

Buncombe County NC - Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 11/16/2022

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: **ZOOM only**

Invitees		
Dan Beerman	Suzanne Booth	Rebecca Hartz
Eileen McMinn	Susan Schiemer	Meg White
Greg Zornes		Billie Breeden
Jennifer Teague	LeeAnne Tucker	Zack Schmitt

*Meg White was at the meeting, but was intermittent

Not in attendance: Dan Beerman

- I. 3:30-3:35 Welcome
 - a. Approve or Revise Agenda
 - i. There were no additions to the Agenda.
 - b. Approve or Revise Meeting Minutes – October
 - i. There were no revisions to the Meeting Minutes.
 - ii. Motion made by Eileen McMinn to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Suzanne Booth. Motion carried.
- II. 3:35-4:05 “Meet & Greet” Visits
 - a. Feedback on recent visits
 - i. Committee Members - Suzanne Booth, Greg Zornes, Rebecca Hartz, Eileen McMinn, and Meg White discussed their visits with the providers. Suzanne Booth’s summaries of visits will be emailed to the members.
 - ii. Suggestions included having the providers do a presentation with a vision (where they are headed) and having the Committee provide more direction to the providers by giving them specific ideas of what the committee members have in mind.
 - iii. The general consensus was that the Meet and Greet Visits were beneficial as in building relationships and trust and should continue next year.
- III. 4:05–4:25 Discuss Possible Application Revisions
 - a. Susan Schiemer updated the FY24 Aging Services Program Application. The application was reviewed.

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- b. One new change was to remove the question - Explain any change of 5% or more in the proposed unit rate from the current unit rate - under the Performance Measures section. The question did not provide any additional information and could be answered in previous questions about the unit rate. A vote was taken. All committee members were in favor of removing the question.
 - c. Jen Teague asked the Committee if there should be a requirement for paying in-home aides more of a living wage. In the Social Services Block Grant, the County is paying non-certified aides \$17/hour and certified aides \$ 18/hour. It is an equity issue. Buncombe County's living wage is \$17/\$18 per hour. There is a shortage of in-home aides and perhaps increasing the wages may help. This will be added to the application.
 - d. The application will be released on Tuesday, January 16, 2023. The completed applications will be due on Friday, February 24, 2023.
- IV. 4:25-4:30 Determine Action Items and Next Steps
- a. The application will be finalized at the December meeting.
 - b. The next meeting will be December 14 at 3:30 pm via Zoom.