



NC Public Benefits Collective

Collaboration Committee: Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Collaboration Committee?

The Collaboration Committee is the primary governance body of the NC Public Benefits Collective. It provides oversight, accountability, and strategic direction for the Collective as a whole, and ensures community perspectives, frontline experience, and regional realities inform its priorities and decisions.

What's the difference between the Collaboration Committee and a Circle?

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.

How many people serve on the Committee?

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 their community.

What are the seat categories?

- **Community strategy representatives at large (4 seats)** — 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 in that region (e.g., frontline workers, nonprofit staff, community health workers, direct care or domestic workers, youth and young adult representatives)
- **Capacity and liaison seats (5 seats)** — subject-matter expertise in Data, Policy, and Technology, and representatives of NCDHHS, or philanthropy
- **Circle representatives (1 seat per active Circle)** — designated by each Circle; not part of the open nomination process
- **Care Share Health Alliance (1 seat)**

Are all seats open for nomination?

No. Only the 10 community representative seats and the 5 capacity/liaison seats — 15 total — go through open self-nomination. Circle representative seats and Care Share Health Alliance (CSHA) staff seats are not subject to nomination.

What is Care Share Health Alliance's role?

CSHA serves as the anchor organization for the NC Public Benefits Collective and houses its two full-time staff positions. CSHA is not the driver of the Collective. Rather, it is the holder of the effort.

What are Collaboration Committee members expected to do?

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

How much time does this require?

Approximately 30 hours per year, including virtual meetings, plus additional time for in-person convenings. Note that meetings may be scheduled outside standard 9-to-5 business hours to accommodate member availability.

How are members selected?

Community representatives and capacity/liaison seats are filled through self-nomination. A five-person selection committee runs the selection process, which includes review of self-nomination applications and interviews as needed.

How do I apply?

If you're interested in serving on the Collaboration Committee, submit the [interest form](#). Applicants indicate on the form whether any stipend should go to their organization or to them as an individual participant.

Is there a fixed term length?

No. 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.

What if I must resign from the Collaboration Committee?

Change happens! If you are selected to serve, but must resign (your job changes, you no longer have time available to serve, etc.), the vacant position will be re-opened to the nomination process.

How is ongoing fit evaluated?

The Committee conducts 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.

Will the Collaboration Committee be staffed?

Yes. The Collaboration Committee will be staffed with administrative (scheduling, note taking) and facilitation (agenda, decision-making) support.

Are Committee members compensated?

Yes. All non-staff committee members receive a minimum of \$5,000 in annual stipend to offset costs associated with service. On the nomination form, nominees indicate whether the stipend should be paid to their organization (if participating on its behalf) or directly to them as an individual.

Who can I contact with questions about the Committee or the nomination process?

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](#).