant recipient must follow in order to be in compliance with the federal, state and local ESG standards and regulations. The NC ESG Office encourages each grant recipient to share this guide with their employees and members of the organization involved in administering or overseeing the ESG funded programs:

- ESG Policy & Procedure instruction was offered at the NC Annual Conference
- The ESG office has produced a new desk guide outline standards for program implementation
- Grant review committee is requested to review desk guide to ensure that applicants are compliant
- Housing Review Committee needs to be established to be compliant with HUD/ESG guidelines for CES. This is apart of the system design outlined in the CoC's CES standards.
- Local 24-7 hotline also needs to be established as a mandatory point of compliance
- Tina send Desk guide via email to necessary members
- ESG office will offer training in August for upcoming application
- ESG office also rolled out new quarterly report

- **Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates- Tina**

- Governance committee met yesterday and the transition is scheduled to take place
- Orange, Wake, and Balance of State will be on their own system. Data from overlapping agencies will need to be migrated over to the new system.
- Overlapping programs include Daymark, VAYA, Easter Seals, ABCCM, and Community Link. Agencies will need to make determinations on which system they will enter if to if required.
- It was determined that data belongs to agencies. There are significant concerns about privacy and lawyers are being consulted to determine how to move forward.
- MCAH advised agencies that are remaining on the system to wait for further instruction before releasing data for transfer over to the new system.
- The governance committee has revised the MOU and a call has been scheduled for Friday to further discuss the transition and data sharing.
- Tina to send list of agencies whose data is requested in the transition

- **Other Business**
  - Invites for reports from specific partners (youth/foster care, LGBTQ, etc.)
  
- **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**
  - NWCoC Steering Committee meeting – **Tues. June 19, 2018** – NRHA
  - Grant System Performance Review- May 30, 2018
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  - Out in the High Country proposed rescheduling date of July. Proposed topic is homelessness as related to the LGBTQ community



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Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

**In Attendance:** Tina Krause, Dr. Murray Hawkinson, Marti Phillips, David Barr, Kim Cashatt, Kim Hill, Brian Huskey, Lori Watts, Tommy McClure, Tamara Franks, Ed Hurst, Aylssa Johnson, Meredith Malpass

○ **Welcome & Agency Updates**

**Daymark:** Daymark is opening up a program for opioid abuse. It will be an out-patient program for individuals transitioning out of detox. The referral process is walk-in.

**Easter Seals:** Two openings for program in Wilkesboro. There are some prospective clients, but additional referrals are being accepted. Wintergreen is currently full.

**Out in the High Country:** The agency is offering 6-7 hour workshops for organizations in the high country. Another workshop is being offered in July. The capacity for the training is 30-40 people.

**Northwestern Regional Housing:** The grant application for targeted units was submitted last Friday with 22 letters of support from community partners. If the application is not successful, the agency will apply for the next round of funding. There has been some movement on the waiting list and vouchers have been released.

**Vaya Health:** Vaya's fiscal year is ending and new funding will be available in July.

**Hospitality House:** The agency Emergency Shelter is currently full with some openings in overflow. A recent fire destroyed a permanent supportive housing unit, and the agency is seeking a single one-bedroom unit for the tenant. Please direct any resources to Tina Krause.

Hospitality House will be participating in the Town of Boone City Council meeting tonight to appeal the decision to reduce funding by \$20,000. Individuals are requested to come in support.

○ **Guest Speaker**

- Child Protective Services of Ashe County- Foster Care Transition
  - The agency is focused on ensuring that foster children age out of foster care with a housing plan.

- Teenagers aging out are eligible for the NC Links program
- Foster Care 18-21: Program for individuals age 18 who are aging out. It is a voluntary program that offers a monthly stipend of \$634 to assist with housing and other costs related to stability. They are also eligible for an additional \$4,500 per year to assist with needs and paid directly to a third party vendor. The only limitation on eligibility is that the individual cannot return to previous living situation. They must pursue alternative safe and stable housing. The program also includes DSS case management oversight and home-based assessments.
- Additional eligibility for 18-21: Individuals must be enrolled in an educational program or work.
- Individuals can continue involvement, pursue involvement, or re-enter services up until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.
- The counties in the state offer the 18-21 program.
- NC Links: State program for children in foster care on their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday are eligible for the NC Links even if they have exited the foster care system. The program provides \$3,000 per year up until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. The program is optional and requires parental consent for children placed back in their home of original. There are limited case management services offered with NC Links.
- NC Links participants are all provided with a transitional living plan and is updated every 3 months. The plan is individualized to address the goals of each participant. Each participant must identify 5 adult supports as apart of the plan.
- For students enrolled in 18-21, college tuition in the State of NC is free for up to five years towards a Bachelor Degree or below.
- Enrollment: Contact local DSS to initiate services. The home county is responsible for providing services but it can be deferred to the current county where the participant is currently residing.
- It is the agency's goal to place all foster children in a home-based environment. Any individuals interested in foster care are encouraged to call DSS.
- Aylssa Johnson direct contact – 336-877-7683

○ **COC Planning- Members**

- PIT materials for publication
  - Several inquiries about releasing PIT have been made. Consensus is requested before releasing the data. Additionally, any infographics, statements, graphs, or marketing assets are requested to be shared with all agencies in the CoC.
  - Hospitality House will produce an infographic by counties to share with all partners. IT will be emailed out before the next CoC meeting.
- Update from NWRHA on Additional Voucher Grant Application- **Kim**
  - NWRH continues to reach out to community partners, especially hospitals.

- NWRH should receive a funding decision by early August and the funding will be immediately available.
- A timeline for additional funding opportunities has not been released. NWRH is continuing to collect MOUs and strengthen the application in the event the first application is not funded.
- **NOFA- Registration, Preparation- Lori**
  - The release of the NOFA is anticipated in July.
  - Lori Watts completed registration in preparation for the release.
  - Contracts for the previous year are still pending. Tina reports that NC governance committee revealed that no agencies have received new contracts for existing programs.
  - Hospitality House will evaluate reallocating transitional programs as funding for this intervention has drastically decreased across the previous years.

**ESG Update- Tina, Marti**

- QPR:
- Desk Monitoring: The ESG office is conducting desk monitoring and on-sight monitoring. Hospitality House has had one on-sight monitoring and two desk monitoring in the last three months. Agencies across the state are also experiencing similar requests and monitorings.
- The turn-around time on monitoring and follow up is extremely limited.
- **Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates- Tina**
  - MCAH 2018-19 Contract, Scope of Work- Vote required
    - Governance committee met last Monday. Copies of the contract with MCAH has been provided to CoC members. Nine CoCs remain with MCAH.
    - The NWCoC cost share, based on HIC bed count, is \$7,000+. This represents a slight increase from the previous year, but remains lower the years prior. The agency is billed monthly for these services.
    - Motion to Accept contract is made by Lori.
    - A second is provided by Dr. Murray.
    - All approved.
  - HMIS Transition- Update from Veteran Crossover agencies and Governance
    - The governance committee has held several meetings on the transition. After the transition, MCAH will have increased capacity to address provider needs.
    - Veteran services agencies that cross geographic territories and systems will enter in both systems. If any conflicts arise for Veteran agencies entering into MCAH, please contact Tina Krause.

- The transition is currently scheduled by July 1, but delays are anticipated. There may be a daily rate charged to those exiting programs who must continue to utilize the system until the new NCCEH system is available.

- **Other Business**

- Invites for reports from specific partners (youth/foster care, LGBTQ, etc.)
- Asheville Veteran Standard is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to Noon at Stevens Lee Recreation Center. Veterans from surrounding areas are invited to attend. Please contact Meredith Malpass for information of participating.
- Two VAMC Members are completing SOAR training. Veteran clients in the service area may be eligible for SOAR Services. Additional information will be provided.
- Purple Heart Homes is a local organization that offers assistance to Veterans with home repairs to reduce barriers. Services are provided at no cost. A copy of their organizational information is attached.

- **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**

- NWCoC Steering Committee meeting – **Tues. July 17, 2018** – NRHA
- ESG QPR- June 30, 2018
- Remaining CoC Dates:                    Tues. July 17                    Tues. Aug 21
- Tues. Sept. 18      Tues. Oct 16                    Tues. Nov 13                    Wed. Dec 12

**Northwestern Continuum of Care  
ESG and RRH Subcommittee Meeting  
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority Conference Space  
Tuesday, July 17, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

In Attendance: Tina Krause, Dr. Murray Hawkinson, Lori Watts, Brian Huskey, Marti Phillips, Kim Hill, Jennifer Herman, Jessica Peel, Meredith Malpass, Terry Clevinger, Kim Cashatt, Kaylin Lewis, Tamara Franks

○ **Welcome & Agency Updates**

- **Daymark:** Supported Employment Program currently has 84 referrals and is actively seeking employment and volunteer opportunities. The program provides supported employment opportunities, clothing vouchers, transportation assistance, etc. The program is based in Wilkes but Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey. All Daymark clients are eligible for the program.
- **Vaya:** Vaya has grant funds available for rent deposit, utility deposit, and first month rent.
- **NWRHA:** There is some movement on the waiting list. The mainstream voucher application results should be in by the first week of August. A second round of applications is anticipated to open in September. Ashe Hospital Project is still on schedule to open units in December. Elk Park also has vacancies.
- **OASIS:** All programs are currently full. The HUD Monitoring has been completed. OASIS will be opening a new office in Avery County in October. An
- **Hospitality House:** There will be two openings for singles in scatter site for Wilkes County. Referrals will be accepted through the coordinated entry process. A Housing Review Committee meeting will be convened by conference call. All applications require a VI SPDAT. Additional details will be provided once the unit is cleared by the landlord. The shelter is currently at capacity, but there are overflow spaces being allocated on a case by case basis depending on vulnerability.

○ **Guest Speaker**

- Tamara Franks – Out in the High Country. The agency provides advocacy and education through workshops designed for community partners, educators, councilors, etc.
- Activity: Privilege for Sale. Participants are given \$1,100 to purchase 11 privileges out of 32 total privileges for \$100 each.
- Activity: The Genderbread Person, an activity designed to help us think about our sexual and gender identities. The activity helps participants to understand all of the components of our personal identities and where we are on the continuum.

- These activities are provided by [www.thesafezoneproject.com](http://www.thesafezoneproject.com). There is a two-hour curriculum available on their website. Out in the High Country offers to help facilitate trainings for agencies.
- Visit [outinthehighcountry.wordpress.com](http://outinthehighcountry.wordpress.com) for additional resources including local resources for LGBTQ individuals. Additional resources: Campaign for Southern Inequality, High Country UCC OWL (Our Whole Lives) curriculum which provides training curriculum for all ages groups including youth.
- **COC Planning- Members**
  - PIT materials for publication – 2018 PIT Infographic is available for release. County specific publications are also being developed.
  - NOFA Preparation- **Lori**
    - Applications are due by project applications on August 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - Ranking and Review Committee will be convened to score applications
    - Submission is due on September 17<sup>th</sup>
    - The Certificate of Consistency is due to Brian Husky from CoC Funded agencies by Friday. It is due to HUD on Monday.
    - APRs will be pulled from SAGE for the ranking & scoring process.
  - There are new funding opportunities available for DV projects. Additional conversations will be held to determine agency eligibility for new project.

**ESG and RRH Update- Tina, Marti**

- QPR Reports – Second quarter QPR due on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Mid-Year Spending Level – Hospitality House was awarded an additional \$20,000 in RRH bonus funding. Our capacity to spend this is limited to what we are able to provide out of the agency operating fund. To date, we have spent \$22,697.92 in RRH. In ES, we have spent \$39,000 +.
- **Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates- Tina**
  - MCAH 2018-19 MOU for extension of MCAH Services for NCCEH. The transition is delayed, and an MOU is required from agencies on the governance committee. NCCEH will be paying for the period of use. NWCoC approves and affirms the MOU.
- **Other Business**
  - Invites for reports from specific partners (youth/foster care, LGBTQ, etc.)
  - No in-service training will be provided until after the NOFA submission.
  - Michael Johnson, Senior Community Planning and Development Representative from HUD, updated that new HUD contracts should be sent next week. Any additional questions can be direct to him at 336-851-8168 or [Michael.n.johnson@hud.gov](mailto:Michael.n.johnson@hud.gov),

- **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**

- NWCoC Steering Committee meeting – **Tues. August 21st, 2018** – NRHA
- ESG QPR- July 31, 2018
- Remaining CoC Dates: Tues. Aug 21
- Tues. Sept. 18      Tues. Oct 16              Tues. Nov 13              Wed. Dec 12

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**Northwestern Continuum of Care  
Data Quality Subcommittee Meeting  
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority Conference Space  
Tuesday, August 21, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

**In Attendance:** Tina Krause, Kim Cashatt, Murray Hawkinson, Tommy McClure, Marti Phillips, Kaylan Lewis, Lori Watts, Graham Doege, Teri Cleavinger, Kim Hill, Ashley Langmead, Jessica Peel,

○ **Welcome & Agency Updates**

- **Hospitality House:** All Watauga County PSH units are filled. The unit destroyed in a fire has been replaced. There are two lease options in Wilkes County and the agency is in the process of securing the units. This will create two additional openings for households in Wilkes for 1 bedroom units that qualify for a 1 or 2 person household. A VI SPDAT would need to be completed with the referral. Referrals and questions should be directed to Jenny Carson. Emergency shelter is currently full but referrals are being accepted. Please direct inquires to Ethan Flynn, Shelter Coordinator.
- **NWRHA:** Construction on the Historic Ashe Hospital Project original wing is slated to be complete by Nov 1. The new construction is scheduled for an additional 60 days out. The project will provide 46 project based section 8 units for 1-2 senior households. The grant funding decision on mainstream voucher application is still pending. Community partners will be notified when a decision is received. There is some movement on the waiting list.
- **OASIS:** All housing programs are full, but there may be an opening in the PSH project soon- 2 bedroom unit. The agency is hiring an outreach coordinator.
- **VOC Rehab:**
- **Ashe DSS:** There will be a community meeting on homelessness on August 29<sup>th</sup> 9-11 AM at Ashe Library. The meeting is being hosted by a high school student.
- **Daymark:** The supportive employment program has now hired a specialist to provide assistance in Watauga and Avery Counties. The current rate of employment is 30% which is positive for the first year of operation.
- **Vaya:** Vaya has funding for the 1 time assistance grants available for deposits, 1 month rent, or utility deposits. Please send in referrals \
- **SAFE:** Housing programs are currently full but an additional unit will be coming available within the coming weeks. The opening is for transitional housing with an average of 30-60 days of assistance.

○ **COC Planning- Members**

- NOFA- Project Applications, Committee Review, Collaborative Application- **Lori**

- All project applications were received by the deadline and the review committee is in the process of reviewing the applications.
- There are requested corrections which will be sent back out to applicants, but no major issues have been identified.
- The ranking process will take place this Thursday, and letters should be distributed to applicants by the day after Labor Day.
- The collaborative application is in progress and will be ready for submission by mid-September.

**ESG Update- Tina, Marti**

- QPR, 2<sup>nd</sup> Desk Monitoring
  - ESG Funding is still available. We are trending slightly below recommended spending levels as a result of restricted agency funding during the summer months. ESG reimbursements have been taking longer than anticipated to process and sometimes require up to 3 months to receive. However, rapid re-housing is still providing case management and small amounts of temporary financial assistance.
  - Hospitality House received a second desk monitoring in the second week of August. It was a financial audit of rapid re-housing temporary financial assistance. Hospitality House is waiting the result of the monitoring.
  - The annual ESG application is now open. Letters of Interest for project applicants are due by September 8<sup>th</sup>, and project applications are due on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The regional application is due on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Questions may be directed to Lori Watts at [lorelei.watts@vayahealth.com](mailto:lorelei.watts@vayahealth.com) or by phone 828-265-5315 ext 4409.
- **Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates- Tina**
    - HMIS Transition- Update on MOU agreement
    - The data transfer into BOS system had some complications involving global visibility settings, and client data was transferred into the new system.
    - The Governance Committee (GC) determined that were significant issues with the transfer and sent a letter to the Balance of State. The letter requested that the transfer be stopped until a new MOU is developed and MCAH has an opportunity to resolve global visibility issues. It is hoped that the new MOU will be executed in time to be included in the NOFA. HUD and the State ESG Office has been monitoring the progress of the split.
    - The project transfer date is for Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Hospitality House has verified that all NWCoC data is secure.
- **Other Business**
    - North Carolina 211 held a meeting recently to discuss services and offered the service as an option for coordinated entry and VI SPDAT screening.

- **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**

- NWCoC – Tues. Aug 21, 2018 – NRHA

- Remaining CoC Dates:

- Tues. Sept. 18    Tues. Oct 16    Tues. Nov 13    Wed. Dec 12



**Northwestern Continuum of Care  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority Conference Space  
Tuesday, October 16, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

**In Attendance-** Tina Krause, Graham Doege, Karl Jenkins, Lori Watts, Jim Tanner, Jennifer Herman, Tommy McClure, Kim Cashatt, Jessica Peele

○ **Welcome & Agency Updates**

- **Hospitality House** – WeCan and Rapid Re-Housing are providing limited assistance. Rapid Re-housing is currently pending funds for full operation. Referrals are being accepted. Several openings are available in permanent supportive housing programs – two openings in Wilkes for 1 bedroom. There is 1 opening at Rock Haven which also requires a disability. Client applications should be sent to Jenny Carson, [jenny@hosphouse.org](mailto:jenny@hosphouse.org). Vacancies will be filled through the coordinated entry process and a Housing Review Committee will be organized. Units will be allocated to most vulnerable individuals with the longest history of homelessness.

Winter Shelter will open on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and be available for the next six months. The agency is opening additional shelter on a night by night basis when temps drop below 42 degrees. The agency opened disaster beds twice during the past few weeks as a result of recent hurricanes, and sheltered an average of 20 additional individuals each night. Hospitality House is coordinating with Red Cross and Watauga Emergency Management on planning for future weather related emergencies.

- **Easter Seals** – Willow Place Group home has 1 opening and Birch Apartments has 1 opening. Both programs are in Ashe. Criteria – Mental health diagnosis, Income, 18+ or older.
- **NWRH** – Housing support funds are available and accepting referrals for rental deposits. The SU funds for halfway house placement are not currently available.
- **VA** – Meredith Malpass is no longer in position. Jim Tanner is the new contact for VAMC.
- **Safe Home** – 1 emergency shelter opening
- **OASIS** – October is DV Awareness Month. Calls for housing assistance and shelter are up. No current vacancies
- **Ashe DSS:** Agency is receiving a high level of calls for homeless assistance. Adult Protective Service calls are also increasing. Ashe County Homeless Meeting is being
- **NWRH-** 35 new vouchers were issued and referrals are currently being accepted. Must be incarcerated or at risk of incarceration, homeless or at risk of homelessness.

There are now 1980 total vouchers for the service area with 1916 currently leased. There is movement on the waiting list in attempts to lease up available vouchers. Ashe Hospital projects (Seniors and Disabled Adults) is being pushed out another month as a result of the hurricanes. Dec 1 is the current completion date and beginning of leasing. Jan 1 is the target date for complete leasing. There are 46 total units – efficiencies, 1 bedroom, and 2 bedroom units.

○ **COC Planning- Members**

- NOFA Submission- Project Applications and Collaborative Application- Lori, Tina
  - The NOFA was submitted and the application was complete. Announcements are anticipated late Dec through early January. NWCoC did file for an extension as a result of Hurricane Florence, and the extension was granted.
- Updates to NWCoC Conflict of Interest- Annual signature requirement
  - The Conflict of Interest policy was distributed to CoC members. Members are requested to sign and returned as soon as possible. Executed copies can be sent to Tina Krause.
- Annual update to Steering Committee List
  - The ESG Application requires an updated Steering Committee listing. Voting members must be recommended to attend 75% of Steering Committee Meetings. If a member is not available, an agency representative can be sent in exchange without being penalized.
  - Motion – Jennifer Herman makes a motion that members must attend 75% of Steering Committee Meetings in order to be a voting member.
  - Second – Carl Jenkins
  - Notifications of new policy will be sent to the full committee.

**Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates- Tina**

- HMIS Transition- Update on MOU agreement
  - HMIS @ NCCEH is still not fully operational. Providers are still on the MCAH system until December 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Global Visibility issues were revealed through the data transfer testing process. Actions were undertaken to update all NWCoC provider pages to ensure compliance with privacy standards.

**ESG**

- QPR, 4th Desk Monitoring- Tina, Marti

- 3 Quarter Performance reports have been prepared and are pending approval before submission.
    - The ESG Office has issued another random monitoring to Hospitality House which was completed on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The results are pending and will be shared with the Steering Committee.
  - Project Application Review- Lori
    - Copies of the project application have been provided. Tina Krause suspends control of the meeting and Lori Watts initiates ESG Project Application Review
    - The current funding available for NWCoC is \$118,640. Hospitality House is the only applicant. HH is requesting funding for these categories below:
      - Emergency Shelter – 57% of grant request for a total of \$67,277
      - Rapid Re-Housing – 28% of grant request for a total of \$33,546
      - HMIS – total of \$17, 617
    - Applications are due next Friday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>.
    - Jennifer Herman makes a motion to accept Hospitality House project proposals in the regional application and to approve the scorecard review tool.
    - Second – Tommy McClure
    - Lori Watts to request feedback on the review tool is request by Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The Steering Committee less the Hospitality House will provide review and feedback to Lori Watts.
    - Lori Watts concludes conversation and Tina Krause resumes control of meeting.
- **Other Business**
  - Community Link did not receive SSVF funds for NWCoC service areas, and will no longer be included in NWCoC region
  - ABCCM is the primary provider for Veterans in need of housing services in NW territory.
  - Jim Tanner VAMC will help initiate VA services for homeless Veterans. Vouchers are not available in NWCoC but Veterans can relocate. Jim covers Avery, Mitchell, Yancy, and Watauga.
  - NWCoC has 7 Veterans on the Vet Masterlist. Please submit any Veterans experiencing homeless to Marti Phillips, [rise@hosphouse.org](mailto:rise@hosphouse.org)
- **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**
  - NWCoC – Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – NRHA

- Remaining CoC Dates:
- Wed. Nov 14      Wed. Dec 12.



Northwestern Continuum of Care  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2018

Members Present- Tina Krause, Graham Doege-Osler, David Barr, Carl Jenkins, Jennifer Herman, Jim (VA), Lori Watts, Ned Fowler and Kim Cashatt.

Agency Updates

David with Easter Seals provided updates on opening in their housing program: one in W. Jefferson, one Wilkes and one Lenoir. They are hiring for a new apartment manager in West Jefferson.

Carl with Easter Seals provided updates on openings in group homes: one in W. Jefferson and one in Morganton.

Jennifer with OASIS provided updates on PSH opening with one unit currently available and shared challenges OASIS is experiencing between the requirements of the ADA to house service animals and the limitations being placed on the agency by the liability insurer underwriting the shelter policy. The insurer is requiring documentation of service animal which is not allowed under the ADA requirement and prohibiting breeds of dogs which is also prohibited.

Jim with the VA did not have any news to report.

Lori announced VAYA still has housing grants for deposits and first month rent for clients and that VAYA is revamping their Substance Use housing grant program. VAYA is closing the Boone office in the spring of 2019 staff will either travel to a neighboring county office or work from home. And VAYA is conducting an internal audit of their housing program.

Kim with the Housing Authority announced they are beginning to release the 35 new vouchers for non-elder disabled people.

Ned with the Housing Authority announced the Historic Hospital in Ashe County will be leasing vouchers for the original part of the building in December and should finish the new construction and begin leasing units in February of 2019. Community rooms will be available in the Hospital for meetings. Kim will be coordinating community service in the new building.

Tina with the Hospitality House announced the opening of their Local System Administrator Data Specialist position as Marti has accepted the United Way Executive Director position

(congratulations Marti). The full-time position is posted on the Hospitality House website and will email CoC partners.

The first coordinate entry phone call was held on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> to review applicants for PSH and RR units.

Winter shelter started November 1<sup>st</sup> with an average of 15-20 people currently and expecting an average of 40-45 when the weather turns colder. Local law enforcement in the seven county region have been proactively bringing the homeless to the Hos Hs. Currently there is one vacancy for a single female to room with another client in a Transitional unit in the shelter.

Tina also reported an increase in the number of long-term homeless men accessing vouchers with the new program through the Housing Authority.

#### Coordinate Entry Update

Several CoC partners participated in the Coordinated Entry call on the 6th and reviewed eight applicants there were two additional application but those clients did not qualify for the program. The highest VI SPDAT score was 15. The group will seek guidance from other communities and HUD resources to inform how best to maintain confidentiality for DV clients as well as determine how to assess for the unique situations for DV clients (property owners or first time homeless).

Tina also announced two new apartment becoming available in Wilkes \_\_\_\_\_.

Hospitality House case manager will be working with Winter Shelter client to help guide them toward permanent housing options.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Herman

## RE: NWCoC 516 Steering Committee Meeting Cancelled Send Updates Minutes December 2019

### Vaya Update:

- Housing Grant funds remain available for providers to make referrals for rent deposits, 1st month's rents, utility deposits up to \$500. Providers = Daymark mainly in 5 of our counties (Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Watauga, Wilkes), RHA in remaining 2 counties (Mitchell, Yancey), Funds are available in all 23 counties. Please contact me if questions and for further information like referral forms.
- No SU grants (\$250 to halfway houses/ Oxford Houses available due to our Provider Network restructuring program. No timeline available when and what will be offered again.
- Vaya Office in Boone is set to close in the Spring, lease through 6/30/19 but we will likely move out earlier in Spring. This is a decision that Vaya's Executive Leadership Team determined and announced this Fall and was a surprise to staff with a connection to the Boone office, those staff with offices here as well as Care Coordinators who have already gone home-based who use our offices for office equipment and meetings with members and providers. Existing Staff located in the Boone office will be relocated to other Vaya offices in other counties (Caldwell, Wilkes, Ashe, McDowell, Yancey, Buncombe) or become home-based. I will be working from home once closure occurs.

### ABCCM Update:

ABCCM has officially added Alleghany and Wilkes counties to our catchment area, making us a 28 county provider. Bryan Wilson is our new SSVF / HVRP case manager for the NW CoC. He can be reached at [bryan.wilson@abccm.org](mailto:bryan.wilson@abccm.org) or at 828-398-6776.

Everyone stay safe and warm!

*Sender's contact information:*

**Kristie Reisig,**

**MSW Director of Housing and Employment Veterans Services of the Carolinas**

Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry

### Northwest Regional Housing Update:

NRHA is continuing to offer vouchers to those on our waiting lists in all seven of our counties, particularly the Mainstream vouchers for households with a member age 18-61 who is both disabled and institutionalized, at risk of institutionalization, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. If you have any individuals or families in mind who would fit this criteria, please refer them to the NRHA field office in whichever county they would like to apply. Contact information for each of our field offices is on our website at [www.nwrha.com](http://www.nwrha.com).

The opening date for HISTORIC ASHE HOSPITAL in the town of Jefferson in Ashe County has now been moved to January 2, 2019, for the 19 dwellings in the historic building. We have leases in place for several of these 19 dwellings, and we are continuing to take referrals. We anticipate that the remaining 27 dwellings in the new addition will be completed and available for lease in February. Please continue to send any referrals you may have for this new affordable housing development. Applicants must be income-qualified and at least age 62 or age 45 or older if they have a disability. Christina Day is the best person to contact with referrals. She can be reached at 828-264-6683.





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## Re: NWCoC 516 Steering Committee Meeting Cancelled Send Updates

1 message

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Tue, Dec 11, 2018 at 10:57 AM

Please note that due to continued freezing temperatures and the large amount of snow across the Northwest CoC, the December CoC meeting has been cancelled. We would like to share agency updates via email, so please reply all if you have an agency update. Minutes from the November meeting will be presented in January.

Hospitality House, Lead Updates:

Winter Shelter continues to serve individuals and families, we have seen a surge of people through the last two weeks with both ice and heavy snow. If you need to refer someone from our 7 county area, please call 828-264-1237. You may have to leave a voicemail to speak directly with our Emergency Shelter Coordinator, Ethan Flynn, he is attempting to return all calls by the end of the day.

The Permanent Supportive Housing Program at Hospitality House has placed 3 chronically homeless individuals in PSH housing this month. Two at Rock Haven and one at the Wilkes Scattered site. We have another inspection this week at Wilkes Scattered Site to place a couple who have been chronically homeless and disabled for a very long time. Housing First and Coordinated Entry are both being utilized to bring safe supported housing options to some of our most vulnerable. Thank you to the Northwest Housing Authority for working with us to get vouchers in place for several of these disabled, chronic individuals.

We are working with the State ESG office and may file an appeal of the first funding award for 2019. The funding was cut pretty substantially for some agencies. We have sent questions to their office and will likely file an appeal by Friday of this week.

Please send any additional updates through this email. Be safe in this weather.

*Tina*

Tina B. Krause

Executive Director

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