

Governing Board Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2023

Location: 3205 Freedom Drive, Entrance D, Suite 2000

& Zoom: <https://mecknc.zoomgov.com/j/16101411994?pwd=MkEzZXU1cmRyeFVQeINtdHVOK1ZBZz09>

Board Members			
Anna London, Chair	Deronda Metz, Vice Chair	Trish Hobson, Secretary	Kathryn Firmin-Sellers
Sonia Jenkins	Brian Kovaleski	Karen Pelletier	Warren Wooten
Jazmin Royall	Susan Crawford	Kaedon Grinnell	James Lee
Kenny Robinson	Jane Shutt	Timica Melvin	Elizabeth Trotman
Lucy Crain	Brittany Marshall	Tchernavia Montgomery	Jessica Lefkowitz

Agenda

Time	Item	Facilitator
2:00pm-2:10pm	Welcome, attendance Motion: Adopt meeting agenda Welcome new Board members: Susan Crawford, Jessica Lefkowitz, Jazmin Royall	Anna London Branden Lewis (attendance)
2:10pm-2:15pm	CoC Governing Board Officer Elections	Deronda Metz
2:15pm-2:45pm	Executive Committee Report Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 CoC Board leadership • CoC Board Retreat: February 23, 2023 & February 24, 2023 • Motion: Amend 2023 CoC Board meeting calendar • Motion: Approve meeting minutes: December 15, 2022 • Motion: Approve recommended policy related to planning grant funding • Motion: Approve revised 2023 NCDHHS ESG funding recommendations • Youth Action Board project updates 	Anna London
2:45pm-2:55pm	A Home for All Framework Implementation	Kathryn Firmin-Sellers
2:55pm-3:05pm	Board Member Agency Spotlight: Veterans Administration	Brittany Marshall
3:05pm-3:20pm	EHV Report Out	Timica Melvin
3:20pm-3:30pm	Collaborative Applicant Staff Updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Landlord Engagement System Work 2. Point in Time Count 	Branden Lewis Erin Nixon
3:30pm-3:50pm	Public Comment	Anna London
3:50pm-4:00pm	Agency Updates Request for March meeting agenda items	All
4:00pm	Adjourn	Anna London

Next CoC Full Membership meeting: February 8, 2023; 2:00pm-3:30pm

Next CoC Governing Board meeting: March 23, 2023: 2:00pm-4:00pm

Our Vision: Homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community. Everyone has housing choices and prompt access to a variety of housing resources and supports that meet their needs.

**CoC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2022**

The meeting of the CoC Governing Board was held on December 15, 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: Jane Shutt, Tchernavia Montgomery, Anna London, Karen Pelletier, Warren Wooten, Kim Ciepielinski, Deronda Metz, Kathryn Firmin-Sellers, Sonia Jenkins, Timica Melvin, Lucy Crain, Brian Kovaleski, Hope Marshall, Kaedon Grinnell, James Lee, Trish Hobson

Board Members Absent: Kenny Robinson, Elizabeth Trotman, James Searcy, Brittany Marshall

CoC Staff Present: Branden Lewis, Erin Nixon

Guests Present: Kecia Robinson (Salisbury VA Medical Center), Ashleigh Hilton (CCS), Cailyn Robinson, Bonnie Anderson (Family Preservation Services), Loleita Page (A New Page for Vets), Lorenzo McNulty (Legacy Living Homes/Senior Assisted Living), Kim Sanders (Mecklenburg County)

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

Vote: Adopt meeting agenda (Motion: Jane Shutt, Second: Deronda Metz) – meeting agenda was adopted.

Executive Committee Report Out (Anna London):

- Board Member Survey – Please complete survey from Rosalyn Allison-Jacobs to inform the agenda for the CoC Board retreat
- 2023 Board Slate – Nominating Committee will conduct interviews for four seats next week. Full membership will approve slate. Afterwards, the board will nominate officers for 2023.
- **Vote:** Adopt 2023 CoC Board meeting calendar (Motion: Karen Pelletier, Second: Tchernavia Montgomery) – 2023 CoC Board meeting calendar was adopted.
- **Vote:** Approve meeting minutes: November 17, 2022 (Motion: Deronda Metz, Second: James Lee) – meeting minutes were approved.

Home for All Framework Implementation Update (Kathryn Firmin-Sellers): Second Technical Committee meeting held early in December. The goal was to prioritize the most realistic and impactful initiatives. Next step is to reconvene in January and put cost estimates to each prioritized initiative.

Homeless Services Network Update (Randall Hitt): Randall gave an overview of HSN and 2022 programming. HSN held an in-person conference and advocated for improved discharge planning with the local hospital systems for those experiencing homeless.

Chronic Homelessness Workgroup Report Out (Karen Pelletier): Karen presented a proposal to provide Housing First training to our entire community to ensure fidelity to the model. We currently have \$86,945 remaining of a \$149,219 planning grant, which will expire on 1/31. The next planning grant starts on 2/1/23 and is for \$162,063. **Vote:** Approve utilizing planning grant funds for community

Housing First Trainings & TA (Motion: Kaedon Grinnell, Second: Deronda Metz) – proposal was approved.

Coordinated Entry Oversight Committee Report Out (Hope Marshall): Hope provided data and feedback about CE. She reminded providers that consumers should call the CE Hot Line at 704.284.9665, instead of 211.

Collaborative Applicant Staff Updates (Branden Lewis, Erin Nixon):

- 1. HMIS Software:** Mary Ann Priester reviewed the RFP process and asked the CoC to approve a move to Bit Focus. **Vote:** Approve HIMS sub-committee’s recommendation to move Bit Focus (Motion: Kathryn Firmin-Sellers, Second: Jane Shutt) – motion was approved.
- 2. Landlord Engagement System Work:** Erica Snyder met with members of the community over two days. The community leaned toward having landlord engagement sit with one agency and keeping housing navigation at individual agencies. We will test some of these strategies with the Emergency Housing Vouchers.
- 3. Point In Time Count:** January 26, 2023, everyone encouraged to participate/volunteer. We need over 100 volunteers.

Public Comment: No one signed up for public comment

Agency Updates (All):

Karen Pelletier: At January board meeting, Karen can give an update on the winter shelter plan. The County will use ARP funds to hire more CE staff.

James Lee: Advocate training class will begin in January.

Kathryn Firmin Sellers: Home For All is still recruiting a co-chair for the Advisory Committee.

Vote: Adjourn meeting (Motion: Karen Pelletier, Second: James Lee) - meeting adjourned at 3:36pm