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

Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday 8/26/2026
Time: 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Location: Land of Sky Regional Council
339 New Leicester Hwy., Suite 140
Asheville, NC 28806 and ZOOM

Invitees		
Dan Beerman	Suzanne Booth	Taylor Foisie
Melissa Harmon	~~Deborah Oldt~~	Susan Schiemer
Greg Zornes		
Alison Banzhoff	Billie Breeden	Zack Schmitt

Not in attendance: Deborah Oldt

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

II. Review of Expenditure Reports
   a. Units of Service – Reviewed
      i. Pisgah Legal Services had already used up 99% of their funding.
      ii. Mountain Aging Partners (MAP) - The current total for MAP's transportation service units in July 2026 was 203 service units**.** Unfortunately, ARMS did not save the service units when they were originally entered, which is why the July report reflected zero. The units for July have since been reentered into ARMS. Next month's report will show units of service for July and August.
      iii. Senior Companion Program usually uses another funding source first before HCCBG funding.
      iv. Mountain Housing Opportunities hadn't used any of their funding yet. They have to finish a project in order to submit units of service.
   b. Buncombe County Supplemental Aging Funds (BCSAF) – Reviewed

i. OnTrack submits quarterly invoices, which is why they have not spent any funding yet.
ii. Emberlight and Blue Ridge Pride did not submit July invoices.
iii. Blue Ridge Pride has not been responsive to email inquires about submitting the FY26 End of Year Report and the July 2026 invoice. There hasn't been any communication from them. Billie contacted the contracts department at Buncombe County to see if there was an official correction action document. Their FY27 contract states that Blue Ridge Pride will put on monthly events for LGBTQ+ older adults. Blue Ridge Pride is having an August event. While the Committee is concerned about the lack of communication and monthly events, it was decided to wait until the September/October timeframe to see if an August invoice is submitted and if the situation has improved. The Committee may draft a letter showing support and concern then.

III. Discuss FY26 End of Year Report – Reviewed and discussed
   a. The FY26 End of Year Reports will provide information for establishing the baseline for the Age-Friendly Action Plan to measure the indicators related to the goals.
   b. The Committee discussed the FY26 End of Year Compilation. To view what was discussed, click on the main Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee (HCCBGAC) Engage Page: **https://engage.buncombecounty.org/hccbgac**. If you scroll down to the Meetings and Recordings section and click Participate, that will take you to a list of all of the meetings. From there, find the meeting you want to watch and click the little arrow and then View Page.
   c. A few things mentioned: The Committee would like Mountain Mobility to focus more on customer service instead of operational safety. Also, the Committee would like DayStay to do a survey like Jewish Family Services.

IV. Discuss and Draft changes to Application and Scoring Tool
   a. Application and scoring tool will be finalized at the next meeting.

V. Determine Action Items and Next Steps