

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

DRAFT for Approval

June 15, 2023

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I. Meeting was Called to order by Kyle Abrams, Chair

Judy Herring, Kyle Abrams, Anne Best, Leslie Smiley, Connie Morris,
Cecelia Peers, LaCretia Keith, Tufanna Bradley, Jessica Biel, Laura Kidd,
Mari McKenzie, Jason Black

Not In Attendance: Laura Bullock, Meg McBride, David Stanley, Thom Moton,
Tommy Taylor, Jamie Stokely, Andrea Stough, Dawn Ferrer, Robert Campbell,
Public Attendees: none

- A. Kyle discussed the wording of the Written Standards regarding having someone with lived experience on your board and stated that we concluded that the wording is not what we needed for the ESG and COC. He encouraged Leslie to discuss the changes for the Written Standards and then discuss the Score Cards. Leslie stated that they will be changing the wording from organizations applying for funding whether it was local, state, or federal WOULD have someone with live experienced on their board to RECOMMENDED that they have someone on their board with lived experience. Leslie stated that Judy reached out to her and stated that some organizations such as the WHA don't have a lot of control over who is on their board because they are appointed. Leslie reported that the new language will state "The COC strongly recommends that organizations seeking funding through the COC have someone on their board with lived experience of homelessness, preferably within the last seven years. Organizations that do not have the ability to choose their board, such as local public entities and public housing authorities, must demonstrate a board approved alternate, such as lived experience advisory council or committee, that can advise their board and the organizations leadership on issues pertaining to homelessness." In the discussion, Tufanna asked if the changes were pertaining to organizations applying for funding and Judy responded yes and stated that the local governments can apply for funding.

Connie stated that they are not a government agency, but they have guidelines they have to follow, and they can't have people with lived experience on their board but can have them on a special auxiliary, which would be appropriate.

- a. Motion made by Leslie Smiley to make the changes to the Written Standards, 2nd by Connie Morris, motion passes.
- B. The Score Cards were presented by Leslie Smiley. Leslie started with the new Score Cards. Changes were made to the new score cards regarding community engagement. This new community engagement part is for bonus points. The approved score card will be posted so the applicants can review it before applying. Kyle asked a question about Q 2.7 regarding racial equity and how it's going to be measured. Leslie responded that organizations would report the staff racial makeup and it will be compared to the population served racial make-up. Kyle asked if it will be based on the CAPERS from last year and Judy said it will be whatever information was provided to support an answer to the question. Kyle had a question on 3.3 on new/returning applicant and felt that the scoring was subjective due to the 0-10 scale and wanted to know if there going to be something to determine how it falls within the scale. Leslie stated that they had a discussion and that it was subjective, but they didn't want it to be a yes/no answer so there is some subjectivity, but the scorers will discuss each it as a group. Kyle had questions about cost effectiveness to make sure it wasn't so subjective. Leslie stated that they have a conversation about how much it costs per person and if it's reasonable and it tends to be kind of a consensus. Connie asked if there was a basic CAPER form that explains expectation of cost. Judy gave a breakdown of the application. Kyle asked all that are planning to apply to recuse themselves from the vote. Tufanna pointed out a spelling error to be corrected.
- a. Motion made by Leslie Smiley to approve the new ESG Score Card, 2nd by Cecelia Peers, motion passes.
- C. Leslie discussed the returning applicant Score Card. Leslie said there were no changes to the thresh-hold questions and the project specific questions are the same. Leslie asked for any questions and there were none except for the spelling typo pointed out by Tufanna. Leslie stated that the Ranking Committee is looking for new members. Jason asked if it was correct that anyone within an organization that plans to apply for grant funding cannot be a part of the committee and Leslie said that is correct.
- Motion made by Leslie Smiley to approve the returning ESG Score Card, 2nd by Jessica Biel, motion passes.

II. New Business

A. Kyle asked if there was any new business and Judy stated that to her knowledge this was all they had to present to the board today. Kyle stated that the next full board meeting would be July 20, 2023, from 11am until 1pm at the COG with a hybrid option.

III. Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn was made by Leslie Smiley and 2nd by Jessica Biel.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

LaCretia Munn-Keith

LaCretia Munn-Keith, Secretary
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