

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 2/28/2024

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: ZOOM only

Invitees		
Dan Beerman	Suzanne Booth	Taylor Cox
Melissa Harmon	Rebecca Heartz	Eileen McMinn
Deborah Oldt	Susan Schiemer	Greg Zornes
Billie Breeden	Zack Schmitt	Alison Banzhoff

Not in attendance: Eileen McMinn

- I. Welcome
 - a. Approve or Revise Agenda
 - i. There were no additions or revisions to the Agenda.
 - ii. Motion made by Suzanne to approve the Agenda, seconded by Deborah. Motion carried.
 - b. Approve or Revise Meeting Minutes – January
 - i. There were no revisions to the Meeting Minutes.
 - ii. Motion made by Suzanne to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Deborah. Motion carried.

- II. Grantee Presentation – Blue Ridge Pride Generation Plus - Amy Upham, Executive Director of Blue Ridge Pride
 - a. Blue Ridge Pride Generation Plus, a program of Blue Ridge Pride Center, Inc., serves the LGBTQ+ older adult community through advocacy, education, service, and celebration. The PowerPoint presentation is attached. To view the meeting, go to <https://engage.buncombecounty.org/x1728>.

- III. Review Funding Expenditures – January
 - a. Units of Service - reviewed
 - b. Buncombe County Supplemental Aging Funds (BCSAF) - reviewed

- IV. Discuss Grant Review Process and Feedback from Funded Provider Meeting
 - a. Susan talked about helpful hints regarding the FY25 Aging Services Grant Application at the Funded Provider Meeting which included: spell out abbreviations, don't cut and paste from prior years without changing the data,

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be concise, focus on county data or at least state data, and identify the need more clearly.

- b. Grant logon website only allows for uploading the budget. A few providers were unable to load their DEI documents. This will be changed for next year.
- c. After FY25 allocations are made, Susan would like to discuss the application to make improvements for next year.
- d. There were 27 grant applications received with a total request of \$3.2 million dollars. Only have \$2.2 million dollars to allocate.
- e. Discussion about the stagnant funding for aging services while the older population is growing in numbers. For more detail, view the meeting at <https://engage.buncombecounty.org/x1728>. One of the priorities from the Senior Tar Heel Legislators last year was to allocate more HCCBG funding. County funding has been \$500,000 for several years, perhaps the Committee could advocate for more County funding.
- f. Discussion about encouraging aging services providers to seek more sustainable funding instead of relying on grants.
- g. Susan created a spreadsheet - FY2025 Aging Services Grant Applicants - for Committee members to record their funding recommendations. The spreadsheet was reviewed. Committee members should ensure that the total of their recommendations equals \$2.2 million dollars.
- h. MountainCare applied for HCCBG funding and BCSAF funding last year. This year, MountainCare sent in one application for HCCBG funding.
- i. Mountain Mobility requested \$500,000 in HCCBG funding, which cannot be changed. It was decided back in 2021 that Mountain Mobility would not have to apply for funding since the County goes through a strict RFP process to select a transportation provider.
- j. Billie will send the FY2025 Aging Services Grant Applicants Spreadsheet to Committee members after the meeting.
- k. Susan requested that all funding recommendations be made by the March 27 meeting. All recommendations will be recorded on another spreadsheet and an average taken.
- l. If Committee members have questions about provider applications, please send those questions to Billie.
- m. Zack will be training Melissa about HCCBG funding. If any Committee member is interested in a refresher, please reach out to Zack.

V. Determine Action Items and Next Steps