



NC Public Benefits Collective Collaboration Committee: Summary & Overview

Purpose

The Collaboration Committee (also referred to as the Steering Committee) is the primary governance body of the NC Public Benefits Collective. It provides oversight, accountability, and strategic direction to the Collective while ensuring that community perspectives, frontline experience, and regional realities inform the Collective's priorities and decision-making. Its core functions include:

- Establishing and upholding the Collective's values, mission, and theory of change;
- Elevating community voice and lived expertise in the Collective's governance, strategy, and evaluation;
- Vetting frameworks and evaluating new circles and their resource needs;
- Building trust and mutual accountability across the Collective; and
- Tracking and demonstrating meaningful progress and movement

The Collaboration Committee sets direction at the Collective level. Individual Circles determine the specific content and approach of their own work within their subtopic areas.

Structure & Composition

The committee will ultimately be composed of approximately 20 members across four categories. Ten of the 20 seats are reserved for individuals closely connected to community. **At present, 15 of the 20 seats are open for applications.**

Community representatives (10 seats)

Community strategy representatives at large (4 seats): These seats are open to individuals or organizations working on public benefits access from a broad or cross-regional perspective.

Community regional leads (6 seats): One seat per [NC Medicaid region](#), representing individuals or organizations doing frontline community-based work within that region. Regional leads may include frontline workers, nonprofit staff, community health workers, direct care or domestic workers, youth and young adult representatives, and others working directly with communities in their region.

Capacity and liaison seats (5 seats): These seats bring subject-matter expertise to the committee. They may be filled by individuals or by representatives of organizations with relevant expertise in the following areas:

- Data
- Policy
- Technology
- NCDHHS
- Philanthropy

Circle representatives (1 seat per circle) - *These representatives are not part of the open application process.*

Each active Circle designates one representative to the Collaboration Committee. Circle lead seats are not subject to the general application process.

Care Share Health Alliance staff (1 seat) - *This representative is not part of the open application process.*

Care Share Health Alliance (CSHA) serves as the anchor organization for the NC Public Benefits Collective and houses its two full-time staff positions.

Roles & Accountability

All Collaboration Committee members are accountable for the following:

- Attending monthly meetings (biweekly in the initial launch period), with meeting dates provided at time of invitation. Members are expected to attend a minimum of 90% of scheduled meetings.
- Participating in an initial in-person orientation meeting and any facilitation trainings as needed
- Attending an annual 1–2 day in-person convening
- Engaging actively in vetting frameworks, theory of change, new circles, community feedback loops, and resource needs
- Contributing to setting value standards and participating in the annual 360 review process
- Demonstrating progress and meaningful movement in the Collective's work

Total time commitment is estimated at approximately 30 hours per year, inclusive of virtual meetings, with additional time for in-person convenings. ***Note: meetings may be scheduled outside of standard 9-to-5 business hours to accommodate member availability.***

Selection

Community representative and capacity/liaison seats are filled through a self-application process. A five-person selection committee comprised of at least one Care Share Board member and community representatives not seeking a position on the Collaboration Committee will hold the selection process. The process will include review of applications and interviews, as needed. **The Collaboration Committee application window will open July 20, 2026, and close August 17, 2026.**

Term Limits & Continuation

Collaboration Committee seats have no fixed terms. Members serve as long as it's mutually beneficial — for the Collective and for the individual or organization they represent.

To support this, the Committee will create an annual 360 review to check whether each member's participation still makes sense for both the Collective and the member's own work or mission.

Compensation

All non-staff committee members will receive a minimum of \$5,000 in annual stipend to offset costs associated with service. Applicants will indicate on their application form whether this stipend should be made to the organization, if they are participating on behalf of an organization, or to the individual participant.

Self-interest Form

If you are interested in serving on the Collaboration Committee, please submit [this self-interest form](#) by **August 10, 2026**.

Questions

Have questions about the Collaboration Committee and the application process? Please email BenefitsCollective@caresharehealth.org.



The [NC Public Benefits Collective](#) is a collaborative effort of organizations and individuals across North Carolina facilitated by [Care Share Health Alliance](#).