

Item Title: Recognition of Key Agencies and Leaders in Continuum of Care (CoC) Transition

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners recognizes the exemplary contributions and leadership of the organizations and CoC Governance Board for their service in providing continuity of funding and key system functions during the transition of the CoC between 2023 and 2025.

Item Summary:

To recognize the following agencies and leaders for their service and contributions in the Wake County Continuum of Care (Wake CoC) focused on efforts to prevent and end homelessness in Wake County:

- **Haven House Services**, for their contributions as interim Collaborative Applicant and Lead Agency
- **Oak City Cares**, for their contributions as interim Coordinated Entry Lead Entity
- **Urban Ministries**, for their contributions as interim Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Entity
- **CoC Board**, for their role in advancing key governance improvements, education and continuity for CoC functioning:
 - **Stephen Gruver**, Immediate Past Chair
 - **Nicole Stewart**, Current Chair

In November 2024, the Wake County Board of Commissioners approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designating Wake County as the single Lead Agency for the CoC, consolidating responsibilities as Collaborative Applicant, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead, and Coordinated Entry Lead Entity. This transition, fully actualized as of April 1, 2025, marks the establishment of a dedicated Continuum of Care Lead Agency Department, taking over responsibilities previously managed by three nonprofit CoC members. The MOU aligns with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements, emphasizing strategic coherence and accountability. The Wake CoC functions as a collaborative network involving agencies, advocates, funders, and community leaders, driving prevention and intervention efforts with a balanced governance and implementation framework.

Attachments:

None.