

Wake Count Continuum of Care Update

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Wake County Homeless Services System – Main Players

Meet the Team

- Wake County Continuum of Care – NC 507
- Raleigh Wake Partnership To End Homelessness
- Wake County
- City of Raleigh
- Local Service Providers

Wake County Continuum of Care – NC 507

A Continuum of Care (CoC) is the collective networks, institutions, and organizations that provide housing and services to people who are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness.

Our Continuum of Care spans the whole jurisdiction of Wake County and is recognized by HUD as NC-507

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Federally mandated goals of the CoC include:

- Promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- Provide funding for efforts to quickly re-house individuals and families who are homeless, which minimizes the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- Promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs; and
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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The CoC is governed by a board composed of community members invested in the issue of homelessness. The CoC Board is an independent entity, but is not incorporated, so must appoint a local entity to conduct business on behalf of the Board and CoC at large.

The CoC Governance Board has notified the **Raleigh Wake Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness (RWP)** of its plans to identify a new entity to serve as Lead Agency, Collaborative Applicant, HMIS Administrator, and Coordinated Access System Lead. The new entity would be responsible for carrying out the administrative activities of the Wake CoC.

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- **June 7:** CoC Governance Board requests Wake County to “assume responsibility of all functions currently the responsibility of Raleigh Wake Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness”
- **June 9:** Manager responds to CoC Board request with terms agreeable to the County to assume responsibility of functions
- **June 21:** CoC Board revises initial request of the County, asking for a July 1st assumption of the Access Hub and a requests for more time to “work...toward creating a meaningful, effective, and mutually agreed upon MOU that includes and involves NC-507 membership, Wake County Government, and the NC-507 Governance Board.”

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- **June 27:** Manager responds to CoC Board request with County's agreement to begin assumption of Access Hub, contingent upon confirmation of the CoC's plans for Coordinated Entry and HMIS (as of July 1st)
- **June 29:** Governance Board sends letter to the Partnership requesting a meeting and written notice of the agency's capacity to continue serving as Coordinated Entry and HMIS lead through transition of services/HUD contract periods. Governance Board also responds to Manager with letter stating that their understanding is that the Partnership will continue as lead in these roles, through transition of services/HUD contract periods

Moving Forward.....

- Wake County Housing has created a plan, working within available resources, to assume responsibility of the Access Hub if and when the Manager successfully negotiates terms with the Governance Board. In order for the Access Hub to be successful, it is imperative that Coordinated Entry and HMIS are well-run as well
- Currently unsure with whom we would be working collaboratively to ensure coordination between calls and referrals for services

Moving Forward.....

- Engaging in further negotiation with CoC membership, Governance Board and HUD to finalize MOU between the CoC and Wake County for the balance of Lead Agency responsibilities
- Anticipate August 14th Work Session item to discuss details of MOU and implications on budget and staffing
- Anticipate August 21st BOC meeting for consideration of adoption of MOU and accompanying budget and staffing authorization



Questions