

**Meeting Minutes NC 506 Cape Fear Homeless
Continuum of Care Board Meeting**

DRAFT for Approval

January 10, 2023

Recording Link: <https://capefearcog.org/continuum-of-care/>

- I. Meeting was Called to order by Michele Bennett, Chair.

In Attendance:

Judy Herring, Michele Bennett, Meg McBride, Anne Best, Kyle Abrams, Andrea Stogh, Leslie Smiley, Dawn Ferrer, Thom Moton, Tommy Taylor, Cecelia Peers, LaCretia Keith, Tufanna Bradley, Jessica Biel, David Stanley

Not In Attendance: Drew Huver

Public Attendees:

Joe Byrnes, Robert Campbell, Connie Morris, Lateisha Dowd-Williams Yolanda Daniels, John Fennell, Kerry Dunaway, Dr. Jennifer Sherman, Paul Witner, Brian Fike, Timothy Driscoll, Linda Thompson, Tyler Smith

- A. Approve Agenda for 1.19.23
 - a. Motion made by Thom Moton, 2nd by Tommy Taylor
- B. Approve Meeting Minutes from 11.15.22
 - a. Motion made by Kyle Abrams, 2nd by Anne Best

- II. Sub-Committee Reports

- A. Veterans - Committee Chair, Kyle Abrams shared that the committee is working on a strategic plan. They plan to discuss at their 2/23/23 meeting and start on action items.
- B. Oversight Committee - Committee Chair, Dawn Ferrer reported that that committee is working on developing a response to Cape Fear Housing for Independent Living's onsite monitoring.
- C. Coordinated Entry - Committee Chair, Andrea Stough reported that the committee is exploring other assessment tools to use in place of the Vi-Spadt. They have looked at the DESC tool and will be reviewing the MAP tool. They are also discussing the development of a new script to collect meaningful data that uses common language. Joe Byrnes commented that the current assessment tool does not provide an accurate picture of needs and the questions are extremely personal - problematic for persons with trauma.

- D. Housing Choice Voucher Committee - Committee Chair, Cecelia Peers commented that the committee had great response in participation. There has been no commitment from the Wilmington Housing Authority concerning participation. The next meeting is 1/27/23 at 9am.
- E. Ranking Committee - Committee Chair, Leslie Smiley reported that the committee met to review the written standards and will begin reviewing the scorecards.
- F. HMIS Committee - A request was made for someone to establish and chair this committee.

III. Community Updates

A. Warming Shelter - Meg McBride

2022 the shelter operated for 15 nights. Over Christmas weekend there were 97 people in the shelter - a 33% increase from January 2022.

B. Salvation Army - Major Connie Morris

Will stop taking new residents on March 1st and will close in early May.

C. New Hanover County Ordinance Discussion

There was a robust discussion about the situation. Identified issue: an insufficient public restrooms in the area. The group discussed trying to compile a list of persons who were serving the homeless and trying to reach out to them with

Kyle Abrams made a motion and Andrea Stough 2nd to write correspondence to the New Hanover County Commissioners from the CFhCOC Board, The letter is to request that the Getting Home team be given more time and resources for their project. Board members' signatures are optional.

Thom Moton made a motion and Meg McBride 2nd (Abstaining: Tufanna Bradley, Tommy Taylor, Thom Moton, David Stanley) to write a letter to groups serving the persons experiencing homelessness at the library in an attempt to coordinate efforts, including setting some guidelines.

- D. CoC Secretary - Drew Huver needs to step down and so the Board is currently in need of a CoC Secretary
- E. Point In Time Count Update by Judy Herring

The PIT is being done over three days in the three counties Jan. 24th = Brunswick, Jan 25th = New Hanover, Jan 26th = Pender. In New Hanover there will be a Stand Down activity hosted at the Harrelson Center. A PIT Committee is necessary for the planning of this event for next year.

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn was made by Thom Moton, 2nd by Kyle Abrams

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meg McBride". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "M".

Meg McBride, Secretary

3.9.23