

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: 1:00 pm call
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:34:00 PM

Hello,

I can only be on part of the 1:00 pm call. However, I think it would be great to mention that we sent the ICCHP plan out for feedback, received feedback, wanted to address some points of confusion that came up. If we could mentioned the following things—happy for you to modify these notes in your response so we don't misrepresent the differences between the programs.

- What's the difference between back@Home and normal ESG RRH?
 - Back@Home is not inherently different than RRH and prevention work
 - It works to provide statewide coverage for RRH and prevention financial assistance and services
 - It provides statewide efficiencies (e.g., inspections, training, landlord engagement, etc.) and allows for streamlined reporting to show impact.
 - Combines great work done by local agencies into one statewide rehousing system – 1 entry point (coordinated with local CE)
 - Organizations already doing RRH should not notice much difference aside from...
- Will back@Home be recruiting one state-wide agency? (No- currently operating RRH programs can and should apply)
- Will Back@Home agencies enter data into the HMIS that my CoC uses? (yes- Back@Home will use BOTH HMIS implementations)
- Are there two separate RFAs?
 - Yes, there is a plan to separate the Back@Home RFA.
 - ESG funds for shelter, street outreach, RRH, prevention and HMIS will still be available in the second RFA to all organizations, including those who receive funding from the first RFA. However, if an organization receives RRH funding through B@H, they won't be eligible in the second RFA as they should be fully funded by the first RFA.

Otherwise, I think you can mention that we are working on getting an RFA ready to go out as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Erika

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
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Subject: Accepted: [External] Invitation: COVID-19 Shelter Call @ Wed Mar 18, 2020 12:55pm - 2:30pm (EDT)
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Subject: Accepted: [External] Invitation: Eviction Prevention @ Fri Apr 24, 2020 12pm - 1pm (EDT)
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From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
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Subject: Accepted: [External] Invitation: ICCHP Planning @ Thu Apr 9, 2020 1pm - 2pm (EDT)
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From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: denise@ncceh.org
Subject: Accepted: [External] Invitation: ICCHP check-in @ Fri May 22, 2020 9am - 10am (EDT)
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From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: Any edits before I send?
Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 4:47:00 PM

Hello,

Thanks for raising this up. I've attached the proposal that was sent out for comment last week, my letter to the HUD office and HUD's response. It was great to have the reassurance from HUD to move forward quickly—and we will plan to have one of our assigned HUD TA team, Heather Dillashaw, on our Monday call to answer any overarching questions. It was also helpful to receive feedback from you all and many of the agencies you work with in your communities via email and on Wednesday's call. While most feedback was positive or asked additional questions, some shared valid concerns that we hope to work through in collaboration with the CoCs. Back@Home is meant to be a solution – creating infrastructure, efficiencies and scalability in disaster, while providing additional coverage and capacity where needed. It is not envisioned to hinder CoCs processes or ability to move quickly. Based on feedback, we have been taking another look at the plan and are making some changes to give CoCs flexibility in how they ensure they serve the most people, most efficiently, with the best outcomes possible—including the option to opt out of the Back@Home network if that is the best option for their community. We are working on a tactical document that walks through what that would look like and hope to share before Monday's call.

Thanks,
Erika

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Subject: Back@Home CoC Discussion
Attachments: [ICCHP call with CoCs 6.8.20.pdf](#)

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Subject: Back@Home T/B

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To: [Denise ncceh](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Ehren](#); [Thea Craft](#); [Sandy Harris](#); [Heather Dominique](#)
Subject: Back@Home contract amendments
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 7:53:00 PM
Attachments: [FFM Contract Amendment_042720.pdf](#)
[VOA Contract Amendment_042720.pdf](#)
[Trillium Contract Amendment_042720.pdf](#)
[SFVC Contract Amendment_042720.pdf](#)

Hello,

The contract amendments have been sent out! Hallelujah!

Sandy & Thea—The only contract that has changed in terms of requisitions is FFM. I have attached that contract. The only major changes are:

- There is no “Admin” category starting May 2020. They will need to submit Admin expenses as part of their salary and fringe.
- Operating expenses (previously referred to as direct operating and can still be tracked on your end as such) have been limited. Any operating expense over \$300 must be submitted to me for prior approval. They also need to submit documentation to support their utilities and facilities cost. Can the HFA portal accept documentation for these expenses, or should I have them send those documents to me directly where they get my approval before submitting to you?

The amendments extend all contracts to June 2021 or as funding allows. I don’t think funding will last that long, so I will need to track that as we go.

Let me know if you have any questions on these. I’ll keep you updated if any changes requests are made and as they are signed.

Thanks,
Erika

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From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Denise ncceh](#); [Ehren](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Thea Craft](#)
Subject: Back@Home contract extensions
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 5:35:00 PM

Hello,

There are lots of delays on the new Back@Home contracts as everyone is scrambling with COVID. I am trying to get them completed, but want to communicate with the directors of all programs that these are being extended. I'll copy you on that communication. Any flags that you have been hearing from RHAs on these extension that I should know and include/respond to in the email?

Thanks,
Erika

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Emily Carmody](#); [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: Budget for discussion
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:11:00 AM
Attachments: [Back@Home Budget-County Direct Assistance_052920.xlsx](#)

Hello,

For discussion.

Thanks,
Erika

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Denise ncceh](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Ehren](#); [Thea Craft](#)
Subject: COVID-19 information
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:25:00 PM

Hello,

I know when we met a couple weeks ago, you were messaging information about COVID-19. The messaging below might be helpful to share with your stakeholders, as needed.

Thanks,
Erika

As you may be aware, Governor Cooper took the next step in the state's COVID-19 preparedness plan today and issued an [executive order](#) declaring a state of emergency. In addition to the declaration, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) shared several [recommendations](#) to slow the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the number of people infected.

The actions and recommendations that were shared today are intended to help slow the spread of the virus and protect our more vulnerable neighbors. They are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, current actions by other States, and the most up-to-date epidemiologic information we have to protect the public's health. This is a critical moment in the growing outbreak of COVID-19 in North Carolina when such measures can potentially impact the spread of the disease.

Many of the recommendations made today are targeted at protecting people at high risk of severe illness, which includes adults over 65 years, those with underlying health conditions including include heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes, or with weakened immune systems.

Perhaps the best thing we can all do protect ourselves, our neighbors, and our state is be sure that we are getting accurate information. Please rely on trusted sources of information. We are updating our website – ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus – regularly. You can also go to the [CDC website](#).

Let's be guided by compassion and reason and work to support each other as a community.

As NC DHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen said today, we each play a role in keeping our communities safe and healthy.

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: Can you send the Back@Home success stories you mentioned?
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:38:00 PM

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From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Ehren](#); [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: CoC call today
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:19:00 AM

Hello,

Is there anything on non-congregate sheltering or ICCHP on the CoC call today? It is OK if not. I will be on the call and happy to answer any questions people have on non-congregate sheltering piece, if helpful. Sheri will likely be on as well.

Thanks,
Erika

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Ehren](#); [Denise ncceh](#); [Emily Carmody](#)
Subject: Contacts/emails
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:57:00 PM

Hello,

Could you send me the contacts for the CoCs and LRPs? I need to ask them about their non-congregate settings updates. Have you heard from any other counties about their progress? I have only heard from Mecklenburg and Guilford to date. Anyone else far along?

Thanks,
Erika

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Ehren](#); [Denise ncceh](#); [Emily Carmody](#)
Subject: Daily CoC Reporting
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:23:00 PM

Hello,

I have been hearing about county progress anecdotally, but think it would be very helpful to receive daily reporting from CoCs on their major updates, accomplishments and gaps/needs. Do you think it would be reasonable to ask CoCs to email me daily by 7:00 pm there updates (just simple bullets) under each of these categories. I will then pull all the reports together and send them out to everyone by 11:00 am the next morning, so CoCs can learn from each other. I will also share the updates with NCEM, DHHS teams to make sure they are aware. I can also better respond to gaps/needs that are raised. (FYI: This is the format we follow at the EOC on our workstreams.)

1. Do you think CoCs would be OK with this format and daily reporting/find it useful?
2. Do you think CoCs would be the best level to receive this information or should we include any other community partners?

Thanks,
Erika

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Emily Carmody](#); [Denise ncceh](#); [Ehren](#); [Thea Craft](#)
Subject: Draft of housing response ideas
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:19:00 PM
Attachments: [COVID_Housing plan_031720.docx](#)

Hello,

Please find some housing response ideas that I mostly already pulled from you all. Please add or modify any of these or send any other feedback. Know that there is currently no budget for these items but might be a useful list to bring to federal partners and others as potential needs and options.

Thanks,
Erika

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: Early draft slides
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 4:29:00 PM
Attachments: [ICCHP call 6.8.20.pptx](#)

Hello,

Attached are slides in early draft mode. Add anything to these and we should meet tomorrow to discuss.

Thanks,
Erika

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Subject: Emergency Management Contact List
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:56:00 PM
Attachments: [County Contact List Emergency Management .pdf](#)

County Contact List attached.

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: Eviction prevention program
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:26:00 PM

Hello,

Is this an OK high level description of the program? Can I say we expect it to be up and running by June 1?

Eviction Prevention Program: Plan for an eviction prevention program to avoid an “eviction cliff” when eviction moratoriums are lifted. The Eviction Prevention Program’s primary goal is to assist low and moderate income tenants who are facing an immediate eviction from their landlord. The program can also assist households with past due rent and utilities to keep them in their house. The resources are intended to provide emergency short term relief to clients in an effort to help them avoid an eviction.

Thanks,
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To: [Denise ncceh](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Ehren](#)
Subject: FAQs
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:54:00 AM
Attachments: [CoC Questions 061620.docx](#)

Hello,

I was going to send these answers to questions from CoCs to the group in response to Kim's email.
Do you have additional FAQs that give a broader view of Back@Home?

Thanks,
Erika

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From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Emily Carmody](#); [Ehren](#); [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: FW: Back@Home Information Call
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 10:26:00 AM

FYI—in case you want to send out to additional agency contacts.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:17 AM
To: SVC_DHHS.ncesg <ncesg@dhhs.nc.gov>
Cc: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Breen, Joseph M <joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: Back@Home Information Call

Good Morning All,

For organizations/agencies interested in applying to become a Back@Home Rehousing Agency to provide rapid rehousing and prevention services using this model, an information call will be held on **Thursday, June 18, 2020 from 1-2PM**. The call may be accessed online at <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCCoalitiontoEndHomelessness/icchp2> or via phone (786) 535-3211 access code 447-335-461. A recording of the call will be made available after the call.

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Subject: FW: Back@Home-CV HUD Letter
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 10:01:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Can we discuss the CoC consensus part of this?

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Yes, HQS and debarment can be added as requirements, but we, ESG, would be cautious to add things that create barriers to housing. HUD takes issue with it.

No, income and “at risk of homelessness” cannot be added as eligibility requirements for RRH. Income cannot be considered for RRH recipients under ESG. RRH recipients must be literally homeless or fleeing domestic violence; they cannot be “at risk.”

“we can’t have them dictate the funding directly”: I think this is a matter of how it is interpreted. As far as we know for HUD/ESG and what they are telling us for ESG-CV is we must have them dictate the funding directly according to the regulation we cited in the last email. At the least, asking for feedback would be a must, but we aren’t sure that would fully fulfill the requirement.

If that is the route you want to take we can send out an email to our sub-recipients. It would be something we could do together. I’m not sure that it would fulfill the requirement however. What would we consider a consensus? I would still ask even if we got consensus what would we do with those agencies that did not or would not to buy-in. Also, do we tell them that this is a Balance of State administered program? The BoS is one of 12 CoC’s. I know that they represent a number of counties/organizations but they do not represent everyone. Remember, this is not or rather ESG is not, a state-operated program. It is a state administered, 100% HUD funded, federal formula grant program.

I’m sorry that I have to ask so many questions and bring up these issues but when HUD comes to audit both fiscally and programmatically the only one responsible for answering ESG questions are the ESG staff and I.

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Subject: RE: Back@Home-CV HUD Letter

Hello,

Thanks for this feedback. Definitely not what was intended by sentence referred to in #6, so I will make that change. I was more referring to not having full statewide coverage, which I will make more clear. I can also better clarify the sentence referred to in #5. Some of the feedback are additional requirements that we used in Back@Home. We can consider taking them away, but there isn't an exclusion for requiring them by ESG, right? I think we wanted to have an HQS inspection, for example, in case the long term stability for the household included a housing voucher, which would require an HQS inspection.

Do you think asking all CoCs to review and provide feedback to the Back@Home-CV plan would meet the requirements of #1 or should I ask that directly either in this letter or to assigned HUD TA? We want to make sure all communities have input, but by virtue of it being a state-operated program, we can't have them dictate the funding directly.

Thanks,
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Subject: RE: Back@Home-CV HUD Letter

Erika,

As stated in our response to your proposal we want to bring up a few items that you may want to include or consider in your letter to HUD. Please see them listed here.

1. You need to clarify your meaning of a “process not dependent on annual ESG funding process”. You may want to specify what you mean by that. As pointed out the in citation here **§ 576.400 Area-wide systems coordination requirements.**

(a) Consultation with Continuums of Care. The [recipient](#) must consult with each [Continuum of Care](#) that serves the [recipient](#)'s jurisdiction in determining how to allocate ESG funds each [program year](#); developing the performance standards for, and evaluating the outcomes of, projects and activities assisted by ESG funds; and developing funding, policies, and procedures for the administration and operation of the [HMIS](#).

(b) Coordination with other targeted homeless services. The [recipient](#) and its [subrecipients](#) must coordinate and integrate, to the maximum extent practicable, ESG-funded activities with other programs targeted to [homeless](#) people in the area covered by the [Continuum of Care](#) or area over which the services are coordinated to provide a strategic, community-wide system to prevent and end homelessness for that area.

We were not aware that the 12 CoC's we fund have been consulted. This was obviously done without input from the ESG staff.

2. Income is not an eligibility requirement for RRH. Individual needs to be literally homeless or fleeing domestic violence. At risk of homelessness is not an eligibility requirement for RRH.

3. HQS is not required by ESG. ESG requires minimum habitability standards.

4. Debarment checks are not required by ESG.

5. We are confused by this sentence, “Operating Back@Home as a statewide rehousing program provides the ability to create, maintain, and streamline systems, allowing Rehousing Agencies to house individuals and families more quickly. Processes that can be handled at the state level are remove some of the burden from Rehousing Agencies.”

6. “Procuring Rehousing Agencies through a process not dependent on annual ESG funding process would allow us to achieve statewide coverage and ensure that the assistance is implemented consistently.” This implies that the current ESG process is inconsistent and does not work. We realize this is not intentional but could send up a red flag. If anything the program could be described as a compliment to what we do now under the circumstances, coordinating with the ESG agency.

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Subject: Back@Home-CV HUD Letter

Hello,

As we await HUD guidance on ESG-CV funds, I drafted a quick letter outlining the Back@Home-CV proposal that I was planning to send to HUD to get approval on the overall concept. Norm Suchar, the Director of the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs at HUD, was on a disaster advisory group convened by Red Cross last year and is very familiar with Back@Home. He said that he would be willing to review such a proposal. I was hoping that any guidance from the HUD office would accelerate standing up the Back@Home-CV program and/or provide feedback on any changes we would need to make. Could you review this letter and let me know if you have any edits or concerns? I hope to send it today, if possible.

Thanks,
Erika

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Attachments: [image001.png](#)

FYI – will make some changes to letter based on some of this feedback, but wanted you to have full list.

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To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Battle, Chris <chris.battle@dhhs.nc.gov>; Worth, Lisa <lisa.worth@dhhs.nc.gov>; Myers, Tara <tara.myers@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: RE: Back@Home-CV HUD Letter

Erika,

As stated in our response to your proposal we want to bring up a few items that you may want to include or consider in your letter to HUD. Please see them listed here.

1. You need to clarify your meaning of a “process not dependent on annual ESG funding process”. You may want to specify what you mean by that. As pointed out the in citation here **§ 576.400 Area-wide systems coordination requirements.**

(a) Consultation with Continuums of Care. The [recipient](#) must consult with each [Continuum of Care](#) that serves the [recipient](#)'s jurisdiction in determining how to allocate ESG funds each [program year](#); developing the performance standards for, and evaluating the outcomes of, projects and activities assisted by ESG funds; and developing funding, policies, and procedures for the administration and operation of the [HMIS](#).

(b) Coordination with other targeted homeless services. The [recipient](#) and its [subrecipients](#) must coordinate and integrate, to the maximum extent practicable, ESG-funded activities with other programs targeted to [homeless](#) people in the area covered by the [Continuum of Care](#) or area over which the services are coordinated to provide a strategic, community-wide system to prevent and end homelessness for that area.

We were not aware that the 12 CoC's we fund have been consulted. This was obviously done without input from the ESG staff.

2. Income is not an eligibility requirement for RRH. Individual needs to be literally homeless or fleeing domestic violence. At risk of homelessness is not an eligibility requirement for RRH.

3. HQS is not required by ESG. ESG requires minimum habitability standards.

4. Debarment checks are not required by ESG.

5. We are confused by this sentence, “Operating Back@Home as a statewide rehousing program provides the ability to create, maintain, and streamline systems, allowing Rehousing Agencies to house individuals and families more quickly. Processes that can be handled at the state level are remove some of the burden from Rehousing Agencies.”

6. "Procuring Rehousing Agencies through a process not dependent on annual ESG funding process would allow us to achieve statewide coverage and ensure that the assistance is implemented consistently." This implies that the current ESG process is inconsistent and does not work. We realize this is not intentional but could send up a red flag. If anything the program could be described as a compliment to what we do now under the circumstances, coordinating with the ESG agency.

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Cc: Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>; Juffras, Jason <jason.juffras@osbm.nc.gov>

Subject: Back@Home-CV HUD Letter

Hello,

As we await HUD guidance on ESG-CV funds, I drafted a quick letter outlining the Back@Home-CV proposal that I was planning to send to HUD to get approval on the overall concept. Norm Suchar, the Director of the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs at HUD, was on a disaster advisory group convened by Red Cross last year and is very familiar with Back@Home. He said that he would be willing to review such a proposal. I was hoping that any guidance from the HUD office would accelerate standing up the Back@Home-CV program and/or provide feedback on any changes we would need to make. Could you review this letter and let me know if you have any edits or concerns? I hope to send it today, if possible.

Thanks,
Erika

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From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: FW: Call at 3:00pm
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:57:00 AM
Attachments: [ICCHP Proposal draft 052620 - ESG Office Comments.docx](#)
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Not many comments. All make sense to me until we can discuss them further on Friday.

From: Worth, Lisa <lisa.worth@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Battle, Chris <chris.battle@dhhs.nc.gov>; Breen, Joseph M <joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: RE: Call at 3:00pm

Good Morning Erika,

Our comments are included in the attached file. Please let us know if you have any questions. If there is any way to get a copy of the slides before the meeting at 12:30, that would be great.

Thanks!
Lisa

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Cc: Denise ncceh <Denise@ncceh.org>; Emily Carmody <emily@ncceh.org>; Ehren <Ehren@ncceh.org>

Subject: RE: Call at 3:00pm

Hello,

We wanted to use the call tomorrow to get ICCHP and community feedback on the COVID-19 Crisis Response and Housing Stability proposal. We will go through slides (that we are still in the process of creating) that will walk through parts of the proposal. We then hope to send a simplified version of the proposal out by tomorrow COB to CoCs and ICCHP members for feedback. The current draft of that simplified proposal is attached. Can you review and let me know if you have any edits or feedback by 12:00 pm tomorrow? In particular, please let me know if anything in the crisis response section should be added or taken out. I tried to reference the field guide and other materials as much as possible, but will defer to you on any additional edits to that section. I also tried to capture the conversation we had on Friday's call in the Crisis Response Rapid Rehousing section.

Copying NCCEH team as well to see if they have any edits or feedback to the simplified proposal before it is sent out for broader review.

Thanks for your review and apologies for the late email getting it to you.

Thanks,
Erika

From: Worth, Lisa <lisa.worth@dhhs.nc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:09 PM

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Subject: RE: Call at 3:00pm

Hi Erika,

We understand last minute issues. The only thing we wanted to discuss was regarding tomorrow's call. The updated invitation that Ehren sent out stated that there was going to be an update from the state on the ICCHP's response plan including funding recommendations. We just wanted to be prepared for exactly what that means regarding what will be discussed on funding coming from the ESG office, Back@Home, etc and be prepared to answer questions that may arise.

Thanks,
Lisa

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Subject: Call at 3:00pm

Hello,

I am pulled into a fire drill with FEMA and can't be on the call at 3:00pm. Apologies for the late notice.

Thanks,

Erika

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From: Breen, Joseph M <joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: ESG-CV

Good morning,

Below are three published statements by HUD regarding the initial CARES Act funds. The information provided follows the information provided in previous calls and emails regarding the ESG-CV funding. Although they will not put anything further in writing I did have a conversation with the HUD field office again today. On that call I verified my understanding that the initial funds will not be dealt with any differently then a "normal" finding cycle. Another words the same process should be used for ESG-CV. The only caveats that they know of at this point are that the use of funds, i.e. purchases, admin, extended rent assistance etc. may be expanded. Another point raised was that it is clear to them that local communities must be the ones to determine how funds re best spent in their community. There is a dependence on the CoC's to make that determination and then inform us how they would like that money handed along. Of course they continued to remind me that this will come out in a HUD ESG guidance document and that the information provided is based on what they understand prior to the guidance.

You can see that this is related only to the first allocation (which was expected 4/26 but has yet to arrive.) The second amount will most certainly provide more leigh-way for states and it appears a much expanded use.

I hope this helps you and I wanted to send it prior to our call later so you could have a bit more context.

<https://nlihc.org/resource/hud-cpd-announces-initial-cares-act-cdbg-esg-and-hopwa-supplemental-formula-allocations>

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The remaining balance of \$2 billion are to be allocated directly to states or units of general local government within 90 days using a formula to be developed by the HUD secretary. These \$2 billion must be used for the benefit of unsheltered homeless, sheltered homeless, and those at risk of homelessness, to geographical areas with the greatest need based on factors to be determined by the secretary, such as risk of transmission of coronavirus, high numbers or rates of sheltered and unsheltered homeless, and economic and housing market conditions.

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Requestor Name: Chris Battle

Requestor Email: chris.battle@dhhs.nc.gov

Question Related To: Continuum of Care Program

Question ID: 155222

Question Subject:

ESG- CARES Act COVID -19

Question Text:

As a Non Entitlement State ESG Subrecipient will CARES Act funding allow us to provide funding to former and/or new grantees within its respective CoC or would we have to seek a waiver in order to fund non-current ESG Grantees with the COVID-19 Cares Act funding.

Response:

Thank you for your question.

Under the CARES Act, up to \$2,000,000,000 of the amount appropriated will be distributed pursuant to 24 CFR 576.3 to grantees that received allocations pursuant to

that same formula in fiscal year 2020. These allocations will be made by April 26, 2020. The remaining amounts will be allocated directly to a State or unit of general local government by a formula to be developed by the Secretary. These allocations will be made June 25, 2020.

The CARES Act does not specify how the amounts allocated directly to States and local governments must be distributed. HUD will be issuing a Notice pertaining to the Supplemental ESG Allocation. Please stay tuned for guidance and ensure you have access to up-to-date information from HUD via the [ESG and CoC listservs](#).

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Subject: FW: Florence CDBG-DR Action Plan, Next Housing RSF Meeting
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2020 2:33:00 PM

Hello,

Are you planning to submit comments?

Thanks,
Erika

From: Martin, Amanda <Amanda.Martin@ncdps.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 2:16 PM

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Subject: Florence CDBG-DR Action Plan, Next Housing RSF Meeting

Dear Members of the Housing RSF,

I'd like to invite each of you and your organizations to submit public comments to the Hurricane Florence Action Plan, which outlines how the state intends to spend its \$542 million in HUD CDBG-DR funds for Hurricane Florence. The draft Action Plan and information about submitting comments are available at <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/reporting-and-compliance/action-plans>. Please note that the deadline for comments is March 8, 2020, at 5pm.

Please hold your calendars for our next RSF meeting on March 11, 10am-12pm. We'll send a calendar invite in the next day and confirm location.

All best,
Amanda

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:49:00 PM

From: Ferguson, Erika T
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Breen, Joseph M <joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov>; Worth, Lisa <lisa.worth@dhhs.nc.gov>; Battle, Chris <chris.battle@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: Homeless Shelter Guidance

Hello,

You might have already seen this – I didn't realize it was already approved and posted last week – but the homelessness guidance is now up on the DHHS site under human services.

[Here](#) is the link to the guidance site. [Here](#) is the link directly to the PDF.

It would be great if you could send this out if you haven't already.

Thanks,
Erika

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Andrea Carey](#); [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: FW: Homelessness Data
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 11:29:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Do we have the county breakdown of PIT data?

Thanks,
Erika

From: Stephens, Rhonda A <Rhonda.Stephens@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 5:05 PM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: RE: Homelessness Data

Hi Erika,

Any luck with the PIT %s by county? I went searching myself but of course I can only find a state total.

Thanks,
Rhonda

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Subject: Homelessness Data

Hello,

Attached is a list of the shelter beds by shelter and county. I still owe you point in time count data by county (still waiting on this) and will get back to you with other healthcare locations that are commonly frequented by homeless populations where we could target testing. Also, looking through other state guidance regarding testing for homeless populations and will send that by COB today. Let me know if you need anything else in the meantime.

Thanks,
Erika

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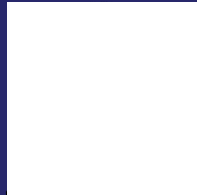
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To: [Dennis.norab](#); [Ehwan](#); [Emily.Carmody](#)
Subject: FW: Housing Call Tomorrow at 9:45
Date: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:31:00 PM

Hello,

Does someone on your team join this call? I have a conflict, but was curious on the updates.

Thanks,
Erika

From: North Carolina Housing Coalition <info@nchousing.org>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:06 AM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: Housing Call Tomorrow at 9:45



Don't forget to join us for tomorrow's Housing Call **May 26 at our NEW TIME 9:45am**. You can also listen to recordings of our Housing Calls through our [Housing Matters to NC Podcast](#).

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FYI. Do you want to join a call with Mary Williams Stover to discuss the DV components?

From: Williams-Stover, Mary V <maryw.stover@doa.nc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 11:38 PM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: RE: Housing Proposal feedback from NCCFW

Hello Erika,

Thanks for opportunity to review and provide feedback to the proposal – see attached which includes comments noted in blue.

As a follow up I suggest setting a time to discuss the feedback with you if you on Tuesday. Let me know if you have time and what works?

Areas of challenges to the proposal regarding DV victim services include:

Data and reporting – DV agencies required to use HMIS or data gathering methodology defined by NCCDHHS?

Targeting support for underserved victims and communities requires intentional processes for outreach, victim services and monitoring

Proposal references philanthropy as mechanism to avoid reimbursement process for grant recipient agencies. Whatever the mechanism, making funding available up front is key.

Employment is challenging right now and follow up by unemployment agencies to individuals seeking assistance is not readily available.

Housing is not readily available in Eastern NC and other areas of NC still recovering from hurricane Dorian, etc. Filling that gap requires allowing DV agencies to access funding for hotels to house victims.

Take care.

Mary

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Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Jordan, Jacqueline <jacqueline.jordan@doa.nc.gov>; Williams-Stover, Mary V <maryw.stover@doa.nc.gov>
Subject: Housing Proposal

Hello,

Please let me know if you have any feedback or changes. Again, this is a proposal and nothing has been approved, but would appreciate any feedback, especially as this relates to DV shelters. As this is still a work in progress, please don't share broadly at this time.

Thanks,
Erika

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From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: FW: ICCHP
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:13:00 PM
Attachments: [JANUARY ICCHP Meeting Minutes January16.2020.docx](#)
[image001.png](#)

Hello,

Do you want to reschedule the May meeting? Or we can just plan to start at the August meeting date. I didn't have any of the meeting dates until today.

Thanks,
Erika

From: Gillott, Patricia A <patricia.gillott@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:11 PM
To: Breen, Joseph M <joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov>; Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: ICCHP

Erika,

Per the attached January meeting minutes, the 2020 scheduled is:

- January 16
- February 20
- May 21
- August 20
- November 19

All meetings are held from 10:00 – 12:00 in DHHS, Taylor Hall, Conference Rm. 204.

I'll cancel Thurs meeting and will send out a notification to the ICCHP members.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Cc: Gillott, Patricia A <patricia.gillott@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: RE: ICCHP

Ok, cancelling the 22nd. I will get with Pat on the others. I think she has placeholders for dates/times and the conference room at Taylor.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Breen, Joseph M <joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov>

Subject: RE: ICCHP

Hello,

I didn't realize there was a meeting scheduled for the 22nd. I think we should cancel that. Are there other meetings already scheduled? If not, it would be good to schedule them soon.

Thanks,
Erika

From: Breen, Joseph M <joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: ICCHP

There is an ICCHP regular meeting scheduled for the 22nd. I assuming it is cancelled. We can get the notice out if you like.

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From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Denise ncceh](#); [Ehren](#); [David Canavan](#)
Subject: FW: Interesting report on NC and others" use of NCS
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:41:00 PM

Hello,

See [National Low Income Housing Coalition Report](#) on non-congregate sheltering. They mention CT and NY allowing for non-congregate sheltering for full sheltering populations and mention specifically that NC is vague here (which is true). We asked FEMA for this and were specifically told by FEMA (received their answer today) that they would not cover all people living in congregate settings. Their language:

"This does not include all people who are currently staying in congregate homeless shelters. However, it may include homeless individuals in congregate shelters where remaining in said settings pose a risk to other residents or with at least one member who tested positive for COVID-19, who live in congregate shelters and will require isolation. FEMA will not reimburse for the sheltering of non-symptomatic individuals that are not among the foregoing categories."

Do you have a contact in CT that I could reach out to for more information on the their public health directive that allowed them to get approval for non-congregate sheltering for people living in congregate shelters? We are nervous about being too prescriptive here because we don't want all congregate settings to close—especially as we don't have full county non-congregate sheltering yet.

David—let me know if you have any advice on this from CT, NY or other states you are working with.

Thanks,
Erika

From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Ehren](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: FW: [External] 2018-2019SY NC McKinney-Vento Student Counts
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:41:00 PM
Attachments: [2018-2019SY NC McKinney-Vento Student Counts DHHS March2020.pdf](#)

Hello,

Just an FYI—wasn't sure if you already had this data but might be helpful.

Thanks,
Erika

From: Patricia Lentz <plentz@serve.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Cc: lphillip@serve.org
Subject: [External] 2018-2019SY NC McKinney-Vento Student Counts

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Good afternoon Ms. Ferguson,

Lisa Phillips asked me to share the attached data with you per your recent request.

While our data is based on LEA (local education agency) submission, this document is set up to facilitate viewing data at the county level. You will also note that some LEA counts are masked due to standards set forth by NCDPI whereby counts of 10 or below are not disclosed.

If you have any questions about the data provided, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

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From: [Ferguson, Erika T](#)
To: [Denise ncceh](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Evictions - New Scorecard ranks NC near the bottom in T protections
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 10:47:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
Importance: High

Do we have anything we can send Darryl on the Eviction Prevention Program for this E.O?

From: Childers, Darryl D <darryl.childers@nc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Cc: Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Evictions - New Scorecard ranks NC near the bottom in T protections
Importance: High

Hi Erika,

We're working on a draft evictions moratorium EO and I would like to include something related to the evictions prevention programming in the document. Would you mind sending any details you have on that program, including an overview of the possible timeline for implementation?

And see below for a brief summary of what we're thinking this EO might include. Thanks!

Proposed EO:

For the duration of the emergency declaration or up until 90 days after the end of the emergency declaration, this executive order would:

- Prohibit landlords from initiating eviction proceedings
- Prohibit eviction orders from being issued by the courts or enforced by local law enforcement
- Prohibit all judicial or non-judicial foreclosure proceedings

Ideally, the moratorium of filings, hearings and enforcements would extend for some period (30-90 days) past the end of the emergency declaration. This would allow more time to get people into the eviction prevention program (with CARES Act and potential other funding sources) that DHHS is planning. This program would allow for funding to go to landlords for rental arrears and rental assistance and avoid a large eviction cliff at the end of the declaration. The order would not relieve an individual of their obligations to pay rent, make mortgage payments, or any other obligations which an individual may have under a tenancy or mortgage.

From: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Bolton, Sarah <sarah.bolton@nc.gov>; Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>
Cc: Myers, Tara <tara.myers@dhhs.nc.gov>; Kinsley, Kody <kody.kinsley@dhhs.nc.gov>; Wilson, Walker <Walker.Wilson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Childers, Darryl D <darryl.childers@nc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Evictions - New Scorecard ranks NC near the bottom in T protections

Great, thank you for the update. Let me know if you need any more information.

From: Bolton, Sarah <sarah.bolton@nc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>
Cc: Myers, Tara <tara.myers@dhhs.nc.gov>; Kinsley, Kody <kody.kinsley@dhhs.nc.gov>; Wilson, Walker <Walker.Wilson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Childers, Darryl D <darryl.childers@nc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Evictions - New Scorecard ranks NC near the bottom in T protections

Just letting you know that I'm discussing this with our senior team tomorrow AM.

From: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Bolton, Sarah <sarah.bolton@nc.gov>; Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>
Cc: Myers, Tara <tara.myers@dhhs.nc.gov>; Kinsley, Kody <kody.kinsley@dhhs.nc.gov>; Wilson, Walker <Walker.Wilson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Childers, Darryl D <darryl.childers@nc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Evictions - New Scorecard ranks NC near the bottom in T protections

Hello,

Any updates on potentially expanding eviction prevention through executive order or otherwise?
Happy to look into if any other states have done it through mechanisms other than executive order, if that is helpful.

Thanks,
Erika

From: Bolton, Sarah <sarah.bolton@nc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 8:42 AM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>
Cc: Myers, Tara <tara.myers@dhhs.nc.gov>; Kinsley, Kody <kody.kinsley@dhhs.nc.gov>; Wilson, Walker <Walker.Wilson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Childers, Darryl D <darryl.childers@nc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Evictions - New Scorecard ranks NC near the bottom in T protections

Thanks, Erika. Let me circle up with our legal team and others on this.

From: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:37 PM

To: Bolton, Sarah <sarah.bolton@nc.gov>; Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>
Cc: Myers, Tara <tara.myers@dhhs.nc.gov>; Kinsley, Kody <kody.kinsley@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Evictions - New Scorecard ranks NC near the bottom in T protections

Hello,

Also copying Kody per his request. Kody—this is the eviction scorecard that I mentioned on the call and some recommendations below: <https://evictionlab.org/covid-policy-scorecard/>

Thanks,
Erika

From: Ferguson, Erika T
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Bolton, Sarah <sarah.bolton@nc.gov>; Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>
Cc: Myers, Tara <tara.myers@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Evictions - New Scorecard ranks NC near the bottom in T protections

Hello,

To follow up on this eviction scorecard (where NC is ranked very low) and the eviction discussion overall, I would recommend that we consider a further executive order on eviction prevention, following some other states' leads. The Chief Justice Moratorium only deals with hearings not being held until June 1st to protect the courts and the Justice Center has pointed out that there are some loop holes in this order and have heard that some people are still being evicted (through 2-1-1 and others anecdotally). Ideally, we would have an executive order that stopped landlords from filing for summary ejectment, stopped hearings (which was mostly accomplished under the Chief Justice moratorium), issued a stay of eviction judgements, and kept eviction orders from being enforced. The New Hampshire E.O. (attached) covers all of those areas pretty simply and could be something we follow.

Ideally, the moratorium of filings, hearings and enforcements would extend for some period (30 days) past the end of the emergency declaration. California, for example, has extended their moratorium 90 days after the emergency declaration. I don't think we would need that length of time, but as we are planning an eviction prevention program (with CARES Act and potential other funding sources), this would allow for more time to get people into the program and funding to the landlord for rental arrears and rental assistance, and avoid a large eviction cliff at the end of the declaration. I believe the apartment association would be on board with this if they knew there would be Eviction Prevention programming coming as the best thing for landlords is that the arrears are paid and they don't have to evict clients and find new tenants. From a stewardship perspective is much cheaper to prevent evictions that rapidly rehouse an individual or family.

Basically, is there consideration of a stronger executive order that would stop landlords from filing for summary ejectment, hearings and enforcements at least until the end of the emergency declaration or, potentially, for 30 – 90 days out? Is there anything I can do with your team or legal to

support these efforts?

Thanks,
Erika

From: Bolton, Sarah <sarah.bolton@nc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Evictions - New Scorecard ranks NC near the bottom in T protections

That sounds good, thanks Erika.

From: Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Bolton, Sarah <sarah.bolton@nc.gov>; Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Evictions - New Scorecard ranks NC near the bottom in T protections

Hello,

I think this moratorium is key to ensuring we don't have many evictions through this period and avoid an eviction cliff when this moratorium is over. I have some thoughts on what can be included, many from what Bill suggested from other states. I can put some ideas together and send it back to you all to see if that is something either the Chief Justice or AG want to do or something that could be done through E.O. Does that work?

Thanks,
Erika

From: Bolton, Sarah <sarah.bolton@nc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>; Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>
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From: Bill Rowe <bill@ncjustice.org>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 1:56:14 PM
To: Owen, Jenni <jenni.owen@osbm.nc.gov>; McKinney, William C <William.McKinney@nc.gov>; Lilley, Lee <lee.lilley@nc.gov>; Bolton, Sarah <sarah.bolton@nc.gov>; Eudy, Ken <ken.eudy@nc.gov>; Childers, Darryl D <darryl.childers@nc.gov>
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Folks,

The Eviction Lab (Matthew Desmond) and Columbia Law School have issued a report card on the states regarding tenant protections during the Pandemic, including protection from evictions. You can access it here - [Click Here to Explore the Scorecard \[evictionlab.us16.list-manage.com\]](https://evictionlab.us16.list-manage.com) You can see NC does not score well.

There are still loopholes in Chief Justice Beasley's most recent order that will allow Ts to be evicted/removed from their homes. Again, I attach two good orders from WA & NH to model NC's order on. There are a number of parts to the process from filing, hearings, judgments, issuance of orders for possession and execution of orders for possession by sheriffs. Inclusive language like in the orders from WA and NH will keep families from being evicted during this crisis.

Thanks and am willing to discuss further. And answer any questions.

Bill



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From: Bill Rowe

Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:07 PM

To: Owen, Jenni <jenni.owen@osbm.nc.gov>

Subject: Sheriffs and evictions

Importance: High

Jenni,

I think there needs to be a conversation with AG Stein, Gov. Cooper and Chief Justice Beasley regarding housing and the current crisis we find ourselves in. This includes tenants and

homeowners who may face being put out of their homes because of the inability to meet their financial obligations. I have talked to a representative of the NC Apartment Association and we agreed the interests of Ts & LLs are intertwined here and something will need to be done to protect LLs' ability to stay in business at the same time of keeping families in NC housed and safe.

See below from the Sheriffs Association to its members. Attached is the legal services providers' letter to the Sheriffs we sent last week. And below is a list of counties where we believe sheriffs are not executing orders for possession.

Attached are Governors' Orders Stopping evictions in New Hampshire, Washington State & Indiana and NC's Emergency Powers law – NCGS 166A-19.30.

1. The Washington proclamation cites specifically to RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), which reads as follows:

(h) Such other activities as he or she reasonably believes should be prohibited to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace.

Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 43.06.220 (West)

2. New Hampshire's order does not cite to statutory provision, but their statute has this provision:

(e) To perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 4:45

Here is North Carolina's similar provision:

§ 166A-19.30. (b)(5) "To perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population."

COUNTIES THAT STOPPED EXECUTIONS OF ORDERS FOR POSSESSION

Alamance

Avery

Beaufort

Buncombe

Cabarrus

Catawba

Cherokee

Durham

Cumberland

Forsyth

Guilford

Harnett
Jackson
Lenoir
Macon
Mecklenburg
Onslow
Pitt
Robeson
Rockingham
Scotland
Union
Wake

Thanks,

Bill

From: Eddie Caldwell <ecaldwell@ncsheriffs.net>

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 7:21 PM

To: NCSA List --- Sheriffs and Sheriffs' Personnel <sheriffs-and-sheriffs-personnel@list.ncsheriffs.net>

Subject: G.S. 42-36.2 - Execution on Writ for Possession of Property --- Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic

To: All Sheriffs

The Issue

G.S. § 42-36.2(a), regarding execution on a Writ for Possession of Property, provides that the sheriff **shall** execute the writ “no more than five days from the sheriff’s receipt thereof” (emphasis added).

In consideration of the coronavirus pandemic, there have been discussions about whether or not a sheriff can voluntarily decide to not comply with this General Statute and not execute the writ within 5 days as required by the statute.

While everyone recognizes the predicament likely faced by tenants being evicted during the coronavirus pandemic, the landlord has followed proper legal process and has obtained from the court a Writ for Possession of Property. Therefore, the law of North Carolina requires that the sheriff **shall** execute the writ “no more than five days from the sheriff’s receipt thereof” (emphasis added).

The Sheriff’s Legal Obligation

We are not aware of and have not found any legal authority in the General Statutes or in case law that authorizes the sheriff to fail to follow this statute, nor any legal authority in the General Statutes or in case law that authorizes the sheriff to fail to follow any other General Statute.

The Landlord's Option to Stop Execution of the Writ for Possession of Property

The person who does have the authority to stop the execution of the Writ for Possession of Property in a summary ejectment court case is the landlord. G.S. § 42-36.2(a)(2) provides that the sheriff shall remove the tenant's property within the 5 day time period unless: "the landlord, or his authorized agent, signs a statement saying that the landlord does not want to eject the tenant because the tenant has paid all court costs charged to him and has satisfied his indebtedness to the landlord."

Upon receipt of such a statement from the landlord, the sheriff shall return the writ unexecuted to the issuing clerk of court and shall make a notation on the writ of his reasons. The sheriff shall attach a copy of the landlord's statement to the writ. If the writ is returned unexecuted because the landlord signed such a statement, the clerk shall make an entry of satisfaction on the judgment docket.

The Governor's Executive Orders

We are not aware of and have not found any legal authority for the Governor to authorize or direct a sheriff to fail to follow this statute. No such authority is contained in the recent Governor's Executive Orders No. 117 and No. 118. Also, no such authority can be found in the General Statutes that authorize issuance of the Governor's Executive Orders.

The Order of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina

On March 19, 2020, the Chief Justice entered an Order that provides, in pertinent part:

Extension of Time and Periods of Limitation Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1)

I order that all pleadings, motions, notices, and other documents and papers that were or are due to be filed in any county of this state on or after 16 March 2020 and before the close of business on 17 April 2020 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings shall be deemed to be timely filed if they are filed before the close of business on 17 April 2020.

I further order that all other acts that were or are due to be done in any county of this state on or after 16 March 2020 and before the close of business on 17 April 2020 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings shall be deemed to be timely done if they are done before the close of business on 17 April 2020.

After much thoughtful analysis and discussion among Association attorneys and several sheriffs' office legal advisors, two different reasonable interpretations of the Chief Justice's Order have been identified. Since there is no legal process or mechanism for us to clarify the intent or determine the correct scope of the Chief Justice's Order, **both potential interpretations are attached at the end of this message**. Either of them, or neither of them, may ultimately be determined by our courts to be a correct interpretation of the Chief Justice's Order. We are sharing this email with the staff of Governor Cooper and Chief Justice Beasley so they are aware of the various interpretations.

Trial Court Judges

Although nothing has been documented in writing, some sheriffs have advised that they asked their local trial court judges if the judges could or would enter an Order authorizing

the sheriff to not comply with the requirement in G.S. § 42-36.2(a), regarding execution on a Writ for Possession of Property, that provides that the sheriff **shall** execute the writ “no more than five days from the sheriff’s receipt thereof (emphasis added). Those sheriffs report that their judges advised that neither the judge nor the sheriff had any authority to authorize non-compliance with the mandatory provision of the statute.

Accountability of the Sheriff

G.S. § 162-8 provides that a sheriff must furnish a bond. A claim could be filed against the sheriff’s bond for the sheriff’s failure to make “the due execution and return of process, the payment of fees and moneys collected, and the faithful execution of his office as sheriff.”

G.S. § 128-16 provides that the sheriff “shall be removed from office by the judge of the superior court, resident in or holding the courts of the district where said officer is resident upon charges made in writing, and hearing thereunder, for the following causes:

- (1) For willful or habitual neglect or refusal to perform the duties of his office.
- (2) For willful misconduct or maladministration in office.”

An action to remove the sheriff “may be filed upon the relation of any five qualified electors of the county in which the person charged is an officer, upon the approval of the county attorney of such county, or the district attorney of the district, or by any such officer upon his own motion. It shall be the duty of the county attorney or district attorney to appear and prosecute this proceeding.” G.S. § 128-17.

How an action under this statute might end up and how the Chief Justice’s order could impact any such hearing is unknown at this point. Therefore, as is always the case where the actions of a sheriff could be viewed as failing to perform a duty mandated by our General Statutes, we recommend you consult with your own legal advisor or county attorney prior to making the decision to stop executing Writs for Possession of Property that have been ordered by the courts.

Alternative Interpretation A

It has been suggested that the part of the Chief Justice’s Order, in the second paragraph, that provides that “all other acts....shall be deemed to be timely done if they are done before the close of business on 17 April 2020” should be interpreted to mean that sheriffs do not have to comply with the 5 day deadline clearly specified in G.S. § 42-36.2 for execution of a Writ for Possession of Property.

This order was issued pursuant to G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1), which states in pertinent part: “the Chief Justice may by order entered pursuant to this subsection extendthe time period or period of limitation within which pleadings, motions, notices, and other documents and papers may be timely filed and other acts may be timely done in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings....”

If G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1) could, by this Order, extend the time period for execution on all Writs for Possession of Property until April 17, 2020, then it must be concluded that this Order also extended the time period and deadlines until April 17, 2020 for the following additional mandatory actions:

1. --- Mandatory domestic violence arrests would be extended from being immediate until April 17, 2020. G.S. § 50B-4.1(b) --- A law enforcement officer shall arrest and take a person into custody, with or without a warrant or other process, if the officer has probable cause to believe that the person knowingly has violated a valid protective order excluding the person from the residence or household occupied by a victim of domestic violence or directing the person to refrain from doing any or all of the acts specified in G.S. § 50B-3(a)(9).
2. --- An arrested domestic violence defendant would be held in custody, instead of a maximum of 48 hours, until April 17, 2020. G.S. § 15A-534.1(b). A defendant may be retained in custody not more than 48 hours from the time of arrest without a determination being made under this section by a judge. If a judge has not acted pursuant to this section within 48 hours of arrest, the magistrate shall act under the provisions of this section.
3. --- Instead of being held within 96 hours of arrest, the first appearance for arrested defendants would be continued until April 17, 2020. G.S. § 15A-601(c). Unless the defendant is released pursuant to Article 26 of this Chapter, Bail, first appearance before a district court judge must be held within 96 hours after the defendant is taken into custody or at the first regular session of the district court in the county, whichever occurs first.
4. --- Instead of a law enforcement officer taking an arrested defendant for an Initial Appearance before a magistrate “without unnecessary delay,” the officer would not have to take the defendant for an Initial Appearance until April 17, 2020. G.S. § 15A-511(a) (1). A law-enforcement officer making an arrest with or without a warrant must take the arrested person without unnecessary delay before a magistrate as provided in G.S. § 15A-501.
5. --- For Involuntary Commitment (IVC) respondents, instead of an officer taking the respondent for a First Examination “without unnecessary delay,” the officer would have until April 17, 2020 to do so. G.S. § 122C-263(a). Without unnecessary delay after assuming custody, the law enforcement officer or the individual designated or required to provide transportation pursuant to G.S. § 122C-251(g) shall take the respondent to a facility or other location identified by the LME/MCO in the community crisis services plan adopted pursuant to G.S. § 122C-202.2 that has an available commitment examiner and is capable of performing a first examination in conjunction with a health screening at the same location, unless circumstances indicate the respondent appears to be suffering a medical emergency in which case the law enforcement officer will seek immediate medical assistance for the respondent.
6. --- For Involuntary Commitment (IVC) respondents, instead of the respondent getting a physician’s examination within 24 hours of arrival at a 24-hour facility, the examination would be delayed until April 17, 2020. G.S. § 122C-266(a). Except as provided in subsections (b) and (e), within 24 hours of arrival at a 24-hour facility described in G.S. § 122C-252, the respondent shall be examined by a physician.

There are numerous other General Statutes with similar deadlines. It seems unlikely that

the Chief Justice's Order would be intended to or be found to extend all of the above deadlines and all other deadlines in the General Statutes to April 17, 2020. And, if the Chief Justice's Order was intended to do so, undoubtedly the Order could have precisely said so and left nothing to interpretation or speculation.

Alternative Interpretation B

Authority of the Chief Justice

The General Assembly, in G.S. § 42-36.2, has set the deadline by which the sheriff shall execute on a valid Writ for Possession of Property as five (5) days. While the Chief Justice has no direct authority to overrule the General Assembly as to a matter of statutory law, it is also possible to interpret that the General Assembly has delegated, in times of emergency, authority to the Chief Justice under G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1) to issue orders, such as the Order issued on March 19, to suspend compliance with deadlines imposed by the statutes as to processes which fall under the authority of the Courts.

Effect of the Order

The Order only has to do with timing. It does not otherwise relieve a sheriff from any of his/her duties and responsibilities, nor does it abrogate the sheriff's responsibilities upon expiration of the Order's covered time. The Chief Justice's Order very-nearly mirrors the language as to what is allowed under Her Honor's statutory authority in G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1). Her Honor's Order indicates that it intends to cover all "*acts that were or are due to be done.*" In essence, one interpretation is that the Order is setting a new due date for legal acts required under law.

Does the Order apply to the execution of a Writ for Possession of Property?

Breaking down the language, it certainly may. Here's why:

- A. The summary ejectment process contained in G.S. § 42 is very clearly a "*civil action.*"
- B. The next question is whether the execution by the sheriff of a Writ for Possession of Property is incorporated within the "*other acts*" referenced in the Chief Justice's Order. The phrase "other acts" does not appear to be a term of art, as it is not defined in Chapter 7A (which outlines the role of the Judicial Branch), it appears nowhere in the NC Rules of Civil Procedure, nor is it defined in the Criminal Procedure Act. Based on this, we must give those words the best interpretation possible based on their plain meaning. Based on the plain meaning of the term "*other acts,*" in the context of the judicial function, it is reasonable to interpret that one such "act" would be the sheriff's execution of a Writ for Possession of Property as required under G.S. § 42-36.2.

Sheriff as an Officer of the Courts

How does this apply to sheriffs? Under G.S. § 162-14, the sheriff has a duty to execute civil processes and "*make due return*" of those processes. When the sheriff serves a Writ for Possession of Property, he/she is acting as an officer of the court in advancing the interests of a civil plaintiff in possession of real property. This duty is one which the sheriff alone can perform and the Chief Justice's Order in no way alleviates the sheriff from his/her

obligation to perform that duty. Instead, the Order can be interpreted to allow the sheriff additional time in which to have performed that duty in a timely fashion. So, rather than five (5) days, the sheriff would have until April 17 to execute on the writ of possession and still be within the time allowed by G.S. § 42-36.2 to have validly executed the writ of possession.

The Chief Justice's Order is not a mandate

The Chief Justice's Order can be interpreted as to allow the sheriff discretion as to when "due to be done" may occur... which, in this case, is no later than April 17. This interpretation does not mean that Writs for Possession of Property received between now and April 17 are invalid in any way. Nothing in the Chief Justice's Order would seem to prevent a sheriff from doing "business as usual." If a writ is received that otherwise appears to be valid for service, it can certainly be served, as normal, within the guidelines of the statutes. What the Order may apparently give to sheriffs is the ability to use some discretion in deciding, on a case-by-case basis, whether or not the writs should be served on the normal schedule, or perhaps delayed for service until closer to April 17 based on the health crisis we are facing statewide. At this point, without any further Orders from the Chief Justice, it appears that April 17 is a hard deadline. This may mean that if a sheriff were to delay service based on this Order, Writs for Possession of Property may need to begin being served in advance of the April 17 deadline to avoid having to serve a great number on one day.

As always, if you have any questions or need any additional information, please call me at 919-459-1052.

Thanks....Eddie C.



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Good Morning Joe and Erika –

We are a bit perplexed by this email, suggesting an information call for Back@Home. Our confusion of course is due in part to the fact that our CoC (as well as many others) have been requesting information regarding the implementation of this statewide program, and to date that information has not yet been provided – yet you are now proposing a statewide wide Back@Home information call, appearing to bypass individual CoC leadership and or involvement.

When the CoCs were first informed of this proposal on May 27, we believed this was a proposal and that the feedback and comments due on June 1st would be taken into account. Our CoC met that deadline, providing comment and request for additional information. During the June 3rd NCCEH call, we and several other CoCs expressed concern and posed multiple questions, resulting in a request for a special call to provide clarity and response to the questions being presented by our CoC and others. The request for a special meeting occurred on June 8th.

It wasn't until June 8th that we understood that this was not a proposal but rather the state plan. The June 8th call became another presentation on Back@Home, similar to the one on May 27th, along with a brief tutorial on collective impact. We were informed that CoCs had to "opt out" of the statewide plan – slide 10 of that presentation delineated how that was to occur. Again, questions and concerns were raised, along with a promise from the presenters that CoC questions would be answered and concerns addressed. That same promise occurred on the June 10th NCCEH call – announcing that the NC ESG-CV Fair Share Allocation notice would come out Friday and that an FAQ would be provided Monday, with the NC ESG-CV RFA to follow shortly thereafter. We did confirm that you all had the collective CoC list of the not yet answered questions and concerns.

While the Fair Share was released on June 15th, to date, the questions and concerns raised by our CoC have not yet been addressed. We have adhered to your deadlines, provided feedback, participated in calls / mtgs that we were made aware, yet we cannot get the questions answered and concerns addressed that we feel will help our CoC make informed and intentional decisions regarding the use of COVID Cares Act dollars in our community. Certainly we cannot make a decision regarding opting in or out of a plan that we cannot get the necessary information.

We would very much like to move this along and off our plate as the pandemic dictates our attention be focused on immediate direct service needs. We are however aware that millions of dollars are at stake for our CoC as well as others – dollars we cannot afford to lose. Therefore, is it possible that you can provide us with the name or names of someone who can help assist us with gathering this information – as soon as possible?

Sincerely,

Be Well – Be Safe,

Kim

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In case either of you know folks who might benefit from this.

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:13 PM

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**Subject:** WEBINAR: Managing Shared Living Spaces for Vulnerable Populations during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Hi Ben, Miriam, and Liz,

ACF funds shelters for survivors of domestic violence and for runaway and homeless youth. The below webinar may be of interest to you. Please feel free to share with your networks.

Regards,

Byron

**Byron R. Mason, Deputy Director**

**Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response (OHSEPR)**

**Administration for Children and Families (ACF)**

**US Department of Health and Human Services**

**202-205-6524 (desk)**

**202-365-8110 (mobile)**

## **Managing Shared Living Spaces for Vulnerable Populations during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

**(Congregate Care Webinar)**

}, 2020 at 2:30PM-4:00PM Eastern

Meeting the needs of vulnerable populations in congregate care settings, particularly domestic violence shelters and group homes for homeless youth, can be a masterclass in resourcefulness and thoughtful planning. This webinar, hosted by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), will explore common themes and propose real world solutions to challenges that shelter advocates and youth serving professionals have encountered since the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Information and recently published resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), [COVID-19 Guidance for Shared or Congregate Housing](#) will also be discussed to support practitioners in their ongoing efforts to plan for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in shared and congregate housing. Speakers from the CDC and the ACF, Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau will present during this session.

This webinar would be relevant for Victim Advocates, Runaway and Homeless Youth Professionals, Youth Serving Professionals, Shelter/Residential Services Managers, Group Home Managers, and Street Outreach Workers, among others working related fields.

To submit questions in advance, email Jacqueline Mull at [Jacqueline.Mull@ACF.hhs.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.Mull@ACF.hhs.gov).

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Passing along if you're interested -

**Amanda Van Vleet, MPH**  
Associate Director, Innovation / 2020 NQF Quality Policy Fellow  
NC Medicaid Strategy Office  
North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services  
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## WEBINAR

# Homelessness & COVID-19: A Merger of Two Epidemics

**Date and Time**

June 18, 2020  
1:00 - 2:00 PM ET

## Featuring

### **Bobby Watts**

*National Health Care for  
the Homeless Council*

### **Lorina Marshall-Blake**

*Independence Blue Cross  
Foundation*

### **Christa Price**

*True Colors United*

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The COVID-19 pandemic has placed a spotlight on the homeless and home insecure population, highlighting the existing health challenges faced by this community and the additional risks posed by COVID-19. [A new analysis](#) estimates that homeless individuals infected by COVID-19 are two to four times as likely to require critical care and two to three times as likely to die compared to the general population. This [webinar](#) will look at the state of homelessness in the US and its critical impact on health and provide strategies to improve outcomes for homeless individuals both in the short and long term.

Speakers will discuss:

- The complex relationship between homelessness and health and how health centers and other organizations are responding to improve care, increase housing access and ultimately eliminate homelessness
- The impact of homelessness on youth and how health plans and community partners are working to increase access to clinical care and services
- An organization's efforts to meet the needs of homeless LGBTQ youth by offering free training and resources and ensuring critical funding and services for all youth

A [draft agenda](#) is available on our website.

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**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 2:00:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Back@Home CoC Questions and Concerns.pdf](#)

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**To:** Breen, Joseph M <joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov>; Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>  
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Good afternoon,

Attached is a PDF with questions and concerns from the NC HMIS CoC's. Our organization wants to make sure we understand what is happening and share our thoughts on the process.

Hoping you are well,

**Jared Hunter**  
NC HMIS Project Director  
United Way of Forsyth County  
Office: (336)721-9310  
Cell: (336)416-8890  
Email: [jared.hunter@uwforysyth.org](mailto:jared.hunter@uwforysyth.org)

*"Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people."* –  
Harry Emerson Fosdick

**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Ehren; Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] NC plan outline  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:59:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Making Smart Investments in A Time of Crisis.pdf](#)  
[COVID-19 Response](#) [Developing Your Funding Strategy.pdf](#)

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Do we want to share these documents with the CoCs on the call tomorrow or should we wait until we have a bit more of a plan through the ICCHP? Just wanted to get the entitlement communities thinking about using their funding for the most strategic things.

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**From:** Michele Williams <michele@micheleswilliams.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:27 AM  
**To:** Dillashaw, Heather <Heather.Dillashaw@icf.com>  
**Cc:** Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Denise ncceh <Denise@ncceh.org>  
**Subject:** Re: [External] NC plan outline

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Good morning,  
We look forward to speaking with you shortly. We wanted to provide to you a couple documents that will assist in our discussion today.

Thanks

Michele

**Michele S. Williams**  
Technical Assistance Provider at Cloudburst Consulting

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On Mon, Apr 20, 2020 at 10:17 AM Dillashaw, Heather <[Heather.Dillashaw@icf.com](mailto:Heather.Dillashaw@icf.com)> wrote:

Great, thank you!

Heather Dillashaw | Lead Homeless Services Specialist  
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Cc: Michele Williams <[michele@micheleswilliams.com](mailto:michele@micheleswilliams.com)>  
Subject: RE: [External] NC plan outline

Hello,

Apologies for the delay. Attached is the high-level outline. If interested or helpful, here is the link to all Back@Home documents including the guidebook:  
<https://www.ncceh.org/backathome/rehousingagencymaterials/>

Thanks,  
Erika

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Cc: Michele Williams <[michele@micheleswilliams.com](mailto:michele@micheleswilliams.com)>  
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Hello Denise and Erika,

Hope you are both doing well! Michele and I would like to review the outline you have in order to be better prepared for our Tuesday meeting.

Please send along when you are able. Thanks so much!

HD

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**Subject:** FW: [External] Press Release: NCDHHS Announces \$26 Million to Help Mitigate the Economic Disruption of COVID-19, Including Assistance for Families Facing Eviction  
**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2020 11:39:00 AM

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FYI—in case you can send this press release to stakeholders/agencies in upcoming communications.

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**From:** NCDHHS Communications <news@dhhs.nc.gov>  
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# NCDHHS Announces \$26 Million to Help Mitigate the Economic Disruption of COVID-19, Including Assistance for Families Facing Eviction

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

June 15, 2020

Contact: [news@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:news@dhhs.nc.gov)

919-855-4840

RALEIGH — Today, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) announced that the state's Community Action Agencies (CAAs) have begun to receive flexible funds that can be used to help low-income individuals and families meet a variety of needs caused by the economic disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are part of the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and can, among other allowable uses, help eligible residents facing eviction with unmet rent and utility expenses.

"With the economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor's moratorium on evictions and utility shutoffs is the only thing keeping many families in safe and stable housing," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, M.D. "This flexible funding will allow our Community Action Agencies to continue to meet a wide array of needs in our communities, including helping families remain in their homes when the moratorium is lifted."

Community Action Agencies are nonprofit organizations created by President Lyndon B. Johnson's signing of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. To be eligible for CSBG-funded services, individuals and families must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

"Community Action Agencies have helped bridge gaps for low wealth residents and communities for 55 years," said Sharon Goodson, Executive Director of the NC Community Action Association. "They provide comprehensive services like case management, transportation, housing, employment, education, child care, eviction and emergency assistance programs to ensure low wealth residents increase and maintain their economic stability."

To apply for help, contact your local Community Action Agency. For additional information on the CSBG funding or contact information for the 33 Community Action Agencies in North Carolina, visit [ncdhhs.gov/csbg-contacts](https://ncdhhs.gov/csbg-contacts).

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**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:44:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image004.png](#)

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Hello,

Is Beaufort in the Balance of State? Do you have insight into this?

Thanks,  
Erika

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**From:** Hardison, Beth <[beth.hardison@nc.gov](mailto:beth.hardison@nc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:42 PM  
**To:** Ferguson, Erika T <[Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Farmer, Caroline <[caroline.farmer@nc.gov](mailto:caroline.farmer@nc.gov)>; Bridges, Sandra (NCEM) <[sandra.bridges@ncdps.gov](mailto:sandra.bridges@ncdps.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: [External] RE: Beaufort County - Feeding, Child Wellness Info

Passing along the below information.

Beth Hardison  
NC Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service



Office of Governor Roy Cooper  
State of North Carolina  
919-814-2063 direct  
919-814-2000 main



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**From:** Andrew Shoenig <[andrew.shoenig@foundationhli.org](mailto:andrew.shoenig@foundationhli.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:29 PM

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Hi Beth,

Just talked to Sally Love at the Beaufort County United Way. She is of course in contact with their main office and county EM, but I wanted to lift up a gap she mentioned. All of the homeless shelters are closed in the county. The women and kids in their family shelter were able to stay with other family members, but she is not sure about the men.

Andy

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**From:** Andrew Shoenig

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:06

**To:** NC Commission on Volunteerism <[volunteernc@nc.gov](mailto:volunteernc@nc.gov)>

**Subject:** Beaufort County - Feeding, Child Wellness Info

**From:** Shirley Roberson <[cornerstonecbpmgr@gmail.com](mailto:cornerstonecbpmgr@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:01

**Subject:** Re: Informative Information

Good Morning Everyone,

A few more updates. If you wish to be remove from this email listing please let me know.

Email message and attachments that has been sent out by Beaufort County's Health EOC as a method of keeping us informed about our county's response to COVID-19. We now have 2 confirmed case in Beaufort Co. See attachments for additional updates from their previous posting have been highlighted. Please note the additional CDC guidance documents, as well as the press release regarding our confirmed cases.

They are sending updates by 6pm each day until further notice, refer to their website. They are asking that you assist them by sharing this information with your families, workplaces, and communities.

Additional sites where parents can drive by to pick up meals for their children.

**Feeding Times: 10:30am-12:30pm**

9th Street Housing Authority  
The Salvation Army

**Feeding Times: 10:00am-2:00pm**

Cornerstone Family Worship Center, 1918 West 5th Street, Washington,  
NC-252-946-6109

Temple of Joy, 96 Hill Road, Chocowinity, NC-252-975-6580

Ware Creek Baptist Church, 2302 Maules Point Road, Blounts Creek, NC-  
252-622-1924

Tutoring & Internet Availability for Children

**Clear Point**

Anthony Tyre is helping children that does not have internet in their homes. Chromebooks will be available for the children's use. Him and his staff will scheduling groups of 3-5 children to access the services for a 2-hour block at a time. There will be strict signing in and out and for the best part...this is free for the community. He also have the ability to have tutors for certain subjects and will work to have more tutors if the need arises. His contact information is [a.tyre@clearpointnc.org](mailto:a.tyre@clearpointnc.org). Reference in your email subject/heading line: **Helping Youth Pursue Excellence (HYOE)**.

Two (2) Locations: Clear Point, 417 N. Bridge Street, Washington, NC 27889 and Fresh Anointing Worship Center-Bishop Charles Tyson, Highway 33, Aurora, NC. He also stated that they will move forward cautiously with the understanding of SAFETY is first for families and staff.

Lastly, from Nick and Susanne Hackney regarding hand sanitizer: taken from Chamber of Commerce web site.

Nick and Susanne Sanders' Gin Distillery produced the first 50 gallon batch of hand sanitizer last night (equivalent to about 2000 3oz bottles). With this batch we will be supplying Washington EMS, the Zion shelter and some strategic businesses that have requested help. We have some extra available for other local businesses who are running short and need to protect their

employees or customers. We are short of small format packaging so can provide it in the following sizes that can be used to refill existing bottles.

16oz

32oz (limited supply)

1 Gallon

Please be aware that the contents of these packages are primarily alcohol so are highly flammable so need to be stored carefully well away from direct sunlight or any source of ignition (think of it like a gallon of gasoline!)

For more information please contact Nick at 252-347-4243

or [nick@thehackneydistillery.com](mailto:nick@thehackneydistillery.com).

As always, thank you all for what you do to keep Beaufort County safe and prepared.

Continue to be safe,

*Shirley Roberson*

*Cornerstone Community Based Programs Manager*

*1918 West 5th Street / Post Office Box 1763*

*Washington, North Carolina 27889*

*252-946-6109 {Office} 252-623-2056 {Fax}*

*[cornerstonecbpmgr@gmail.com](mailto:cornerstonecbpmgr@gmail.com)*

On Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 11:59 AM Shirley Roberson <[cornerstonecbpmgr@gmail.com](mailto:cornerstonecbpmgr@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good Afternoon HEAL Team,

I pray everyone is continuing to be safe and following the guidelines presented by our governor, local health department and CDC during this time of COVID-19. I was lead just to reach out and let you know some of the resources that I know of that is available to the citizens of Beaufort County and just to check to see if everyone is okay.

Beaufort County Schools are working constantly

feeding children of this District. Thank you to Gwyn-Roberson McBride and all of Beaufort Schools staff and volunteers. Others are continuing to partner with the school system to get as many children feed as possible.

Our local health department is also doing a wonderful job of getting out information on a daily basis on how to stay safe during this difficult time. There was a video that was done with Bishop McIntyre of BCH3C, Mr. Madison and Janell Lewis last week. Please take a look at it for it was very informative. You can find the videos on our church Facebook page. (Cornerstone Family Worship Center) under CFWC COVID-19 Update 3/19 and 3/21. Thank you Mr. Madison and Janell Lewis for all you and your staff are doing at the health department. The Chamber of Commerce is also sending very important information out as it comes in to keep people informed.

Not to leave anyone out, every agency in our county are doing their part and it is good to see and hear all the positive things that are taking place to keep the citizens of Beaufort county safe.

The list of schools that are providing breakfast and lunch along with other sites can be found at:

**Beaufort County Schools- 252-946-2012**

**[www.beaufort.k12.nc.us](http://www.beaufort.k12.nc.us) [beaufort.k12.nc.us].**

Information concerning COVID-19 can be found at:



**Beaufort County Health Department-252-946-1902**

<https://www.co.beaufort.nc.us/departments/human-services/public-health/> [protect-us.mimecast.com]

**Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

<https://www.cdc.gov/> [protect-us.mimecast.com]

**Agency Openings**

**Eagles Wings-252-975-1138**

<https://eagles-wings.org/> [protect-us.mimecast.com]

Pantry day is Tuesday; must live in Beaufort County and have a photo ID...that is all they require at this time because of the crisis. They are open 3/24 but closed on 3/31 because it is the 5th Tuesday. They will also be open on 4/4 from 9-10:30am only (this is the first Saturday of each month).

This may not pertain to some of you in this email because you are not citizens of Beaufort county. I grabbed the email listing from when we did the Creative Learning workshop. I'm sure other counties are doing just as much for their residents. This is all that I know of at this time. If any of the other HEAL members have any other information that we are not receiving please share. Things are happening and changing seems like every couple of hours.

Again, continue to be safe

***Shirley Roberson***

***Cornerstone Community Based Programs Manager***

***1918 West 5th Street / Post Office Box 1763***

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**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] RE: CDBG-CV waiver  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:10:00 AM

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**From:** Sutton, Alicia@BCSH <[Alicia.Sutton@bcsh.ca.gov](mailto:Alicia.Sutton@bcsh.ca.gov)>  
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Hey there-

Apologies for the delay. I was trying to track this down as it was news to me! Sounds like we've not made any such request but I believe COSCDA may have submitted a request on behalf of their members (which includes California HCD). We can follow up with them if helpful- not sure if NC is connected as a member but would assume so?

Hope that helps!

Take care,  
Ali

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**From:** Ferguson, Erika T <[Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:49 PM  
**To:** Sutton, Alicia@BCSH <[Alicia.Sutton@bcsh.ca.gov](mailto:Alicia.Sutton@bcsh.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** CDBG-CV waiver

Hello,

Hope you are doing well. I heard that you all have submitted a CDBG-CV waiver to allow for the state to contract directly with non-profits or other agencies for eviction prevention or rapid rehousing work rather than having to run all CDBG-CV funds through local jurisdictions. We are looking to submit a similar waiver. Would you mind sharing the waiver that you all sent?

Thanks,  
Erika

**Erika Ferguson**  
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I would like to hear if there is any feedback or new information shared on this topic on the call.

Thanks!  
Kristen

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This is extremely helpful. Thank you.

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Copying Tara, Kristen and Jason for awareness.

The Interagency Council for Coordinating Homelessness Programs created a COVID Workgroup, which prepared a strategic plan and funding proposals for crisis response and housing stability. The Plan has three main components:

1. Maintaining safe sheltering and street outreach programs;
2. Operationalizing non-congregate sheltering; and
3. Housing Stability Response

1. Back@Home Rehousing and
2. Safe@Home Eviction Prevention programs.

The ICCHP is currently working with the Office of State Budget, the Governor's Policy Office, DHHS—ESG Office, and the Department of Commerce to identify how CARES Act HUD funding could be used for these identified needs. ESG funding can definitely be used to meet the first component (shelters and street outreach). It seems likely that ESG funds can be used for Back@Home Rehousing, but there is work to explore any barriers to using these funds for this purpose. DHHS is working with the NC Coalition to End Homelessness and HUD Technical Assistance on this. Once this is resolved, we think we can start the program within 4 – 6 weeks.

At this point, there is not funding identified that can be used for the Safe@Home Eviction Prevention program. These are eligible expenses under CSBG-CV, but there is currently a requirement that CDBG goes directly to local jurisdictions and cannot be used for a state-administered program and granted directly to non-profits. The ICCHP is working with the Department of Commerce on exploring if there is a waiver that could be submitted to allow funds to be used to support the Safe@Home Eviction Prevention Program. There is precedent for this, as CDBG-DR can be granted directly from the state to non-profits, so we think it is possible that HUD would allow this waiver.

Happy to share any additional detail about the ICCHP workgroup proposal.

Thanks,  
Erika

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Erika, will you help me respond to the highlighted question below from Rep. Price's office?

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Can you please take this one?

**Matt Gross**

Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs  
NC Department of Health & Human Services

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One more from Rep. Price—so sorry for the dual emails!

“I’d like to know about how the state is working internally and with stakeholders to come up with spend plans for the state’s allocations of CDBG and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding from HUD. Commerce is responsible for CDBG, NC DHHS is ESG, and I understand there is a Governor’s Coordinating Council on Homelessness (?) that includes participation from advocacy groups and housing practitioners in the state. What is the current status of efforts to stand up programs to ensure vulnerable people are stably housed, the homeless are moved out of congregate shelters, and folks can get access to rental assistance?”

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Hey y’all:

Q from Rep. Price in advance of tomorrow’s call: “Can you please update us on your efforts to catch up with the unemployment applications, as well as your progress to hire additional DES staff?”

Thank you so much—y’all have been very responsive and helpful to our caseworkers on this issue, and we know that you have a tall order right now.

Nora

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**New COVID-19 Protocols:** Until further notice, all office meetings are canceled and Congressman Price's offices are closed to the public. Congressman Price and his staff remain available to participate in meetings via teleconference and video conference.

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Note dial-in info for Member call with Secy Cohen tomorrow 10:30AM

Feel free to send Q's in advance if desired

Thanks All

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We are now at 20,910 cases in North Carolina. There are 578 people hospitalized with COVID-19. We have 716 confirmed deaths for North Carolina.

The full data dashboard with all of our metrics is available here:  
<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard>

We will be having an all legislator call at 10:30 on Friday with Secretary Cohen. The call-in information is below:

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As with all of our calls, please email me your questions before or during the call.

Thank you,  
Matt

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FYI— 2-1-1 call data. Lots of rental and motel assistance.

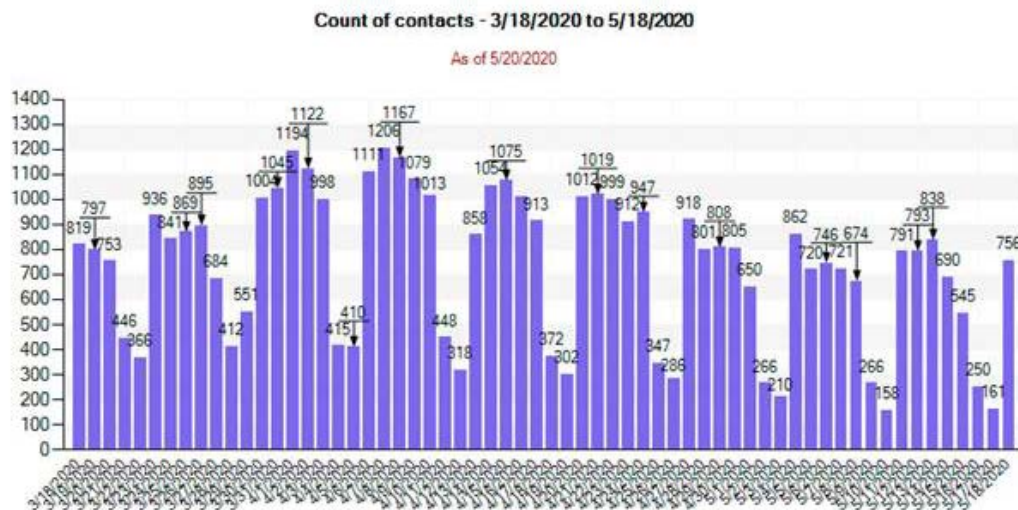
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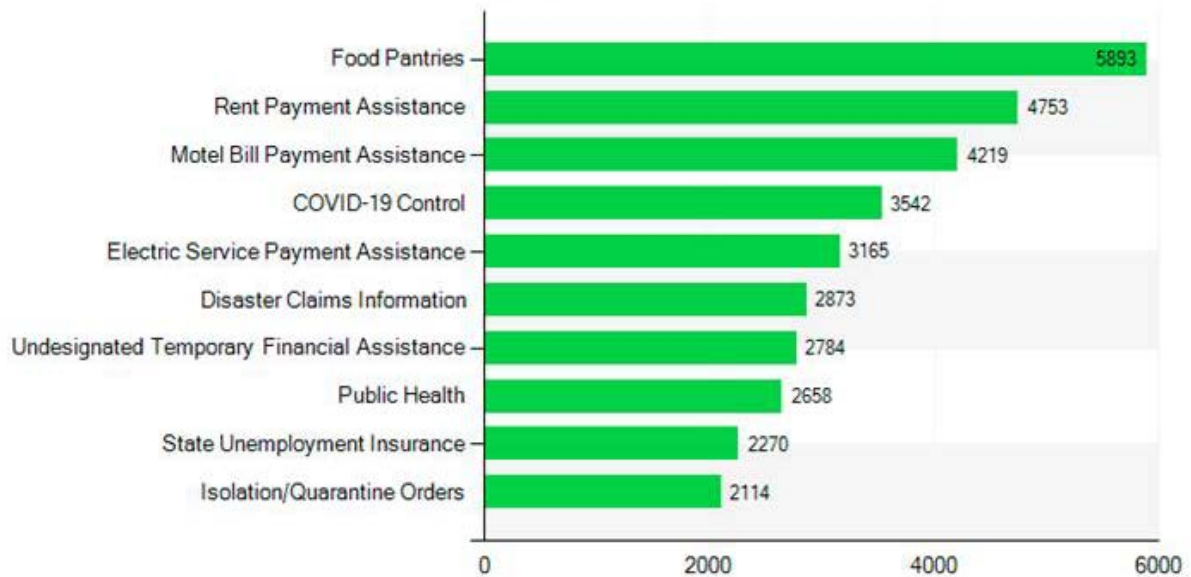
Attached is our infographic through the end of April. The second version of it through May 15<sup>th</sup> should be ready in a few days.

I shared with you the daily report we do for NCEM and DHHS leadership at the EOC. I'll add oy to that distribution list. They like to know what the top needs are for the current day. Below are call volume and need charts for March 18 – May 18 to show you the last 60 days:



### Needs by taxonomy - 3/18/2020 to 5/18/2020

As of 5/20/2020



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**Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Updated list of non-congregate shelters

This looks like just the call volume for today. Could you do this for the past month or two?

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**Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Updated list of non-congregate shelters

What are the total number of calls that have been received? Do you have the top 5 or 10 needs people called about?

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Another 4500 calls for rent assistance.

And, I was a little off on the number of days – this is for calls for March 18 – May 15

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**Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Updated list of non-congregate shelters

Looks like we have had just under 2,000 calls for sheltering in the last 45 days. This would include all levels of sheltering and coordinated entry access. So, it is a need area. I fear whenever the stay on evictions ends, things are going to get much uglier.

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**Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Updated list of non-congregate shelters

Hello,

Most counties are not accepting individuals from other counties. You could try to send them to the closest county or have them call their local health department.

Do you have any sense of the number of callers that have called about needing sheltering or a place to isolate/quarantine?

Thanks,  
Erika

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**From:** Heather Black <[hblack@unitedwaync.org](mailto:hblack@unitedwaync.org)>  
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Thanks Erika – this is very helpful.

For those counties without an access point provided – do we send callers to the nearest county with an entry point?

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**Subject:** Updated list of non-congregate shelters

Hello,

Please find the list of non-congregate shelter access points for anyone calling looking for shelter or a place to

isolate/quarantine.

Thanks,  
Erika

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**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Re: Meeting tomorrow  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:24:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [ICCHP meeting\\_Crisis Workgroup\\_042320.pptx](#)

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FYSA—My workgroup is meeting tomorrow and my slides are attached.

FYSA is my new term picked up from NCEM that means “for your situational awareness.”

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**From:** Ferguson, Erika T  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:22 PM  
**To:** Kevin McNamee <[kevin@ncceh.org](mailto:kevin@ncceh.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Re: Meeting tomorrow

Thanks these are exactly right. I think I was trying to get at the “sheltering in place” but changed it to be more clear. Added equity, which is critical—thanks for flagging.

Attached are the slides built off the updated outline. It would be great if you could walk through them as I am not sure how to use Uber Conference.

Thanks,  
Erika

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**From:** Kevin McNamee <[kevin@ncceh.org](mailto:kevin@ncceh.org)>  
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Great! One thing I've been hearing from emergency shelters (particularly in small/rural communities) is a "shelter-in-place" policy, which essentially means not letting clients leave the shelter. I wonder if this might fit into the conversation around accepting new clients, and what the answer to those policies might be? Is there a unified message or technical assistance needed to continue pushing a client-centered, housing first approach?

My only other thought, and this may just be a question without an immediate answer, but especially with eviction diversion and the mechanisms of financial assistance, how can we maintain a racial equity lens when moving this work forward? Just thinking that communities of Color are seeing disproportionate rates of infection, and are more likely to be in "essential" jobs. This may result in a surge of housing crises that affects Black and POC communities disproportionately. I wonder if that is something this group can think about proactively?

Kevin

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On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 12:53 PM Ferguson, Erika T <[Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

I think I will put these items on slides, but I outlined the open questions I am hoping the workgroup can think through. Let me know if you think anything is missing.

Thanks,  
Erika

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**Date:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:24:00 AM  
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FYI

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Greetings,

Attached is your regret letter for the FY 2019 Continuum of Care Competition. If you have any questions, please submit the question via the [AAQ](#). Thank you

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**Date:** Friday, February 28, 2020 10:31:00 AM

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Hi Erika,

My apologies for taking so long to provide you with some more information on the Targeting Program. Below is an overview of the Targeting Program:

**Basics:** All 9% & 4% LIHTC must set aside 10% of their units for the Targeting Program. Sometimes properties set-aside up to 20% of units. Every year approx. 600-800 Targeted Units become available through the LIHTC projects. TU are in roughly 80 counties in NC.

**Population:** Targeted Units are set-aside for persons with disabilities. The Referral Agency that is working with the household, submits an application for TU to DHHS Regional Housing Coordinators and has verified some type of disability income.

**Affordability:** Targeted Units vary in affordability. Most TU are set at 50%-60% of Area Median Income (AMI), but some can be as low as 30% AMI. The reason for a lower affordability on some TU are due to different funding sources the project may have (i.e. HOME, National Housing Trust Fund, etc..).

**Example of Affordability at 50% or 60% AMI:** In Raleigh/Wake County a 1 bedroom is approx. \$1500/mo, so at 50% AMI rent would be \$750/mo and at 60% AMI, rent would be \$900. This is not going to be affordable on its own for most low-income people. Thus, a rental subsidy is needed to help the household afford the rent.

**Key Rental Assistance:** Since approx. 2006 the General Assembly has provided recurring appropriations for Key Rental Assistance to layer on top of Targeted Units to make them affordable. Key has a payment standard for a 1-bedroom of \$520. The Key payment standard increases as the size of apartments increase. The current annual G.A. for Key appropriations is \$5.255 million. There are currently between 2300 - 2400 households on Key and it's oversubscribed. Unless there is an increase in the G.A. appropriations, the state is unable to offer Key to new households.

**Utilization Rate:** Currently TU are at a 45% utilization rate across the state. When there are no referrals from DHHS, then the property is able to offer those units to the general public.

**What's the benefit of Targeted Units?** DHHS has first right of refusal for those set-aside Targeted Units. Many properties have waitlists, so having those set-aside units provides access to DHHS first. TU are at a lower affordability rate. Properties agree to accept Key or any other type of rental subsidy that a Targeted tenant brings.

I'm heading out of town today, so I've copied Heather on the email. If you have more specific follow-up questions please email me and Heather. She may be able to get back to you sooner.

Thanks,  
Jennifer

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**Subject:** FW: [External] rapid rent assistance  
**Date:** Friday, April 10, 2020 11:12:00 AM

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Hello,

Are there any rental assistance program lists? I think these are more going through CE and regionally based, but wanted to check in.

Thanks,  
Erika

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**Subject:** Re: [External] rapid rent assistance

Deferring to Erika on this list.

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On Apr 10, 2020, at 10:42 AM, Mackey, Chris <[Chris.Mackey@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Chris.Mackey@dhhs.nc.gov)> wrote:

Morning!

Do we have a list of rental assistance programs that we can give him?

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We're hearing from a number of folks whose landlords are threatening eviction. Don't know how solid those threats are with the courts closed, but I'm trying to compile lists of rental assistance programs.

I'll call Housing Finance, but if there's a list floating around at Emergency Operations that you can send, please do.

Travis

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**Date:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:23:00 AM

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**Subject:** Fwd: [External] 'It's a Time Bomb': 23 Die as Virus Hits Packed Homeless Shelters - The New York Times

This story is tragic on many fronts.

Kody H. Kinsley  
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Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health & IDD  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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## ‘It’s a Time Bomb’: 23 Die as Virus Hits Packed Homeless Shelters

The virus is spreading where social distancing is nearly impossible. But there’s no staying at home when you do not have one.

By [Nikita Stewart](#)  
April 13, 2020



Christian Cascone spends most days in a storage space he rents because of a risk of infection at the Bronx homeless shelter where he spends his nights. Jonah Markowitz for The New York Times

Roy Coleman, a 69-year-old living in a homeless shelter on Wards Island, was taken away by ambulance after showing symptoms of Covid-19. The other shelter residents were relieved — until Mr. Coleman was allowed to return last week after testing positive at Harlem Hospital.

At another shelter, Alphonso Syville, 45, said that as much as he tried, he could not block out the incessant coughing that he heard from a man a few feet away.

At Delta Manor, a shelter in the Bronx, Christian Cascone recalled how a roommate confronted another resident who had poor hygiene and would not wash his hands. The resident “said something like, ‘Well, if God chooses for me to die, I’ll die,’” said Mr. Cascone, 37.

“My roommate said, ‘Well, the good Lord also wants the rest of us to be healthy, too,’” he said.

While much of New York City is staying inside, a crisis has taken hold among a population for whom social distancing is nearly impossible: the more than 17,000 men and women, many of them already in poor health, who sleep in roughly 100 group or “congregate” shelters for single adults. Most live in dormitories that are fertile fields for the virus, with beds close enough for people sleeping in them to hold hands.

And rather than keeping people away from shelters, the virus has driven them in.

Some inmates [released from Rikers Island to control the outbreak](#) in the jail have wound up in shelters. And with the outdoor safety net falling apart — [few pedestrians to beg for change](#); public bathrooms shut; many soup kitchens [closed for lack of food and volunteers](#) — the nightly shelter population has consistently reached levels seen only a few times in the last decade, and usually only on the most frigid nights of winter.

“When all of those systems simultaneously break down, you’re going to get this influx into congregate situations,” said Joshua Goldfein, a staff attorney at the [Legal Aid Society](#). “It’s a time bomb.”

Officially as of Sunday, 23 shelter residents have died in hospitals, among them 14 men and two women from assessment centers and shelters for single adults where multiple, unrelated people share rooms, according to the Department of Homeless Services.

And 371 people from shelters had tested positive for the virus, about 80 percent of them from the single-adult facilities, though those adults represent less than a quarter of the homeless population. The rest are mostly families who often stay in studio-like units by themselves.

While total prevention is impossible, the city has been scrambling to at least lower the risk.

Paying an average cost of at least \$174 a night, it has been renting hotel rooms, empty for lack of tourists, to isolate shelter residents who have symptoms or tested positive as well as those potentially exposed. On Saturday, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that 2,500 more shelter residents would be moved to hotels by the end of April, in addition to 3,500 who were already sharing rooms in hotels before the virus hit because there was no room in traditional shelters.


Residents who are at least 70 years old, and some residents in the 10 most densely packed shelters, are also being moved to hotels, whether they have symptoms or not. Some homeless families previously staying in hotels are being moved to make room for those residents.

Steven Banks, the commissioner of social services, said the city also has purchased 24 hand-washing stations and 36 portable toilets to be installed in 12 street locations, for those homeless people who refuse to go to shelters.

Shelters are staggering meal times, and temporarily dropping rules that require residents to leave dorms during cleaning, to reduce the chance the residents will go out and then return after having been exposed.

Simply closing the shelters to stop the spread, as if they were dining halls or Broadway theaters, is not an option.

“We’re still open and offering services,” Mr. Banks said. “Others have shut their doors.”

 Alfonso Forney, left, and Roberto Mangual are staying in a homeless shelter where a resident recently returned despite having the virus. “We should have a fair chance to protect ourselves,” Mr. Mangual said. *Jonah Markowitz for The New York Times*

The number of New York shelter infections does not capture the scope of the peril; they reflect mainly people who had been so ill that they had to be taken to city hospitals to be tested and treated. The figures do not include people staying in shelters run by charities or other public agencies.

Other cities with significant homeless populations have begun to see similar problems. San Francisco tested everyone inside its largest shelter last week, and so far 81 residents and 10 workers have been confirmed as infected. The city has lifted its ban on tent encampments as long as the tents are at least six feet apart.

Even before the pandemic hit, [homelessness was an intractable problem](#) for Mayor Bill de Blasio. He took office in 2014 vowing to reduce the number of homeless, but it has only grown, to an estimated 79,000 people, in part because of rising rents beyond the reach of low-income families.

Since 2014, the budget for homeless services has doubled to about \$3.2 billion, according to the city comptroller’s office.

The shelter system is a patchwork of 450 buildings, including studios for families with children, hotel rooms with double beds, privately owned but decrepit apartments and cavernous spaces with rows of beds, like the mammoth Bedford-Atlantic Armory shelter in Brooklyn.

The decentralized nature of the system, and the transience of its clients, have made the application of new policies somewhat ragged.

Some residents in shelters and peace officers working in them say some of the preventive measures have not been put into practice or are being ignored by residents.

“If this is a worldwide epidemic, we should have a fair chance to protect ourselves,” said Roberto Mangual, 27, who stays at the Clarke Thomas shelter on Wards Island, where Mr. Coleman was allowed to return. “We don’t really have that chance in a men’s shelter, to be honest.”

Mr. Coleman said that after he spent a night back at Clarke Thomas, the staff gave him a MetroCard to travel to one of the quarantine hotels in Long Island City, Queens.

After an inquiry by The New York Times, the homeless services department sent a message to shelter providers reminding them that anyone returning from a hospital with symptoms of Covid-19 should be put in isolation and not placed on public transportation.

In a phone interview from the hotel on Saturday, Mr. Coleman said he believed he had contracted the virus at the shelter. “I was around a lot of people coughing, throwing up, sneezing,” he said.

He said that he was happy to now be in a room by himself, where he said he was getting round-the-clock medical attention. “If I need medication, I call them and they send up some aspirin,” he said. On Sunday he was moved to another hotel specifically for seniors.

Stephen Mott, chief of staff for HELP USA, which operates Clarke Thomas, said the shelter has been under a great deal of strain but acknowledged that it needed to do better. “We’re up against something huge,” he said. “Things that we used to let slide we can’t let slide anymore.”

At the city-run Catherine Street Shelter in Lower Manhattan, where 100 women live, many residents are not taking precautions, like washing their hands and staying six feet apart, one woman who lives there said. They brush against each other when walking in a narrow stairwell.

The staff changed the configuration of the cafeteria so that there were only two chairs per table, but some residents simply moved chairs so they could sit together, said the woman, who did not want to be identified because she feared retaliation from staff in the shelter.

[Derek Jackson](#), director of the law enforcement division in Teamsters Local 237, a city employee union, said about 550 peace officers work in the shelter system, and as of early last week, 26 had tested positive. Another 41 shelter workers also had tested positive as of last week, according to the

city.

“We’re not sure they are being transparent with how many clients are sick with this disease,” Mr. Jackson said of the city homeless agency. “We don’t know who is putting us at risk at the shelters.”

Mr. Jackson said the city was slow to provide masks, gloves and other personal protection equipment to the officers.

The homeless services agency has been dealing with the same supply shortages as everyone else, said Mr. Banks, the commissioner. Last week, after finding masks to purchase, the agency began distributing 100,000 masks to shelters for employees, including peace officers, and now has an additional shipment of 500,000 masks, along with sanitizer and gloves to give to peace officers. Mr. Banks also tapped into Robin Hood, the philanthropic foundation, to donate masks for shelter residents and people living on the street.

But the inability of shelter residents to self-quarantine is still taking a toll. There is no staying at home when you do not have one.

At Opportunity House, a charity-run shelter in Brooklyn, many residents are older and have serious health issues, including problems with vision, said David Gaynor, 60, who is staying there. “Some of the literature, you have to be an ant to read it,” he said.

[Camba](#), which operates Opportunity House, said it has been taking measures to keep residents safe. “We understand the anxiety that everyone is experiencing,” the nonprofit said in a statement.

Mr. Gaynor, who was interviewed while wearing a green bandanna around his neck that he could pull over his mouth, recalled one resident who did not speak English well and had trouble explaining his symptoms.

The staff finally took action when they saw him bowled over and heard the man say the words he knew in English. “Am-bu-lance. Hos-pi-tal,” Mr. Gaynor said, enunciating each word.

“Everybody understands sick,” he said.

**William K. Rashbaum contributed reporting.**

## • Frequently Asked Questions and Advice

Updated April 11, 2020

### ◦ When will this end?

This is a difficult question, because a lot depends on [how well the virus is contained](#). A better question might be: “How will we know when to reopen the country?” In [an American Enterprise Institute report](#), Scott Gottlieb, Caitlin Rivers, Mark B. McClellan, Lauren Silvis and Crystal Watson [staked out four goal posts for recovery](#): Hospitals in the state must be able to safely treat all patients requiring hospitalization, without resorting to crisis standards of care; the state needs to be able to at least test everyone who has symptoms; the state is able to conduct monitoring of confirmed cases and contacts; and there must be a sustained reduction in cases for at least 14 days.

### ◦ How can I help?

[Charity Navigator](#), which evaluates charities using a numbers-based system, has a running list of nonprofits working in communities affected by the outbreak. You can give blood through the [American Red Cross](#), and [World Central Kitchen](#) has stepped in to distribute meals in major cities. More than 30,000 coronavirus-related [GoFundMe fund-raisers](#) have started in the past few weeks. (The sheer number of fund-raisers [means more of them are likely to fail](#) to meet their goal, though.)

### ◦ What should I do if I feel sick?

[If you’ve been exposed to the coronavirus or think you have](#), and have a fever or symptoms like a cough or difficulty breathing, call a doctor. They should give you advice on whether you should be tested, how to get tested, and how to seek medical treatment without potentially infecting or exposing others.

### ◦ Should I wear a mask?

The C.D.C. has [recommended](#) that all Americans wear cloth masks if they go out in public. This is a shift in federal guidance reflecting [new concerns that the coronavirus is being spread by infected people who have no symptoms](#). Until now, the C.D.C., like the W.H.O., has advised that ordinary people don’t need to wear masks unless they are sick and coughing. Part of the reason was to preserve medical-grade masks for health care workers who desperately need them at a time when they are in continuously short supply. Masks don’t replace hand washing and social distancing.

### ◦ How do I get tested?

If you’re sick and you think you’ve been exposed to the new coronavirus, [the C.D.C. recommends that you call your healthcare provider and explain your symptoms and fears](#). They will decide if you need to be tested. Keep in mind that there’s a chance —



because of a lack of testing kits or because you're asymptomatic, for instance — you won't be able to get tested.

- How does coronavirus spread?

It seems to spread [very easily from person to person](#), especially in homes, hospitals and other confined spaces. The pathogen can be carried on tiny respiratory droplets that fall as they are coughed or sneezed out. It may also be transmitted when we touch a contaminated surface and then touch our face.

- Is there a vaccine yet?

No. [Clinical trials are underway](#) in the United States, China and Europe. But American officials and pharmaceutical executives have said that a vaccine remains at least 12 to 18 months away.

- What makes this outbreak so different?

Unlike the flu, there is no known treatment or vaccine, and [little is known about this particular virus so far](#). It seems to be more lethal than the flu, but the numbers are still uncertain. And it hits the elderly and those with underlying conditions — not just those with respiratory diseases — particularly hard.

- What if somebody in my family gets sick?

If the family member doesn't need hospitalization and can be cared for at home, you should help him or her with basic needs and monitor the symptoms, while also keeping as much distance as possible, [according to guidelines issued by the C.D.C.](#) If there's space, the sick family member should stay in a separate room and use a separate bathroom. If masks are available, both the sick person and the caregiver should wear them when the caregiver enters the room. Make sure not to share any dishes or other household items and to regularly clean surfaces like counters, doorknobs, toilets and tables. Don't forget to wash your hands frequently.

- Should I stock up on groceries?

Plan two weeks of meals if possible. But people should not hoard food or supplies. Despite the empty shelves, [the supply chain remains strong](#). And remember to wipe the handle of the grocery cart with a disinfecting wipe and wash your hands as soon as you get home.

- Can I go to the park?

Yes, but make sure you keep six feet of distance between you and people who don't live in your home. [Even if you just hang out in a park, rather than go for a jog or a walk, getting some fresh air, and hopefully sunshine, is a good idea.](#)

- Should I pull my money from the markets?

[That's not a good idea.](#) Even if you're retired, having a balanced portfolio of stocks and bonds so that your money keeps up with inflation, or even grows, makes sense. But retirees may want to think about having enough cash set aside for a year's worth of living expenses and big payments needed over the next five years.

- What should I do with my 401(k)?

Watching your balance go up and down can be scary. [You may be wondering if you should decrease your contributions — don't!](#) If your employer matches any part of your contributions, make sure you're at least saving as much as you can to get that "free money."

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**To:** [Denise ncceh](#); [Flowers, Kenny](#); [Ferguson, Erika T](#); [Payne, Iris C](#); [Juffras, Jason](#); [Thorpe, Megan S](#)  
**Subject:** FW: discuss eviction prevention proposal/CDBG-CV waiver  
**Attachments:** [ICCHP Draft Plan for Comment 5.27.20.pdf](#)  
[ICCHP call 5.27.2020.pdf](#)

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From: Guillory, Kristen <kristen.guillory@nc.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:36 AM  
To: Guillory, Kristen; Flowers, Kenny; Ferguson, Erika T; Payne, Iris C; Juffras, Jason; Thorpe, Megan S  
Subject: discuss eviction prevention proposal/CDBG-CV waiver  
When: Monday, June 1, 2020 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
Where: 415-655-0003: Access Code 646 859 792

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**To:** [Denise nceeh](#); [Ehren](#); [Emily Carmody](#)  
**Subject:** FW: information  
**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 1:57:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[ESG Coverage.6.2020.xlsx](#)  
[Project Application ESG-CV.docx](#)  
[ESG-CV Project Budget.xlsx](#)  
[Regional Application ESG-CV.docx](#)  
[ESG-CV Regional Budget.xlsx](#)

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FYI—reading through these now.

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**From:** Breen, Joseph M <joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:27 AM  
**To:** Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Cc:** Battle, Chris <chris.battle@dhhs.nc.gov>; Worth, Lisa <lisa.worth@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Subject:** information

Here is the application information requested, fair share to follow later. I also added information regarding DHHS/ESG program coverage. As indicated this ESG office covers 81/100 counties. I think people are under the impression we don't have reach etc.

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Ehren](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** Fair Share  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:56:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [COVID 19 CARES ESG Fair Share Explainer \(003\).docx](#)

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Attached

**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Andrea Carey](#); [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** Follow up on data/reporting meeting  
**Date:** Friday, May 1, 2020 11:58:00 AM

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Hello,

Just wanted to follow up on our meeting yesterday. Are you able to break down the PIC data by county? Also, did you want me to send out the HIC in Smartsheet or are you or Ehren doing that, Denise?

Thanks,  
Erika

**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Heather Dominique](#); [Ehren](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Roark, Melissa](#); [Worth, Lisa](#); [Thea Craft](#); [Denise ncceh](#); [Battle, Chris](#); [Breen, Joseph M](#)  
**Cc:** [Juffras, Jason](#); [Guillory, Kristen](#)  
**Subject:** For discussion: Combined Back@Home and ESG Application and opt out procedure  
**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:40:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Opt In Process 060420 2.docx](#)

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Hello,

Here is a draft proposal that would create a simplified combined application and opt out procedure, which is meant to be responsive to CoC concern. This is for discussion.

Thanks,  
Erika

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** For review: Fair share  
**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:34:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [DRAFT COVID 19 ESG CARES Act Fair Share Explainer 6.10 - ef edits clean.docx](#)

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Hello,

Can you please review and send back any edits or additions as soon as you get a chance?

Thanks,  
Erika

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Ehren](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** For review: Opt In Process  
**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:34:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Opt In Process 060420.docx](#)

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Hello,

Please review the following description of how the opt in/out process would work including key dates. Please make any edits or comments ASAP.

Thanks,  
Erika

**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise nceeh](#); [Ehren](#); [Emily Carmody](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: ESG Notifications to CoCs and Subrecipients COVID-19  
**Date:** Friday, March 13, 2020 6:24:33 PM  
**Attachments:** [External Materials Posted Using CoC Program Funds for Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response.msg](#)  
[FW External Preparing Your System for COVID-19.msg](#)  
[GraphicsPictograms for COVID-19.msg](#)  
[Press Release Governors Task Force Encourages North Carolinians to Increase Preparedness Measures for COVID-19.msg](#)  
[image001.png](#)  
[5.1 NC ESG Emergency Response Minimum Habitability Standards Checklist 2020.v1.docx](#)

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**From:** Massey-smith, Joyce <[joyce.massey-smith@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:joyce.massey-smith@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 6:22:59 PM  
**To:** Osborne, Susan G <[Susan.Osborne@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Susan.Osborne@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ferguson, Erika T <[Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov)>; Corbett, Lisa <[lisa.corbett@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:lisa.corbett@dhhs.nc.gov)>; Cronin, Julie <[Julie.Cronin@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Julie.Cronin@dhhs.nc.gov)>; Breen, Joseph M <[joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov)>; Bowers, John N <[hank.n.bowers@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:hank.n.bowers@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: ESG Notifications to CoCs and Subrecipients COVID-19

We shared this earlier today as it relates to the shelters we fund.  
We have not had any questions from these shelters or the County DSSs.

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**From:** Massey-smith, Joyce  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 2:43 PM  
**To:** Myers, Tara <[tara.myers@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:tara.myers@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Leach, Michael A <[michael.a.leach@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:michael.a.leach@dhhs.nc.gov)>; Remaley, Melinda <[melinda.remaley@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:melinda.remaley@dhhs.nc.gov)>; Breen, Joseph M <[joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov)>; Bowers, John N <[hank.n.bowers@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:hank.n.bowers@dhhs.nc.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: ESG Notifications to CoCs and Subrecipients COVID-19

See attached guidance from HUD that we have shared with Shelters.

As far as the use of HUD ESG funds for COVID-19 click [Eligible ESG Costs for Infectious Disease Preparedness](#) .

To receive reimbursement for the use of ESG funds for this purpose the sub-recipient would simply send us a letter or email making the request. We would approve or disapprove or require additional information. They make their purchase and on the next reimbursement request they would note it on their workbook like any other expense and include the receipt. This information is filed with the permanent record. When HUD comes to audit would be treated like any other expense with documented support that the request was received, approved, paid and reimbursed.

Please see attached. HUD has a Minimum Habitability Standard for shelters. We complete this form as a part of our on-site monitoring. Any infraction would need to be corrected as a part of a corrective action plan and if serious could be taken up with local authorities. (This has never happened.) For the large part shelters **ARE NOT** regulated in this state. If the shelter is in an area that is not zoned for residential then the owner must have the zoning changed locally. This is usually done pre-occupation. Local officials such as fire, public health etc. do not have to approve occupation and do not enter unless invited or if they receive a complaint. In fact shelters are unregulated and do not need a license to operate. It should also be noted that we do not fund shelter renovations which is the states choice and allowed. This practice is a long-standing one going back to the beginning of the program. The thought was it was better to fund the operation than to use the funds on the building. We occasionally allow funds to be used for appliances under \$500.00.

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**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 1:10 PM  
**To:** Massey-smith, Joyce <[joyce.massey-smith@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:joyce.massey-smith@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Breen, Joseph M <[joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
**Subject:** ESG Notifications to CoCs and Subrecipients

Good Afternoon Joyce,

Attached are the emails that the NC ESG office has sent to all CoCs and Subrecipients regarding COVID-19 related information from DHHS, HUD, and other homeless resources.

Thank you,  
Lisa

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#); [Ehren](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Housing bills proposed  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 1:15:05 PM

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**From:** Schmitt, Christina <Christina.Schmitt@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 12:53:18 PM  
**To:** Gross, Matt <Matt.Gross@dhhs.nc.gov>; Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>;  
Gawande, Hattie <Hattie.Gawande@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Housing bills proposed

Hi Erika,

Here are the bills that were filed that relate to housing/homelessness:

[H1078 - Funding Assistance for Small-Scale Landlords](#)  
[H1124 - Funding for NC Housing Trust Fund](#)  
[H1134 - Housing and Foreclosure Prevention Assistance](#)  
[H1135 - Housing and Utilities Assistance/COVID-19](#)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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**From:** Gross, Matt <Matt.Gross@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:31 PM  
**To:** Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>; Gawande, Hattie  
<Hattie.Gawande@dhhs.nc.gov>; Schmitt, Christina <Christina.Schmitt@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Housing bills proposed

Copying Christina who is looking through all of the introduced bills for reviews. Also, the filing deadline is today so I expect a lot to drop tonight.

**Matt Gross**

Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs  
NC Department of Health & Human Services

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**From:** Ferguson, Erika T <[Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov)>**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:12 PM**To:** Gross, Matt <[Matt.Gross@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Matt.Gross@dhhs.nc.gov)>; Gawande, Hattie <[Hattie.Gawande@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Hattie.Gawande@dhhs.nc.gov)>**Subject:** Housing bills proposed

Hello,

Aside from the proposed bill you sent yesterday, are there any other bills proposed on emergency rental assistance, eviction prevention or anything else housing related? I heard the Housing Coalition and Justice Center is working with some Republican members and others but didn't know if you have heard of anything.

Thanks,  
Erika

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise Nceh](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Ehren](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: March 15 COVID-19 Update  
**Date:** Sunday, March 15, 2020 1:00:58 PM

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## Information to send to stakeholders:

We know these are challenging times and are grateful for the continued support of our partners across the state. As a reminder, please regularly check our website, [ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus](https://ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus), for the latest information. There is a wealth of information there and our team is working around the clock to make it as user-friendly as possible.

Recent updates include:

### **Governor Cooper issued an Executive Order closing K-12 public schools and banning gatherings of more than 100 people**

On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Governor Roy Cooper ordered all K-12 public schools in North Carolina to close for a minimum of two weeks in response to COVID-19. The Executive Order also bans gatherings of more than 100 people. North Carolina currently has 23 people in 12 counties who have tested positive for COVID-19.

- [Press Release](#)
- [Executive Order](#)

### **New Education and Nutrition Working Group**

Governor Cooper has appointed an Education and Nutrition Working Group to develop a plan to ensure that children and families are supported while schools are closed. The working group will focus on issues including nutrition, health, childcare access for critical health care and other front-line workers and learning support for children at home.

"I am standing up this new working group to ensure that children have enough food to eat, families have care in safe places for their young children, and student learning continues," Governor Cooper said.

### **Guidance**

The website includes guidance and resources for a range of stakeholders. Information is changing rapidly and will be added and updated:

- [Businesses and Employers](#)
- [Child Care Centers](#)
- [Colleges and Universities](#)
- [Community and Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- [Community Events and Mass Gatherings](#)
- [Correctional Facilities](#)
- [First Responders](#)
- [Health Care Providers, Hospitals, and Laboratories](#)
- [Homeless Shelters](#)

[K-12 Schools](#)

- [Local Health Departments](#)
- [Long-term Facilities](#)
- [Malls and Shopping Centers](#)
- [Mass Transit](#)
- [Migrant Farm Workers and their Employers](#)
- [Public Facing Businesses and Agencies](#)
- [Restaurants and Bars](#)
- [Syringe Service Programs](#)
- [Working with People with Disabilities](#)

Events are changing rapidly, and we will continue to do our best to share to ensure you have the latest information.



**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise nceeh](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] FW: Back@Home Information Call  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:09:44 PM  
**Attachments:** [ESG-CV QA 4.pdf](#)

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**From:** Ferguson, Erika T

**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:49:12 AM

**To:** Kim Crawford <execdir@endhomelessnesswake.org>; Breen, Joseph M <joseph.breen@dhhs.nc.gov>; SVC\_DHHS.ncesg <ncesg@dhhs.nc.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: [External] FW: Back@Home Information Call

Hello,

Thanks for this feedback, Kim. We can definitely appreciate the intensive work going down on the

community level to create the best resources and systems for the people we serve. The active participation and feedback from CoCs has been incredibly helpful in shaping our plan. As has been communicated, the overarching goal is that the Back@Home model is meant to support CoCs and agencies grow capacity and scale in Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention to respond to COVID-19. CoCs will be able to opt out if the community does not find that this resource will best serve their communities.

Attached you will find all the questions we have received from different avenues—removing duplicative questions—with responses. If anyone has any additional questions, please feel free to email them to me directly and I can send out another version of these Q&As later this week.

The call this afternoon will be aimed at agencies that, if their CoC is part of Back@Home, may apply for the program. CoC staff are also welcome to apply, but it is not required.

Thanks,  
Erika

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**From:** Kim Crawford <execdir@endhomelessnesswake.org>

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Good Morning Joe and Erika –

We are a bit perplexed by this email, suggesting an information call for Back@Home. Our confusion of course is due in part to the fact that our CoC (as well as many others) have been requesting information regarding the implementation of this statewide program, and to date that information has not yet been provided – yet you are now proposing a statewide wide Back@Home information call, appearing to bypass individual CoC leadership and or involvement.

When the CoCs were first informed of this proposal on May 27, we believed this was a proposal and that the feedback and comments due on June 1<sup>st</sup> would be taken into account. Our CoC met that deadline, providing comment and request for additional information. During the June 3<sup>rd</sup> NCCEH call, we and several other CoCs expressed concern and posed multiple questions, resulting in a request for a special call to provide clarity and response to the questions being presented by our CoC and others. The request for a special meeting occurred on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

It wasn't until June 8<sup>th</sup> that we understood that this was not a proposal but rather the state plan. The June 8<sup>th</sup> call became another presentation on Back@Home, similar to the one on May 27<sup>th</sup>, along with a brief tutorial on collective impact. We were informed that CoCs had to "opt out" of the statewide plan – slide 10 of that presentation delineated how that was to occur. Again, questions and concerns were raised, along with a promise from the presenters that CoC questions would be answered and concerns addressed. That same promise occurred on the June 10<sup>th</sup> NCCEH call – announcing that the NC ESG-CV Fair Share Allocation notice would come out Friday and that an FAQ would be provided Monday, with the NC ESG-CV RFA to follow shortly thereafter. We did confirm that you all had the collective CoC list of the not yet answered questions and concerns.

While the Fair Share was released on June 15<sup>th</sup>, to date, the questions and concerns raised by our CoC have not yet been addressed. We have adhered to your deadlines, provided feedback, participated in calls / mtgs that we were made aware, yet we cannot get the questions answered and concerns addressed that we feel will help our CoC make informed and intentional decisions regarding the use of COVID Cares Act dollars in our community. Certainly we cannot make a decision regarding opting in or out of a plan that we cannot get the necessary information.

We would very much like to move this along and off our plate as the pandemic dictates our attention be focused on immediate direct service needs. We are however aware that millions of dollars are at stake for our CoC as well as others – dollars we cannot afford to lose. Therefore, is it possible that you can provide us with the name or names of someone who can help assist us with gathering this information – as soon as possible?

Sincerely,

Be Well – Be Safe,

***Kim***

Kim Crawford, Executive Director  
Raleigh-Wake Partnership  
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**Subject:** Back@Home Information Call

Good Morning All,

For organizations/agencies interested in applying to become a Back@Home Rehousing Agency to provide rapid rehousing and prevention services using this model, an information call will be held on **Thursday, June 18, 2020 from 1-2PM**. The call may be accessed online at <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCCoalitiontoEndHomelessness/icchp2> or via phone (786) 535-3211 access code 447-335-461. A recording of the call will be made available after the call.

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**Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:54:49 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: [External] FY 2020 CARES Act Funding

All,

Please see the email below from Tasleem our HUD Greensboro field office representative. The attachments are letters that will be going out to the states very soon. This is the first notification we have received. Obviously it raises a few questions in terms of process but it also states that this information is forthcoming. I have not shared this with anyone outside the agency or inter-agency except you. I will await guidance and discussion from you going forward.

You will also note that the other letters addressing HOPWA and CDBG (commerce) are also being sent.

Prior to receiving this we are working with partners including NCCEH to put together a TA call with HUD contracted consultants to see if we can get additional information.

Yesterday, per HUD field office instruction, I sent out the attached email addressing Waivers. These early waivers are somewhat underwhelming so were not hard to answer. However, we know that other waivers will be coming. We understand another "mega-waiver" will be coming.

I am awaiting further instruction from the field office and their review.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Good morning all,

I've attached a copy of the State's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act) supplemental funding notification letters (CDBG, ESG and HOPWA). These letters are being sent out this week.

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Hello CoC Leads, Denise, Erika, Iris, and Joe –

I hope everyone is doing well. It sounds like we are all excited about the possibility of increased funding for housing programs. After our statewide call earlier today where we started to address some CoC concerns, could we schedule a meeting to talk further about the Back@Home model to come to consensus about how it can best work for all CoCs? Would it be helpful for me to schedule this, or Erika and Denise would you prefer to do this?

Best regards,

-corey

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Hello,

There are two barriers to CDBG-CV. The first barrier is removed by the way the second allocation is provided to the state. The second, to our understanding, still exists and will require a waiver from HUD. The two barriers are described below.

1. Ability to spend CDBG-CV funds in any city/county in the state.
  - a. In the first allocation, CDBG-CV awarded to the state can only delivered to non-entitlement communities. Operating a statewide eviction prevention program is difficult when money spent can't be used in many communities in the state.
  - b. The second allocation provides all funding to the state, so removes the issue of only being able to fund projects/communities in certain areas of the state.
2. Ability for the state to contract with non-profits directly and administer a state operated program.
  - a. From our understanding, this issue is not resolved in the second allocation. The rules seem to still read that all funding needs to be sent to local jurisdictions to then grant out to non-profits.
  - b. We were planning to work with Commerce to submit a waiver to HUD that would change this.
    - i. There is precedent with CDBG-DR, which allows states to run state operated programs and grant funds directly to non-profits (in addition to granting funds to local jurisdictions).
    - ii. It would overall allow for the additional structure and operational efficiency that a statewide approach brings in disaster response. For example:
      1. Many non-profits work in multiple jurisdictions. It would relieve administrative burden on these agencies to receive funding directly from the state.
      2. There could be one streamlined system that, while run administered by local organizations at the regional level, could be coordinated by the state to allow us to better manage a large disaster response that would meet a need (eviction prevention) that is happening across all counties and

jurisdictions.

Happy for Jason or Kristen to jump in if they have any different understanding of the CDBG-CV barriers.

Thanks,  
Erika

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Follow-up question from Nora:

"With the CDBG-CV eligibility for the state to administer Safe@Home... They would need a waiver for the first tranche of CDBG dollars (the "balance of state" money) and not the second tranche (which was allocated directly to the state for use anywhere), correct?"

Kristen – I don't believe we gave updates on this topic on the call.

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I would like to hear if there is any feedback or new information shared on this topic on the call.

Thanks!  
Kristen

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This is extremely helpful. Thank you.

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Copying Tara, Kristen and Jason for awareness.

The Interagency Council for Coordinating Homelessness Programs created a COVID Workgroup, which prepared a strategic plan and funding proposals for crisis response and housing stability. The Plan has three main components:

1. Maintaining safe sheltering and street outreach programs;
2. Operationalizing non-congregate sheltering; and
3. Housing Stability Response
  1. Back@Home Rehousing and
  2. Safe@Home Eviction Prevention programs.

The ICCHP is currently working with the Office of State Budget, the Governor's Policy Office, DHHS—ESG Office, and the Department of Commerce to identify how CARES Act HUD funding could be used for these identified needs. ESG funding can definitely be used to meet the first component (shelters and street outreach). It seems likely that ESG funds can be used for Back@Home Rehousing, but there is work to explore any barriers to using these funds for this purpose. DHHS is working with the NC Coalition to End Homelessness and HUD Technical Assistance on this. Once this is resolved, we think we can start the program within 4 – 6 weeks.

At this point, there is not funding identified that can be used for the Safe@Home Eviction Prevention program. These are eligible expenses under CSBG-CV, but there is currently a requirement that CDBG goes directly to local jurisdictions and cannot be used for a state-administered program and granted directly to non-profits. The ICCHP is working with the Department of Commerce on exploring if there is a waiver that could be submitted to allow funds to be used to support the Safe@Home Eviction Prevention Program. There is precedent for this, as CDBG-DR can be granted directly from the state to non-profits, so we think it is possible that HUD would allow this waiver.

Happy to share any additional detail about the ICCHP workgroup proposal.

Thanks,  
Erika

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Erika, will you help me respond to the highlighted question below from Rep. Price's office?

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Can you please take this one?

**Matt Gross**

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NC Department of Health & Human Services

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One more from Rep. Price—so sorry for the dual emails!

“I’d like to know about how the state is working internally and with stakeholders to come up with spend plans for the state’s allocations of CDBG and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding from HUD. Commerce is responsible for CDBG, NC DHHS is ESG, and I understand there is a Governor’s Coordinating Council on Homelessness (?) that includes participation from advocacy groups and housing practitioners in the state. What is the current status of efforts to stand up programs to ensure vulnerable people are stably housed, the homeless are moved out of congregate shelters, and folks can get access to rental assistance?”

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Hey y'all:

Q from Rep. Price in advance of tomorrow's call: "Can you please update us on your efforts to catch up with the unemployment applications, as well as your progress to hire additional DES staff?"

Thank you so much—y'all have been very responsive and helpful to our caseworkers on this issue, and we know that you have a tall order right now.

Nora

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**Subject:** NC COVID-19 Dashboard Updates and Legislator / Delegation Call 10:30AM Friday May 22

Note dial-in info for Member call with Secy Cohen tomorrow 10:30AM

Feel free to send Q's in advance if desired

Thanks All

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**Subject:** **COVID-19 Case Count and Legislator Call at 10:30 Friday**

We are now at 20,910 cases in North Carolina. There are 578 people hospitalized with COVID-19. We have 716 confirmed deaths for North Carolina.

The full data dashboard with all of our metrics is available here:  
<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard>

We will be having an all legislator call at 10:30 on Friday with Secretary Cohen. The call-in information is below:

US Toll: +1-415-655-0003  
Access code: 613 854 122

As with all of our calls, please email me your questions before or during the call.

Thank you,  
Matt

**Matt Gross**



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## **TA Request #6040 Has Been Approved**

HUD approves this request for technical assistance (TA) to provide TA to State of North Carolina (NC-503) Continuum of Care (CoC). The purpose of the TA is to assist with systems planning for COVID-19 response.

ICF International is the approved TA provider. Dmitriy Gershkovich is the SNAPS Desk Officer.

Before beginning remote assistance, the TA provider should contact the HUD Field Office, the SNAPS Desk officer, and the TA requestor within one week of the date HUD sends this tasking.

During remote TA provision, if the TA provider believes that more in-depth, onsite TA is needed, the TA provider will work the TA recipient, the HUD Field Office, and the SNAPS Desk Officer to develop a proposed scope of work for onsite TA. After agreement by these three parties regarding the proposed scope of work, the TA provider should complete the "TA Upgrade Form" and submit it via e-mail to Natasha Mayes, Program Office TA Coordinators at HUD, as well as the SNAPS Desk Officer.

The TA upgrade form should specify that the new request is a follow-up to remote TA. It should propose clear tasks and link them to one or more of the TA objectives on the form. Proposed onsite TA must address HUD TA priorities.

Once submitted, the HUD Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs will review the information on the TA Upgrade Form to make a final funding determination. If HUD agrees to fund the onsite TA, it will then task work plan development.

Remember that your GTR approves the work plan and may be consulted on technical, administrative, financial, and programmatic matters related to this assignment and the award.

This TA meets the following SNAPS TA goal(s) for FY 2018:

- Improve fundamental knowledge and skills needed to design, implement, and manage an effective CoC that: (1) Meets the requirements and goals of the HEARTH Act; and (2) Implements a high-performing, collaborative crisis response system capable of strategic, data-driven decisions.

It also falls under the following SNAPS TA categories for FY 2018:

- CoC governance and CoC systems change
- CoC systems performance measurement
- Coordinated entry systems
- Data reporting, analysis and management
- HMIS
- Housing First, including: (1) rapid re-housing and (2) retooling transitional housing
- Strategic resource allocation and removing barriers to CoC resources

## **Technical Assistance Request Details**

**Request Date:** 4/09/2020

**Request ID:** #6040

### **Technical Assistance Point of Contact:**

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### **Requested for:**

North Carolina - Greensboro Field Office

## **Technical Assistance Request Summary**

### **Requestor Provided Subject**

Support in COVID-19 Planning

### **Description of Assistance Needed**

North Carolina is looking for expertise in defining a statewide coordinated solution for COVID-19 response. NC does not have a housing department or centralized housing agency, but through the charge of creating a statewide plan in response to COVID-19 is working to build a best practice housing system statewide. Specifically, NC could benefit from HUD TA on how to effectively and strategically use new federal, state and local funding, modify and improve current systems (e.g., HMIS, Coordinated Entry), and build a more seamless housing system.

NC received FEMA approval for non-congregate sheltering on 4/6/20, so could use HUD TA as soon as available to help in that planning. NC expects to receive CARES Act Funding later in April and wants to formulate a plan that gets the money out quickly to our partner agencies and the people we serve. However, NC wants to ensure that we have a strong strategy that

meets the goals of HUD and the State.

## **Topics**

- Affordable Housing and Community Development > CDBG: Community Development Block Grant
- Homelessness > CoC: Continuum of Care > CoC Coordinated entry
- Homelessness > ESG: Emergency Solutions Grant
- Homelessness > Maximizing the use of mainstream resources (such as education, healthcare, job training, social services)
- Homelessness > Rapid Re-housing
- Other - COVID-19

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**Subject:** Fwd: brief survey of non-profits" need related to COVID-19  
**Date:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:10:09 AM  
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Could you share this with the shelters and organizations you work with?

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Owen, Jenni  
**Subject:** brief survey of non-profits' need related to COVID-19

Dear colleagues,

The NC Center for Nonprofits is collecting information from *NC-based non-profit organizations about their needs stemming from COVID-19*.

**Note that to respond to the survey, your organization does *not* need to be a member of the Center for Nonprofits.**

The survey is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8VXDCFZ>

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**Subject:** Governor Signs Executive Order Prohibiting Utility Disconnections  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:56:00 PM

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Hello,

I thought this might be something you would want to send out to your networks:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/news/press-releases/governor-cooper-signs-executive-order-prohibit-utility-disconnections-wake-covid>

Thanks,  
Erika

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**Subject:** HUD letter  
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[Homeless shelter guidance 031920.docx](#)

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Hello,

This hasn't been approved yet so do not share, but this is the guidance created for homeless shelters last week that is going through reviews now. The second attachment has guidance for landlords that I wanted to talk to HFA about. Any edits or feedback on either of these?

Thanks,  
Erika



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Here is the feedback. Can we discuss some of these points? I don't know if we can on the Friday or call or prior.

Thanks,  
Erika

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Hello,

Very minor changes.

Thanks,  
Erika

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**To:** [Ehren](#); [Denise ncceh](#); [Emily Carmody](#)  
**Subject:** Initial thoughts on COVID strategy  
**Date:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 4:17:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Housing Strategy\\_040920.docx](#)

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Hello,

Here are the initial thoughts that we discussed today. Let me know if you have any changes/additions/edits. I'll share this with ESG and others tomorrow.

Thanks,  
Erika

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** Letter draft  
**Date:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 10:34:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Back@Home Proposal for HUD review\\_052020-2.docx](#)

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Hello,

Please see edits to letter attached.

Thanks,  
Erika

**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Ehren](#)  
**Subject:** List of homeless shelters in NC  
**Date:** Monday, April 13, 2020 9:14:00 AM

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Hello,

Do we have a list of homeless shelters in the state? Doesn't need to have their capacity or other detail.

Thanks,  
Erika

**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** Modified letter for review  
**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:23:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [DRAFT COVID 19 ESG CARES Act Fair Share Explainer 6.10 - ef edits clean 2.docx](#)

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Hello,

Most changes are in the top and the last paragraph about the letter of justification. Let me know if you have any edits or concerns. I will send to ESG in the morning.

Thanks,  
Erika

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**To:** [Denise ncceh](#); [Williams, Stephanie L](#)  
**Subject:** NC Housing Discussion

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** NCCEH Website  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 2:34:00 PM

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Hello,

I think your website is down. FYI.

Thanks,  
Erika

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** New Time Proposed: [External] Invitation: Data/Reporting @ Thu Apr 30, 2020 12:30pm - 2pm (EDT)  
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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Ehren](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** Non-congregate shelter website  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 5:28:00 PM

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Hello,

The website with guidance is up—please share with the people on the call. Or I am happy to if that is easier. If you send it out, can you also send them my contact information in case they have questions.

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/human-services/non-congregate-sheltering>

Let me know!

Thanks,  
Erika

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** Norm Letter  
**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 2:57:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [HUD Response Letter\\_060120.pdf](#)

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Attached

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#); [aoliva@cbpp.org](mailto:aoliva@cbpp.org)  
**Subject:** North Carolina Non-congregate sheltering  
**Date:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 2:28:00 PM

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Hello,

Thanks for thinking of North Carolina. Here are a few lines on the program. Let me know if you need anything else.

The North Carolina non-congregate sheltering program is a collaborative effort between the State, counties and local partners to secure hotel and motel rooms, as well as essential wrap around services, for individuals with no other safe place to quarantine, isolate or social distance due to COVID-19. North Carolina received approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency on April 6, 2020, and counties and local partners have since secured over 3,800 hotel and motel rooms available for health care workers, farm workers, individuals experiencing homelessness and other individuals and families exposed or at high-risk for severe disease and need a safe place to stay to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As of May 28, the program served over 2,100 people.

If information about reimbursement is helpful: FEMA will pay 75 percent of the costs associated with operating the non-congregate sheltering program and North Carolina will pay the remaining 25 percent.

Our website has our approval letters and other information:

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/information/housing-sheltering/non-congregate-sheltering>

Thanks,

Erika

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** Open Questions  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:34:00 AM

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Hello,

Here are a list of open questions that I think we need to answer before we release the RFP.

Thanks,  
Erika

**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** Open design questions for workgroup 1 + evictions  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 9:57:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Housing Strategy open design questions 042120.docx](#)

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Hello,

Apologies I didn't send this last night. These are the open design questions in my mind. Add any and the ones you worked on for workgroup 2.

Thanks,  
Erika

**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Ehren](#); [Emily Carmody](#); [Denise ncceh](#); [Brian Alexander](#)  
**Subject:** PPE  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020 8:37:00 AM

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Hello,

Do you have any sense of PPE needed by shelters? We were just sent a survey on needed PPE that is due by 2:00 pm and I want to include shelters, but am not sure if they all need masks or other PPE. Nor do I have a good understanding of how many would need it. Have you heard anything that might inform this?

Thanks,  
Erika

**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** Philanthropy contacts list  
**Date:** Monday, March 23, 2020 11:31:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Philanthropy contacts.xlsx](#)

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Hello,

List of contacts attached.

Thanks,  
Erika



**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#); [Ehren](#); [Emily Carmody](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, May 8, 2020 11:22:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Housing Proposal \\_050720-2.docx](#)

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Hello,

Here is the proposal without the track changes and comments. I am going to send it off. THANK YOU! I think this looks wonderful. I'm sending it to Tara and Kody and then the Secretary after they review.

Thanks,  
Erika

**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise Neunaber](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [External]  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:01:00 PM

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Nothing is attached.

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**From:** Denise Neunaber <denise@ncceh.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:44 PM  
**To:** Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Subject:** [External]

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This has how ESG calculates what money is shared with LPAs, including how entitlements are funded.

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Michele Williams](#); [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Cc:** [Dillashaw, Heather](#); [Chris Andrews](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [External] CDBG information  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:02:00 PM

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Hello,

Thanks for sending this. I am wrestling with CDBG now. Quick question: Is CDBG required to be passed through to local government entities or can the state share be kept at the state for a statewide eviction prevention or rapid rehousing program?

Thanks,  
Erika

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**From:** Michele Williams <michele@micheleswilliams.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:22 PM  
**To:** Denise ncceh <Denise@ncceh.org>; Ferguson, Erika T <Erika.Ferguson@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Cc:** Dillashaw, Heather <Heather.Dillashaw@icf.com>; Chris Andrews <candrews@mdg-ldm.com>  
**Subject:** [External] CDBG information

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Good afternoon Denise and Erika,  
I am attaching information on the potential use of CDBG funding for the prevention comment of your response. Chris Andrews on our team is very familiar with CDBG and is available to participate in a call with you both before you begin the discussion on CDBG with others in your community. Please let us know your availability for a call tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks

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**From:** [Ferguson, Erika T](#)  
**To:** [Denise ncceh](#)  
**Subject:** maybe something like this  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:31:00 PM

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<https://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/our-programs/crisis-services/eviction-prevention/>

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