



Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 10, 2022, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Microsoft Teams Meeting

I.	Welcome and Roll Call	E. Ann Gowdy ECHO	(3)
II.	Approval of September Meeting Minutes (Action Item)	E. Ann Gowdy	(2)
III.	Financial Report	E. Ann Gowdy	(3)
IV.	Nominating Committee	Lorain Crowl Upstate CoC	(10)
V.	Youth Experiencing Homelessness Taskforce	Mac Caldwell MIRCI	(15)
VI.	Data and Reporting Committee	Michele Murff SCDMH	(15)
VII.	Continuum of Care Updates	CoC Representatives	(40)
	a. Upstate Continuum of Care		
	b. Total Care for the Homeless Coalition (TCHC)		
	c. Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH)		
	d. Lowcountry Continuum of Care		
VIII.	State Agency and Statewide Organization Updates	Agency Representatives	(30)



SOUTH CAROLINA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

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Board Members in Attendance: Andy Pope, E. Ann Gowdy, Birley Wright, Bruce Forbes, Chris Rubio, Hannah Bonsu, Heather Carver, Jeff Yungman, Joey Smoak, Julie Ann Avin, Julie Plane, Lorain Crawl, Michele Murff, Renaye Long, Spencer Thomas, Terre Marshall

Other Attendees: Ashley Nance, Cynthia Haddad, David Rozelle, Jay Daniels, Kailay Washington, Kimberly Humphrey, Linda Addison, Mac Caldwell, Natalie Wilson, Savannah Wilburn, Shannon Nix, Sherry Martell, Stephanie Donaldson, Tracy Turner

I. Welcome and Roll Call

E. Ann Gowdy, SCICH chair, called the meeting to order at 10:31am and welcomed the group. The meeting was held by Microsoft Teams due to the COVID-19 pandemic. E. Ann Gowdy took a roll call.

II. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Renaye Long to approve the September board meeting minutes. Terre Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed.

III. Financial Report

E. Ann Gowdy provided the financial report. To date, the council has \$5184.60 in the account.

IV. Nominating Committee

Lorain Crawl provided updates. The Nominating Committee is responsible for coming together on an annual basis to solidify board members and agency members. Lorain Crawl, Michele Murff, Terre Marshall, E. Ann Gowdy, and Heather Carver served on the committee.

The first seats filled were for state agency representation. Suzanne Sanders from the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control has been invited and is still considering participation. Shannon Nix from the SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault has accepted the position. Tracy Turner from the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services has accepted the position. Lastly, Cynthia Haddad from the SC Commission for Minority Affairs has accepted the position.

No directors were up for a term end or reappointment, and all directors are willing to continue to hold their position. However, Secretary William Grimsley has asked that David Rozelle- also from the SC Department of Veterans' Affairs- take his seat.

Lorain Crawl asked for a motion to approve elected officers as follows: E. Ann Gowdy as SCICH Chair, Lorain Crawl as SCICH Vice Chair, and Bruce Forbes as Secretary. Michele Murff motioned to approve, Birley Wright seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed.

Lorain Crawl asked for a motion to approve Mac Caldwell with Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. and Norah Rogers with Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough Law Firm as the two new At-Large Members. Bruce Forbes motioned to approve, Michele Murff seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed.

V. Youth Experiencing Homelessness Taskforce

On behalf of the taskforce, Mac Caldwell provided updates. At the end of September, the Taskforce attended hearings of the SC Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children. They advocated for expanded resources for youths and young adults experiencing homelessness and requested support for a statewide youth count. Their message was backed by three spoken testimonies from homeless youth.

Mac noted the high level of engagement at the hearings this year, including Michael Leach, State Director of the SC Department of Social Services, reaching out to express interest in how they can increase their involvement with the Taskforce.

VI. Data and Reporting Committee

On behalf of the Data and Reporting Committee, Michele Murff provided updates. The annual SC State of Homelessness Report is being reviewed in draft version. Data for the report has been sourced from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) from all four Continuums of Care. It will also include data from the Point in Time (PIT)

Count, McKinney Vento Act, United Way 211, SC Department of Veterans' Affairs, SC Department of Mental Health, and SC Department of Corrections.

The report is set to be finalized before Thanksgiving and will be distributed to all members as soon as possible.

VII. Continuum of Care COVID-19 Response and Updates

a. Upstate Continuum of Care (UCC) –

Lorain Crawl provided updates. United Housing Connections has continued its Emergency Rental Assistance Program and sees roughly 150 applications in queue on a regular basis. More applicants are being connected to supportive case management that will reach beyond temporary financial assistance.

UCC also celebrated the ground-breaking of Church Street Place, a 36-unit complex that will provide housing to people experiencing chronic homelessness. Church Street Place is slated to open January 2024.

Lastly, United Housing Connections has continued to pilot a Street Outreach program for the City of Greenville. Four Outreach team members are working to create a by-name list of people experiencing literal homelessness in the city and will be aiming to help move as many as possible into some form of stable shelter.

b. Total Care for the Homeless Coalition (TCHC) –

Joey Smoak and E. Ann Gowdy provided updates. TCHC was awarded \$3.1 million from the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) to advance their services for youth. They were one of 17 communities across the country that were selected for these funds. TCHC is also breaking ground on two new affordable housing projects, totaling 14 new units in Horry County.

On December 1st, TCHC will receive research findings from the University of South Carolina College of Social Work. They have been working together to research the impact of certified peer support and how it matters in the service of those experiencing homelessness.

Eastern Carolina Housing Organization (ECHO) has been working with The Institute for Child Success and has succeeded in adding homelessness and housing instability during early childhood to their agenda.

c. Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH) –

Andy Pope and Julie Plane provided updates. MACH has been busy planning their PIT Count and working on establishing county coordinators to expand their efforts. They are finalizing their assessment, and in December, they aim to be training volunteers for surveying. MACH is also planning advocacy events for Hunger and Homeless Awareness Events from November 12th to 20th.

Recently, MACH has been working with the Department of Veterans' Affairs to clean up their Veterans' Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) data and create an accurate by-name list for veterans in their community. They have also provided HMIS data to Chapin Hall to support their Youth Homeless Data Solutions project.

d. Lowcountry Continuum of Care (LCC) –

Heather Carver and Jeff Yungman provided updates. LCC has been busy with their PIT Count, identifying coordinators and increasing their reach in rural counties. They are also revisiting the technical assistance they received from HUD last year and working on improving their CoC processes. One main focus is creating a centralized housing access system.

LCC's Lived Experience Group has been meeting on a regular basis, and members will be joining their Governing Council and some additional committees.

LCC will be rolling out their new Coordinated Entry System assessment on December 1st. Lastly, One80 Place has received \$2.2 million from HUD to expand their Housing Court program to other parts of the state, helping low-income families avoid eviction.

VIII. State Agency and Statewide Organization Updates

Terre Marshall provided updates on behalf of the SC Department of Corrections. They have begun tracking housing status upon admission and release. The end goal is to be able to identify those who enter incarceration while experiencing homelessness and those who exit to destinations other than stable housing. This information will be vital for grant requests for supportive housing upon release.

Cynthia Haddad provided updates on behalf of the SC Commission for Minority Affairs. The Commission strives to ensure that all minorities are treated equitably and to provide constructive solutions. Their research division specifically targets minority communities and provides data to legislators for policy change. The Commission has also published the

South Carolina Second Chance guide to assist the formerly incarcerated as they transition back to society.

Hannah Bonsu provided updates on behalf of the SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. They have recently received \$727,000 in a HUD grant for a rental assistance program. This program will provide financial assistance toward substance abuse recovery programs for both the general public and for people leaving correctional facilities.

Birley Wright and Kimberly Humphrey provided updates on behalf of the SC Department of Education. They have been working on spreading the reach of their American Rescue Plan, establishing liaisons in the field to help connect families in all 4 CoCs. They will also be hosting an in-person American Rescue Plan Summit within the next few weeks.

Michele Murff provided updates on behalf of the SC Department of Mental Health. The SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) fiscal year 2022 outcomes will be released soon. This program helps people with mental health disabling conditions connect with governmental assistance. In fiscal year 2022, 27 individuals were approved for assistance. The Department is looking to increase the number of applicants in the coming year.

Sherry Martell and Kailay Washington provided updates on behalf of the SC Department of Veterans' Affairs. 10 additional VASH vouchers were awarded to Rock Hill. As of August 2022, 277 veterans have been housed through VASH, the Grant Per Diem program, and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM.

Next SCICH Board Meeting: January, 2023