

**North Carolina State Disaster Recovery Task Force  
Housing Recovery Support Function (RSF 8) Meeting**

WebEx Teleconference

January 20, 2020

10:00am – 12:00pm

**Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance (by teleconference)**

**Lead:** Samuel Gunter, NC Housing Coalition

**Staff:** Amanda Martin and Ruseena Johnson, North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR)

Leslie Albritton, Legal Aid of North Carolina

Pamela Atwood, NC Housing Coalition

Nancy Bloebaum, NC Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA)

PJ Connelly, Office of State Budget Management

Carlotta Dixon, NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Scott Farmer, NCHFA

James Gormley, U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Roosevelt Grant, HUD

Joel Groce, NC Community Action Association

Curtis Hill, Disability Rights of NC

Ann Huffman, NC Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Greg Kirkpatrick, Habitat NC

Janae Moore, Apartment Association of North Carolina

Mike Patterson, Salvation Army of NC and SC

Bill Rowe, NC Justice Center

Marqueta Welton, NC Department of Administration

Erin Winner, NC League of Municipalities

**Additional NCORR Staff:**

Haley Pfeiffer-Haynes

Christopher Posey

Jessica Whitehead

**Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of Agenda**

A. Martin and S. Gunter provided a brief introduction and agenda overview. NCORR updates and updates from the member agencies.

**Member Organization Updates**

RSF members and attendees provided updates on their organizations' housing recovery work and related Covid relief work.

It is expected that President Biden will issue an Executive Order to extend the eviction moratorium and disburse additional funds into the housing market. NC Housing Coalition and Apartment Association of North Carolina are providing information and advocacy on this topic.

Vaccination rollout information: NCDHHS is spearheading the vaccination rollout for the State of North Carolina, check the website for information.

Several organizations are working on eviction and eviction prevention in North Carolina, including many that are working with and in support of the HOPE program. Those organizations include: Legal Aid, including work on heirs property, NC DHHS, Disability Rights, NC Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA), Disability Rights North Carolina, HUD, Apartment Association of North Carolina, and North Carolina League of Municipalities.

NCORR's Construction Trades Training Program, working with the North Carolina Community College System, anticipates a program launch sometimes in the late second quarter of 2021.

### [NCORR HOPE Updates](#)

H. Pfeiffer-Haynes, Chief of External Affairs for NCORR, provided updates on the HOPE Program. The HOPE Program has assisted over 24,000 households. Application intake has been automated, and NCORR is working with Dominion and other utilities to do direct payment. Utility payments should be automated in the near future as well. NCORR is also working to address landlords' concerns about the extended prohibition on evictions for nonpayment.

Recently, the federal government made an additional \$700 million available to North Carolina for eviction prevention. These funds will be distributed locally to larger municipalities, and then the remainder will go to the state, at which point the Governor and General Assembly will direct the allocation process. \$542 million is expected to be left for the state after the local allocations. NCORR has prepared a large RFP to procure capabilities to handle that much funding, should the funding come to NCORR.

The Biden administration is expected to disburse an additional \$30 billion for rent and utility assistance, which could double what comes to NC to assist with those needs.

### [Updates from State Disaster Recovery Taskforce](#)

A. Martin and J. Whitehead provided updates on the State Disaster Recovery Task Force RSFs. NCORR is developing guidance on how members are added to the RSFs. Also, the recent draft amendment for the CDBG-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) action plan had language that would allow all RSFs to make recommendations on how the state spends CDBG-MIT funds for planning activities. Note that these amendments have not yet been approved by HUD.

The Environmental Preservation RSF has already submitted recommendations to the Governor's Office, NCEM, and NCORR on spending CDBG-MIT planning funds. For a future round of recommendations, the RSF is developing text to support the development of a statewide flood resilience framework.

This is J. Whitehead's final RSF meeting. She is moving on to a new position at Old Dominion University in Virginia.

### [Next steps](#)

Date for next meeting to be distributed via email