



**Continuum of Care Membership Meeting Minutes**  
September 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

The Guilford County Continuum of Care membership meeting met in regular session in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro at 5603 Hilltop Rd, Jamestown, NC 27282 September 14, 2017 at 9:30 am.

**Member Agencies Present:** **City of High Point** (Lauren Atwell-Bass), **Cone Health** (Hope Rife), **Family Service of the Piedmont** (Shay Harger, Steve Hess), **Guilford County Schools** (Yatisha Blythe-CoC Board), **Greensboro Housing Authority** (Tina Gray-CoC Board, Delton Pettress, Annette Harris, Tameria Fewell), **Greensboro Housing Coalition** (Robbielene Lawhorne), **Greensboro Urban Ministry** (Mark Summerford), **Guilford County DHHS** (Janeen Skonieczny), **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro** (Ramona Carl-CoC Board member), **Mary’s House** (Jacqueline Phillips), **Open Door Ministries** (Tonya Clinard, Steve Key, Maesha Twigs), **Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH)** (Debbie Bailey-CoC Board, Gwen Taylor, Brian Hahne-CoC Board, Kara Hansen) **Psychotherapeutic Services, Inc.** ( Wanda Feldt), **Room at the Inn** (Ablert Hodges), **Salvation Army Center of Hope** (Jackie Lucas-CoC Board member), **Sandhills Center** (Donna McCormick-CoC Board), **Welfare Reform Liaison Project** (Dr. Irish Spencer-CoC Board, Bernita Sims), **West End Ministries** (Dana Bentley), **Women’s Resource Center** (Gail Murphy), **Youth Focus, Inc.** (Sarah Roethlinger-CoC Board)

**Visitors:** **The Arc of High Point** (Stephanie Antkowiak), **Grant Consultant** (Jackie Hundt), **PSI** (Andricka Oliver)

<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Jackie Lucas, Board Chair of the Continuum of Care (CoC) called the meeting to order. Members introduced themselves and noted the organization they represent.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Jackie Lucas asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. <b>Motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2017 as presented:</b> Dr. Irish Spencer <b>Second:</b> Albert Hodges <b>Minutes approved unanimously</b>
<b>Coordinated Entry Update</b>	Debbie Bailey gave an update on Coordinated Entry. The committee has been meeting regularly. We are receiving technical assistance from HUD. We were able to get additional TA from an organization called CSH. They have given guidance to help with policies and procedures. We have created an RFP. Hope to get it approved in October. They will have 30 days to submit applications. We will review, come to a decision by December and have the organization start within 60 days. HUD requires CoC’s to have policy and procedures in place by Jan. 23, 2018. The CoC Board will review and vote on the Policies and Procedures at the October CoC Board Meeting.
<b>Nominating Committee Update</b>	Open CoC Board positions: Government (2), Affordable Housing (1) If you know anyone who can fill those vacancies, please email Brett Byerly or Tom Campbell so we can vote on those individuals.
<b>Update on System Performance Evaluation Committee</b>	Hope Rife: Because of leadership change (Cynthia Davis has been the chair and had to step down) Hope is now co-chairing with Wes Ward. There have been 3 meetings of the System performance and evaluation committee, including a three-hour training from Jackie Hundt. On August 29th we met to decide on the priorities of the CoC. We established that we wanted to put an emphasis on housing dollars opposed to service dollars. We wanted to prioritize new projects that would address a gap in services. We wanted to use every

	<p>penny and not run the risk of something being lost as a result of the decisions we made. We prioritized the projects and communicated those decisions to the applicants. We received an appeal from one agency and the committee met to discuss the appeal. We looked back at those priorities and concluded that the original application was not misinterpreted and the decision was made that the original recommendations would stand. That was communicated with the agency that filed the appeal. There was a lot of discussion about this process and we learned some lessons throughout. We tried very hard to be transparent and this was not an easy process. Tuesday September 12, 2017 the decision was made.</p> <p>Dr. Irish Spencer reported that she was concerned about the appeal process. She reported that she believes a separate appeals committee should be developed to review appeals and meet with the agency submitting the appeal.</p> <p>Tina Grey reported that her agency, Greensboro Housing Authority, did the appeal and recommended that we make changes to give more time with the appeal process</p>
<b>Review and approval by vote of the CoC Applications for funding</b>	<p><b>Funding Recommendations approved:</b> 8 agencies recused themselves from the vote: Jackie Lucas, Salvation Army GSO, Steve Hess, Family Services of the Piedmont, Steve Key, Open Door Ministries, Mark Summerford, Greensboro Urban Ministry, Sarah Roethlinger, Youth Focus, and Tina Gray, Greensboro Housing Authority</p> <p>11 agencies approved</p>
<b>Agency Announcements</b>	<p>Brian Hahne, Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH), reported on how PEH will be an advocate for the CoC agencies and also working with PEH Board to do a Strategic Plan. Brian will share more as this unfolds.</p> <p>Welform Reform Liason reported that they create video to show stories about how agencies In GC are addressing homelessness. Contact them for more information. They have opened another store in High Point on Washington St who can serve individuals who need basic products below market prices.</p> <p>Debbie Bailey reported that they will be giving out buttons that say, "What's your housing plan?" There will be conference calls on diversion coming up within the next couple months.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 am.</p>

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Sarah Roethlinger, Secretary

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Jackie Lucas, Chair