

**CoC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022, 2:00pm-3:30pm**

The meeting of the CoC Governing Board was held on January 27, 2022, via Zoom. Kathryn Firmin-Sellers, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:08pm.

Board members in attendance: Deronda Metz, Kathryn Firmin-Sellers, Tchernavia Montgomery, Warren Wooten, Hope Marshall, Sonia Jenkins, Anna London, James Searcy, Kenny Robinson, Lucy Crain, Jane Shutt, Tiffany Price, Kaedon Grinnell, Brian Kovaleski

Board members absent: Stay Lowry, Timica Melvin, James Lee, Trish Hobson

CoC Staff in attendance: Branden Lewis, Erin Nixon, Shamika Agbeviade, Courtney LaCaria, Mary Ann Priester, Karen Pelletier

Guests in attendance: Daniel Cooper (Meck. County CSS), Megan Coffey (Meck. County CSS), Stacey Bergeron (Meck. County CSS), Laura Caldwell (Supportive Housing Communities), Shaunte' Rouse (Alliance Health Plan), Ginny McManus (Ada Jenkins Center), Valerie Townsend (Lived Experience Committee), Kimberley Cole (INLIVIAN), Trevonne Cuffee (Six Eleven), Kristen Morris (Atrium Health Government Relations), Natalie Shaver (VA)

Welcome (Kathryn Firmin-Sellers) & Attendance (Branden Lewis): Quorum present; Members of the public introduced themselves in the chat with name and organization.

Board Officer Elections (Kathryn Firmin-Sellers): Slate of officer presented: Anna London (Chair), Deronda Metz (Vice Chair), Trish Hobson (Secretary). No other nomination received. Motion made by Tchernavia Montgomery to approve slate as presented, Hope Marshall second the motion. No oppositions to slate as presented.

Meeting turned over to Anna London, new Chair of the CoC Governing Board.

Welcome New Board Members (Anna London): Anna introduced all new Board members: Kaedon Grinnell, Kenny Robinson, James Searcy, Jane Shutt, Tchernavia Montgomery, James Lee, Anna London

Breakout groups to get to know the new Board members. Questions asked: What is your role in the work to end and prevent homelessness and what is your why for serving on the CoC Board? All attendees returned to the main room and the new Board members were introduced by current Board members/staff.

Public Comment: General Remarks (Branden Lewis): None

Vote: Approve meeting minutes from December 16, 2021, meeting. (Motion: Warren Wooten, Second: Brian Kovaleski) --Meeting minutes approved.

Landlord Engagement Ad Hoc Workgroup (Anna London): James Lee and Anna are leading an ad hoc landlord engagement workgroup. The group hopes to engage a Technical Assistance provider to help our community enhance our current system. Would also like to build upon the results of the survey done by Hannah-Marie Warfle. There is funding to engage a TA provider. Erin shared the ad hoc

workgroup will determine who to hire for TA. Have heard from groups of out Atlanta and Texas so far. The goal would be to identify “experts” in this area to learn from and build upon best practices, not create a whole new organization. Anyone can participate in the workgroup. Interested persons put their contact information in the chat.

Presentation: 2022 Point In Time Count (Courtney LaCaria): Updates provided on the 2022 PIT Count. PIT Count is underway now. The night of the PIT Count was Wednesday, January 26, 2022. The count is a survey-based count that continues to February 1st, asking where people slept on the night of January 26th. Unsheltered surveys are occurring, and youth focused PIT count is also taking place. Housing Inventory Count is also a part of the PIT count, looking at the capacity of our system to house persons who are experiencing homelessness. Youth Focused PIT Count this year being led by the Youth Action Board, counting unaccompanied youth and parenting youth aged 18-24. The HMIS team will go through all of the data and will send a final total to HUD. Numbers are typically released to the public in the Fall.

Presentation: Home for All Framework (Courtney LaCaria): Update on the Home for All Framework (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing & Homelessness Strategy) released on January 26th. Overview of the strategy and what’s next. Working to address the entire continuum---housing instability to homelessness. First time in our community the public and private sectors have come together to address homelessness in our community. Next step is figuring out the action steps for each workstream recommendation and the funding tied to each.

Collaborative Applicant Updates (Erin Nixon & Branden Lewis):

1. **C4 Innovations (Branden Lewis):** Update on behalf of the Equity & Inclusion Committee. Based on feedback from the Equity & Inclusion Committee (EIC) and the CoC’s Executive Committee, the contract with C4 Innovations has been terminated. C4 will send the results of the work they have done thus far (focus groups, surveys, data). The work that was started with C4 will continue with the EIC (Action Planning).
2. **Prioritization Policy:** The Coordinated Entry Oversight Committee recently approved the new prioritization policy. A tool is being implemented with providers and we’re looking forward to hearing how it is going. Update: RRH providers will fill 50% of their available slots from our match process and the other 50% will be first come first serve. This gives programs more flexibility in serving those in need. We hope to have a report in HMIS to look at this. We will begin monitoring CoC and ESG programs in the next few weeks, results of monitoring will be shared with the Board.

Agency Updates:

Continued COVID Impact---no updates.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding:

Karen Pelletier (Mecklenburg County ARPA Funding Update) --\$215 million dollars to improve systems based on impact and lessons learned. Open portal for organizations to apply for funding. Looking to issue half of funds this year and next half in May. Five priority areas: workforce/economic development, parks/environment and infrastructure, childcare/child development, affordable housing/homelessness, behavioral health/health equity. Application period closes February 4, 2022. “Big Splash difference”.

Warren Wooten (City of Charlotte ARPA Funding Update)—go to City’s January 6th Council meeting. Assistant City Manager Shawn Heath gave great presentation on how funding will be split up. Focus areas: Workforce Development and Employment, Community Vitality, Public Safety, Arts and Culture, Food Security. Land RFP just opened and closed. HOME ARPA RFP is focused on the work the CoC is doing around supportive services and tenant based rental assistance. Money set aside in next round of ARPA for housing work. Will continue to fill gaps in a thoughtful way. City is one of the primary gap funders for affordable housing development through Low Income Housing Tax Credit. There are gaps across the board on how they fund new projects and continue current funders. This will be one of the primary uses of the City’s ARPA funds.

Kenny Robinson---update on Freedom Fighting Missionaries. They applied for City and County ARPA funding. Concern about agency caps that were set. Were encouraged to partner with larger organizations to help smaller organizations have access to the funding. Advocacy is needed from this Board for that.

Jane Shutt---trying to put together a list of contact for people working in towns of Mecklenburg County. Please share names with Jane.

Motion: Adjourn the meeting (Motion: Kathryn Firmin-Sellers)

Meeting adjourned at 3:14pm.