



CENTRAL PINES

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Board of Delegates Recap

2024

May 2024

Meeting Summary

Central Pines Regional Council held its May Board of Delegates meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The meeting featured a highlight on housing insecurity and vulnerable populations. Joshua Hearne with the Danville Regional Foundation provided opening remarks, sharing that “folks need a place to stay,” and they need people who care.

Lindsay Whitson, CPRC Community & Economic Development Director shared some state and national trends and data regarding homelessness, followed by Allie Card and Laurel Benfield with the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness, who shared data on homelessness and housing insecurity within our region. This was followed by a panel discussion featuring Meredith Yuckman, Executive Director at The Hope Center at Pullen, Ryan Smith, Community Safety Director with City of Durham, Hunter Fillers, CPRC Housing Program Manager, and Melissa Lowell, Chatham County Street Outreach Coordinator.

Action Taken

Action taken at the January 24, 2024 Board of Delegates Meeting included:

- Approval of [2024-2028 Area Plan on Aging](#)
- Approval of [Recommended Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget](#)
- Adopted proposed Bylaws changes
- Elected FY24-25 Board Officers

FY2024-2025 Board Officers

Thank you to our officers who served this past year, as well as to those who have volunteered their time to serve the upcoming year!

Chair: Brett Gantt, Town of Apex

1st Vice-Chair: Randee Haven O'Donnell, Town of Carrboro

2nd Vice-Chair: Susan Evans, Wake County

Secretary/Treasurer: Byron McAllister, Town of Selma

Immediate Past Chair: Butch Lawter, Johnston County

Resources & Things to Note

- Contact Info for Homelessness Highlight:
 - Meredith Yuckman, Executive Director, The Hope Center at Pullen, myuckman@hopecenteratpullen.org, 919-694-3133
 - Ryan Smith, Community Safety Department Director, City of Durham, ryan.smith@durhamnc.gov
 - Joshua Hearne, Program Director & Senior Program Officer, Danville Regional Foundation, jhearne@drfonline.org, 434-799-2176
 - Allie Card, Project Specialist, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness, allie.card@ncceh.org, 919-755-4393 ext. 5004
 - Laurel Benfield, Project Specialist, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness, laurel.benfield@ncceh.org, 919-755-4393 ext. 5015
 - Hunter Fillers, Housing Program Manager, Central Pines Regional Council, hfillers@centralpinesnc.gov, 919-558-9392
 - Melissa Lowell, Chatham County Street Outreach Coordinator, Central Pines Regional Council, mlowell@centralpinesnc.gov, 919-407-8525
- Media Training for Elected Officials: We offered this training to our local elected officials last year and it was well-received. This year, the training will be held on Wednesday, August 14 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Central Pines Regional Council (in-person). The cost is \$350 per participant, and you can be invoiced.
 - If you're interested, register here
 - See what a few of last year's participants had to say here

[Registration](#)

[2023 Video](#)

What's Next

- Next full Board of Delegates meeting: Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00 pm



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