



## **NC 506 Continuum of Care Bi-Monthly Board Meeting**

**January 20th, 2020**

**9 am-11am**

**Held virtually due to COVID-19**

**Recording is available here:**

<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/04f36226c193eeffbd3ad0f06b8a3bfcd69609ad479cbe20c2fd833399bff044>

**I. Welcome & Introductions/Attendance:** Madam Chair Meg McBride called the meeting to order and attendance was taken by Maegan Zielinski.

### **II. November Meeting Minutes were reviewed**

- Motion to approve November minutes as written by: Thom Moten
- Second by: Kyle Abrams
- Vote was taken and motion approved.

**III. Wilmington Housing Finance and Development-Driftwood:** Discussion was held about Driftwood PSH development which is being sold with three specific concerns identified needing swift attention.

- Concern for loss of PSH units in the midst of significant need for more PSH options in the region
- Need to discuss and quickly identify how to best reassign approximately \$64,000 in NOFA funds to another PSH provider
- Advocate for and support the 16 individuals who have been told by WHFD that they are displaced by the end of January, making sure they understand their rights and receive continuity of service

Board members as well as Katrina Knight reported that several people and organizations have reached out to WHFD and their board offering support and partnership in advocating for a healthy transition but WHFD has not been responsive.

*Next Steps:* The Board agreed to draft a letter to WHFD confirming that the CoC Board does not support the current actions being taken and to voice advocacy for the residents of Driftwood. An ad-hoc group composed of Mark Craddock, Lee Anna Stoker, Leslie Smiley, Meg McBride, Michele Bennet and Maegan Zielinski will draft and send the letter. Maegan will follow up with HUD-TA to learn more about the timeline for fund redistribution and, if needed, can put out an RFD for those interested in taking on the funds.

**IV. Eden Village:** Discussion was held regarding the new housing development, Eden Village and board members as well as Katrina Knight voiced thoughts about how this new resource will affect people who are experiencing homelessness and how it will intersect with the established COC network. After discussing some collective hopes and concerns, the Board decided to draft a letter of welcome to the Board and Leadership of Eden Village, inviting the organization to participate in the collective work of the CoC and offering to provide support and share wisdom from the more experienced advocates in the community as they get their organization up and running.

*Next Steps:* The CoC Board Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary will draft this letter and will share it with the Board for comment before sending. Maegan Zielinski will draft some talking points to share with the CoC Board to be used as a tool to engage Eden Village's board members including useful language regarding:

- Best practices for selecting residents and how to communicate with applicants throughout the application process in alignment with other available resources
- Best use of the term "affordable housing" (no more than 30% of income) and other helpful language clarification
- Helping to identify which candidates from the population of people who are experiencing homelessness will be best served by their model

**V. New 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness:** Thom Moten brought forward a suggestion that the Board pursue an updated strategic plan for ending homelessness. Possibilities discussed include using extra CoC funds that have been freed up due to Covid-19 to hire a Strategic Planner and including data from the current City/County Comprehensive Housing Study.

*Next Steps:* Maegan Zielinski will put together a rough draft of relevant examples, potential goals for this work and available funds for the project to present at the next Board Meeting.

**VI. Review of Ranking Committee Round 2 Recommendations for ESG-CV:** Updated ranking results for fund distribution was presented.

- Motion to approve by: Ranking Committee
- Second by: Mark Craddock
- Vote was taken and motion approved.

**VII. Opting out of the NCCEH Back at Home Model:** Kyle Abrams and Maegan Zielinski offered a recommendation that the transition be made to utilizing the local Coordinated Entry model and discontinue use of the NCCEH Back at Home model due to the local structure being more effective than the Back at Home model for this CoC. Discussion was held around ensuring this would not affect future funding and ensuring this transition is done diplomatically to maintain healthy relationships.

- Motion to opt out of utilizing the Back at Home Model and to continue using local Coordinated Entry model :Maegan Zielinski
- Second by:Michele Bennett
- Vote was taken and motion approved.

*Next Step:* Kyle and Maegan will communicate this to their NCCEH contacts thoughtfully and will maintain their established healthy relationships to ensure a healthy future and leave doors open for future partnership.

**VIII. By-Laws Update:** Allen Serkin offered an update regarding recommendations for changes. Allen asked the Board to think about the question, “What powers would you like the Executive Committee to have?” A document with the recommended changes to the By-Laws will be emailed with this meeting’s minutes.

*Next steps:* Board will review the recommendations and submit questions to Maegan prior to the next meeting. Discussion and vote will be held at the next board meeting. The Monitoring Committee will send in notes on the question about the Executive Committee role. The Board will also discuss how to manage the Board’s 2-year terms to ensure everyone does not rotate off at the same time at the next meeting.

**IX. Monitoring Committee Update:** Madam Chair reported that the committee is reviewing a formal complaint and is also working on creating a monitoring policy and process. The goal is to have a policy in place by early February and to begin monitoring in late February. Maegan offered to connect the committee with Nora for consultation and support.

**X. Public Comments from Public Attendees-** No public comments

**XI. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn: Leslie Smiley
- Second by: Mark Craddock
- Meeting adjourned

***Next COC Board MEeting  
March 25th 12-2 pm***

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***2021 Schedule***

***4th Thursday Bi-Monthly***

***12-2 pm***

***January 20th***

***March 25th***

***May 27th***

***July 22nd***

***September 23rd***

***October 28th***