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Continuum of Care Update

Last week, [Mecklenburg County Community Support Services](#) shared information with the community about the Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance process. This open, collaborative and grassroots effort has provided many opportunities for interested individuals and organizations to be involved, from simply responding to a survey; attending one or more listening sessions; or participating in an interdisciplinary steering committee, guided by consultants for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The information shared last week included additional opportunities to provide feedback on the draft Governance Charter.

Since August, community members from across Mecklenburg County have been actively participating in the steering committee to draft the charter, which will identify the purpose, responsibilities and operations of the CoC. The CoC is accountable for, among other things, oversight (holding regular meetings; adopting a written board selection process); designating a Homeless Management Information System; planning and preparing an application for funding. Following the adoption of the Governance Charter, a new CoC Board will be nominated and approved according to the process outlined in the charter. Feedback is welcome from all community members.

Please consider sharing your feedback by Nov. 7 and joining the full CoC membership for the presentation of the final charter and vote at the regular CoC Meeting on Nov. 13. The latest update and draft charter can be found on the Housing & Homelessness Dashboard.

For more information, contact CSS Director [Stacy M. Lowry](#) at 980-314-8903.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Seeks Proposals

In response to the Raise the Age legislation, the [Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council](#) (JCPC) is seeking proposals for community-based programs that target delinquent youth, or youth whose behavior presents a high risk of juvenile court involvement. Priority funding will go to programs designed for youths ages 16 to 17 who are involved with the juvenile court system.

The approximately \$381,715.00 anticipated allocation will be available for services provided for a 6-month period, beginning Jan. 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2020.

Grants will be awarded to local public agencies, 501©3 nonprofits and local housing authorities providing services consistent with the Mecklenburg County JCPC annual plan. All funds are contingent upon availability. Interested applicants must attend at least one mandatory pre-bid information session on Thursday, Nov. 7.

JCPC Pre-Bid Information Sessions:

Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019
 9 – 11:30 a.m. and 2 – 4:30 p.m.
 Anthony Stancil Conference Center
 801 E. Fourth St., Charlotte

For more information, contact Criminal Justice Services Director [Sonya Harper](#) at 980-314-1701.

Charlotte-Area Churches and CSS to host 15th Annual Blanket Banquet

For the past 15 years, hundreds of volunteers have come together to distribute goods for our neighbors in need. On Saturday, Nov. 16, community guests suffering from homelessness are invited to the Mecklenburg County Homeless Resource Center, 618 N. College St. to attend the [15th Annual Blanket Banquet](#). Guests in attendance will receive backpacks, underwear, socks, toiletries, clothing, sleeping bags, blankets, snack bags, fellowship, prayer and more.

The event, spearheaded by community activists Greg and Cindy Platko, as well as multiple Charlotte-area churches, and hosted at [Community Support Services'](#) Homeless Resource Center, has become a day of refuge and hope. Last year, 265 guests (180 men, 65 women and 20 children) received 200 backpacks, 60 sleeping bags and 120 blankets.

For more information on the event, please contact Mecklenburg County Homeless Services Division Director [Peter Safr](#) at 980-314-8922.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6:30-8 p.m. – District 6 Commissioner Susan Rodriguez-McDowell and Charlotte City Council Member Braxton Winston will host a Community Conversation about Domestic Violence at the William R. Davie Center, 4635 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte.
- Wednesday, Nov. 6, 3:30-5 p.m. – BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting, CMGC 11th Floor Large Conference Room
- Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH14
- Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m. – BOCC Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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