

**NE Oklahoma Continuum of Care Full Partnership
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 27th, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.**

Virtual Meeting

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In Attendance:

1. Lindi Conover-Thompson, NEOCAA
2. Denise Phelps, GRAND Mental Health
3. John Ann Thompson, NEOCAA
4. Cindy Burnett, Help in Crisis
5. Cindy Bedford, The Landing
6. Keila Dewey, CCCI
7. Natalie Shelton, TMS
8. Cassie Clark, Safenet Services
9. Jessica Minton, VA in Fayetteville
10. Suzanne Redden, CARD
11. Elizabeth Adams, SSVF
12. Sherri Sherwood, FFATC
13. Kaitlyn Soldier, CREOKS
14. Kristi Boydston, CREOKS

Call to order at: 12:02pm

1. Introduction of Guests

- a.** Shannon Garner – VA in Ft. Smith – Ottawa and Adair Co and Sequoyah
- b.** Bridget Wall – VA in Ft. Smith – Ottawa and Adair Co and Sequoyah Co
- c.** Tiffani Knight – GRAND Mental Health
- d.** Jake Stopp – Program Manager with TMS
- e.** Cody McMullen, CDSA
- f.** Krisstee Pierce – GRAND, Housing Specialist
- g.** Amanda Crase – PATH Program for CREOKS
- h.** Kurstyn Ciancia – Dept of Mental Health, on behalf of Tiawan Miller
- i.** Michelle Bachelor – HUD/VASH & Tribal HUD/VASH
- j.** Tommy Waite – GRAND Mental Health
- k.** Marc Clement, arrived late, CREOKS in Catoosa

2. Updates and events

- a. Jessica Izquierdo from ODOC has rescheduled to meet with our COC on September 28th for in-person meeting at NEOCAA in Jay.
 - b. HUD's VAWA 2022 CoC and ESG Webinar Series – details below
- 3. Consideration and action regarding June 29th, 2023, COC Full Partnership minutes
 - a. Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Keila Dewey and seconded by Elizabeth Adams. Motion carries with 1 abstention.
- 4. Update regarding ESG
 - a. Applications were submitted on May 31st
 - b. Applications are being peer-reviewed now
 - c. Discussion and possible action regarding a modified split
 - i. Grand Mental Health may not receive funding, as such, we may need to do a 5-way split. Total allocation: \$235,512, split 5-ways is \$47,102.40
 - d. Motion to accept a 5-way split and modify budgets and applications, as necessary made by Natalie Shelton and seconded by Keila Dewey. Motion carries (with 7 abstentions from guests).
- 5. Update and action re: SNAPs/Collaborative application
 - a. Review timeline (see below)
 - b. Applicants for renewal
 - c. Appoint scoring committee
 - i. Kaitlyn Soldier
 - ii. Tiffany Knight, tknight@grandmh.com
 - iii. Krisstee Pierce, kpierce@grandmh.com
 - iv. Suzanne Redden
 - v. Cassie Clark
- 6. Committee updates, recommendations, and action items
 - a. Planning Committee
 - i. Meeting tomorrow (Friday 7/28/23) at 10am CDT via Zoom.
 - b. HMIS Committee
 - i. Welcome our new point of contact, Cody McMullen
 - ii. No updates
 - c. Motion to accept committee reports made by Kristi Boydston, seconded by Sherri Sherwood; motion carries with 4 abstentions.
- 7. New business
 - a. Lindi will send out HIC & PIT Numbers with the meeting minutes
- 8. COC Board Meeting to follow this meeting. Next meeting, August 31st, 2023

Motion to adjourn made by John Ann Thompson and seconded by Cindy Burnett; motion carries.
Meeting adjourned at 12:41pm

2023 meeting schedule *(all dates are the last Thursday of the month):*

Aug 31st

September 28th – In-person & virtual

October 26th*

November 30th

No December meeting due to holidays

**Board meeting following*

Updated Dates and Times for VAWA 2022 CoC and ESG Webinar Series

HUD is sponsoring a three-part webinar series about the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 (“VAWA 2022”) to increase the capacity and knowledge of Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) housing and homeless services providers about housing protections for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in homeless services systems. This series features technical assistance providers, policy experts, and community leaders to showcase both requirements and best practices around VAWA implementation.

Note: The dates and times for the webinars have been updated. Please see the new dates and times featured below.

Training Objectives

Participants will:

- Learn about VAWA housing provisions that apply to CoC and ESG grantees
- Learn about VAWA 2022 updated definitions and provisions as outlined in the [VAWA letter to CoC/ESG program recipients](#)
- Explore requirements and best practices for developing and implementing emergency transfer plans (ETPs)
- Engage in a panel discussion between VAWA experts and community leaders regarding all aspects of VAWA implementation for CoCs and CoC/ESG recipients

Schedule

| Webinar Title | Description | Date and Time |
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| Understanding VAWA | This session will provide CoCs and ESG recipients an overview of VAWA and VAWA 2022 Reauthorization. | August 10, 2023 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT |
| VAWA ETPs: CoC and ESG Requirements and Best Practices | This session will provide in-depth knowledge for CoCs and ESG recipients about developing an ETP as required by VAWA. Presenters will provide information about both requirements and best practices for ensuring ETPs are tailored to local strengths and needs. | August 17, 2023 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT |
| Community Conversations: VAWA in Practice | This session will feature a panel of VAWA experts and community leaders discussing all aspects of VAWA implementation for CoCs and CoC/ESG recipients. | August 31, 2023 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT |

Joining Instructions

The first webinar in the series, Understanding VAWA, will take place on **August 10, 2023 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT**.

Participants do not need to register in advance. It is strongly recommended that participants join the webinar 15 minutes prior to the start time. To join the webinar, simply access the login page at the link below.

[Join the Webinar](#)

Training Point of Contact

If you have any questions or encounter difficulties joining VAWA 2022 CoC and ESG Webinar Series, please contact Gordon Levine at gordon.levine@icf.com.

Schedule for 2023 SNAPS CoC Competition and Renewal

Wednesday, August 2, 2023: Application drafts sent to applicants

Week of August 14: Scoring committee meets to establish scoring criteria

Wednesday, August 16: Applications drafts due to Lindi

Friday, August 18: Applications sent to scoring committee for review

Tuesday, August 29: Scoring committee reviews due & scoring committee meets to recommend project ranking

Thursday, August 31: COC Meeting – Agenda will include accepting committee recommendations

Friday, September 1 – Friday September 15: Lindi works with applicants to complete apps, enter into eSNAPS

Week of September 4: Lindi holds online training for eSNAPS navigation

Monday, September 18: Applicants must be enter apps into eSNAPS for inclusion into the final collaborative application

Monday, September 25: Lindi will submit applications to HUD