

Partnership Response to NC 507 CoC Position Statement

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We are grateful for the recent acknowledgment by the NC 507 Governance Board that the work of the Raleigh/Wake Partnership to End Homelessness (PARTNERSHIP) is playing a critical role in ending and preventing homelessness in Wake County. We're honored to continue working in that capacity and look forward to remaining a catalyst in our community.

Like the Governance Board, we as the PARTNERSHIP are always looking for opportunities to improve and are committed to investing time and energy in doing so. Recently hosting the NC 507 Homeless Crisis Response System Design Clinic with the National Alliance to End Homelessness and Oak City Cares, we stepped into an opportunity for learning and improvement that we were eager to host and participate in. More than 30 community leaders gathered to discuss the homeless crisis situation in Raleigh and Wake County, track data and resources across the area, discuss places of improvement, and chart an actionable path forward for the community as a whole. Ultimately, there were three opportunities for improvement identified within the current system for all CoC members noted as follows: (1) invest in diversion/problem solving across the system, (2) reimagine the Coordinated Entry System to engage in effective diversion and prioritize people for Shelter, RRH and PSH, and (3) scale up and improve Rapid Rehousing (RRH). We are excited to continue moving forward and implement comprehensive benchmarks for each system and intervention. A full report of the NC 507 Homeless System Design Initiative can be found <https://partnershipwake.org/ending-homelessness-academy/>.

We know and wholly believe that making progress toward ending and preventing homelessness will take all of us. No single entity can end homelessness. Rather, building an effective system to solve the problem of homelessness can only begin when a community works together. There is power in collaboration! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Collaborative Applicant/HMIS Lead in Raleigh/Wake County. We are eager to keep moving forward.

If anyone has feedback, suggestions, or would like to partner, please reach out to Kim Crawford, Executive Director at the Raleigh/Wake Partnership to End Homelessness, via email at kcrawford@partnershipwake.org or via phone at (919) 443-0098, ext1033