

**CoC Governing Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2022**

The meeting of the CoC Governing Board was held on May 26, 2022, as a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting. The in-person portion was held at the Valarie Woodard Center; Virtual was held via Zoom. Anna London, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

**Board Members Present:** Anna London, Karen Pelletier, Trish Hobson, James Searcy, James Lee, Kenny Robinson, Tiffany Price, Elizabeth Trotman, Kaedon Grinnell, Lucy Crain, Jane Shutt, Deronda Metz, Brian Kovalski, Kathryn Firmin-Sellers, Tchernavia Montgomery, Kim Ciepielinski

**Board Members Absent:** Sonia Jenkins, Warren Wooten, Hope Marshall, Timica Melvin

**CoC Staff Present:** Branden Lewis, Erin Nixon

**Guests Present:** Crystal Long (Duke Energy), Kim Sanders (Meck County CSS), A.W Burgess (Family Mankind), Tameka Gunn (Community Link), Titiksha Fernandes (FFTC), Teresa Porter (Catholic Charities), Kenya Dawson (Meck County), Janice Hinton (Hope House Foundation), Megan Coffey (Meck County), Angela Dreher (Supportive Housing Communities), Madeline Thomas (Mecklenburg County Shelter Plus Care), Courtney LaCaria (Meck County)

**Welcome (Anna London), Attendance (Branden Lewis):** Quorum present; Members of the public introduced themselves in the chat with name and organization.

**Public Comment: General Remarks (Branden Lewis):** Crystal Long expressed concern about investor landlords and rising rents.

**Vote:** Approve meeting minutes from April 28, 2022, meeting (Motion: Kathryn Firmin-Sellers, Second: Deronda Metz) – meeting minutes were approved.

**Executive Committee Report (Anna London):** Anna reminded everyone of meeting etiquette. Please stay engaged by asking questions and providing feedback whether you are in the meeting or attending virtually. Also, please keep comments short and concise so that everyone has a chance to share. We plan to transition to in person board meetings in July.

**Agency Spotlight: Foundation For The Carolinas (Elizabeth Trotman, Dr. Titiksha Fernandes):** Elizabeth and Titiksha gave an overview of FFTC, A Way Home, and MeckHome including data, outcomes, and partners.

**Board Member Report – Towns Seat (Jane Shutt and James Lee):** Jane and James want to establish the CoC Unsheltered Workgroup to bring together people who are doing street outreach.

**CoC Committee/Workgroup Report Out: Coordinated Entry Oversight Committee (Tameka Gunn):** Tameka gave an overview of the work of the committee to redesign Coordinated Entry. We plan to revisit how people access shelter by using the CE Hotline. The committee is also looking at rebranding, website, and messaging. Erin mentioned that the CEOC would like to establish a By-Name Case Conferencing Workgroup to manage case conferencing across all populations.

**Vote:** Approve the Unsheltered Workgroup and By-Name Case Conferencing Workgroup (Motion: Kathryn Firmin-Sellers, Second: Deronda Metz). Motion was approved.

**Committee Report: Ranking Committee (Jamie Green):** Jamie presented the reallocation policy.

**Vote:** Approve the reallocation policy. (Motion: Karen Pelletier, Second: Trish Hobson). Motion was approved.

**A Home for All Framework Implementation (Courtney LaCaria):** Courtney shared progress on implementation of the framework. We are in an interim period while the enduring structure is put in place. She showed us examples of work that is already being done within the nine recommendations in the framework. She encouraged board members to sign up to be an ambassador.

**System Performance Measure Progress Update & Context for Setting Funding Priorities (Kim Sanders, Courtney LaCaria):** Kim shared the past 7 months of data from the system performance measure dashboard. Courtney shared the Housing Data Snapshot and focused on chronic homelessness.

**CoC Board Strategic Plan (Anna London):** Due to time constraints, this vote will be tabled to next meeting.

**Collaborative Applicant Staff Updates (Branden Lewis, Erin Nixon):** No updates

**Agency Updates (All):**

1. **Karen Pelletier:** Kenya Dawson has been promoted to Senior Social Service Manager. She is now responsible for all of the County's housing programs.
2. **Tchernavia Montgomery:** Care Ring has served 38 homeless patients thanks to ESG funding and Kenny Robinson's referrals.
3. **James Lee:** Recommends the documentary, [Without Shelter](#).
4. **Kenny Robinson:** Freedom Fighting Missionaries lost a young client to murder. Kenny highlighted The Relatives as a partner working with the young man. The family included The Relatives in the obituary.
5. **Anna London:** Attended the grand opening of The Relatives On Ramp Resource Center and encouraged others to take a tour.
6. **Kathryn Firmin-Sellers:** The EFSP round for state set aside funding will not be a competitive grants process. The local board will make those decisions.

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:** Motion: Kathryn Firmin-Sellers

Meeting adjourned at 3:56pm.