

**CoC Governing Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 23, 2022**

The meeting of the CoC Governing Board was held on June 23, 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 2:03pm.

**Board Members Present:** Trish Hobson, James Searcy, James Lee, Kenny Robinson, Tiffany Price, Kaedon Grinnell, Jane Shutt, Brian Kovaleski, Kathryn Firmin-Sellers, Tchernavia Montgomery, Kim Ciepielinski, Sonia Jenkins, Warren Wooten, Hope Marshall, Timica Melvin

**Board Members Absent:** Anna London, Lucy Crain, Deronda Metz, Karen Pelletier, Elizabeth Trotman

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

**Guests Present:** Amanda Harry (QCity Metro), Valerie Townsend (CoC Lived Experience Committee), Amina Tillett (Atrium Health), Christopher Brzovic (intern, Lotus Campaign), Iris Hubbard (Shelter Health Services), Nicole Dewitt (Social Serve), Maya Marshall (Jubilee Empowerment), Janice Hinton (Hope House Foundation), Kim Sanders (Meck County CSS), Madeline Thomas (Mecklenburg County Shelter Plus Care)

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

**Public Comment: General Remarks (Branden Lewis):** Betty Alexander from Faith Liberation Community Christian Church introduced herself and shared her observations on the needs of the homeless she interacts with.

**Vote:** Approve meeting minutes from May 26, 2022, meeting (Motion: Kathryn Firmin-Sellers, Second: James Lee) – meeting minutes were approved.

**Executive Committee Report (Trish Hobson):** Trish explained that the Executive Committee is always open to Board members' suggestions when setting the agenda. She asked that anyone who requests to make a presentation at a CoC board meeting or CoC full membership meeting is a CoC member. Trish also requested for any questions or comments about the 2022-23 CoC Board Strategic Plan prior to the vote.

**Vote:** Approve the 2022-23 Board Strategic Plan (Motion: Kenny Robinson, Second: Jane Shutt). Motion was approved.

**Agency Spotlight: The Relatives (Trish Hobson):** Trish gave an overview of The Relatives and how the agency interacts with the CoC.

**A Home for All Framework Implementation (Erin Nixon):** Erin announced that United Way will be the enduring structure overseeing implementation. Kathryn Firmin-Sellers explained the steps she has

taken to move toward creating infrastructure including hiring consultants and posting new staff positions.

**NC DHHS ESG & CoC Funding Priorities (Erin Nixon):** Erin explained that the NOFO will be coming out soon. It is the board's responsibility to set the funding priorities. Erin recommend we put split the State ESG funding 50/50 between Crisis Response and Housing Stability.

**Vote:** Split State ESG 50/50 between Crisis Response and Housing Stability with priorities of Shelter within Crisis Response and Prevention within Housing Stability (Motion: Warren Wooten, Second: James Lee)

Amended motion: Split State ESG 50/50 between Crisis Response and Housing Stability with priorities of Shelter within Crisis Response and Rapid Rehousing within Housing Stability (Motion: Trish Hobson, Second: Kathryn Firmin-Sellers). Motion Approved

Erin recommended CoC funding priorities in this order: Permanent Supporting Housing, Coordinated Entry, Rapid Rehousing. The board decided to postpone the vote on this until there is more information from HUD.

**Collaborative Applicant Staff Updates (Branden Lewis, Erin Nixon):** Branden and Erin asked the board to approve submission of the YHDP program application

**Vote:** Approve submission of YHDP application to HUD (Motion: Kenny Robinson, Second Kathryn Firmin-Sellers). Motion was approved

#### **Agency Updates (All):**

1. **Kim Ciepielinski:** Crisis Assistance Ministry will receive a large shipment of air conditioning units. If you're agency knows of people with a specific need, please let Kim know.
2. **Kenny Robinson:** Freedom Fighting Missionaries received additional funding around healthcare. For anyone serving justice-involved people who are uninsured or underinsured, please let Kenny know.

#### **Suggestions for Agenda items:**

- Kathryn Firmin-Sellers -- Supportive Employment
- Tchernavia Montgomery -- Care Ring would like to share what they achieved with ESG funds

Vote: Trish asked the group to vote on whether they prefer to meet in the same location each month at the County building or rotate locations: There were 6 votes to rotate, 5 votes to remain in the same location

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:39pm.