

Council to End Homelessness in Durham • March 19th, 2015, 10:00-11:30am

Location: Genesis Home, 300 N. Queen St, Durham, NC 27701

Attendance: Sharon Elliott-Bynum (CAARE), Matt Schnars (City of Durham, Community Development Department), Lloyd Schmeidler (City of Durham, Community Development Department), Carolyn Schuldt (Open Table Ministry), Cynthia Harris (Housing for New Hope), Nicole Meeks (DERC), Ashly Spikes (DERC), Holly Hogarth (TROSA), Sandra Lassiter, Adewumi Ojo, Ryan Fehrman (Genesis Home), Fred Stoppelkamp (UMD), Valaria Brown (Alliance BHC), Joy Hager (VoA), Catherine Pleil (DIHN), Charita McCollers (Lincoln), Ellecia Thompson (VAMC), Patrice Nelson (UMD), Janet Xiao (CEF), Maria Davis-Dorsey (Downtown Durham Inc.), Joyce Stancil-Williams (CASA), Gretchen Senez (Housing for New Hope)

Welcome and Call to Order: Sharon Elliott-Bynum called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

Approval of December meeting minutes: Motion was made by Ryan Fehrman and seconded by Valaria Brown to approve the December meeting minutes. Motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Matt Schnars, Project Homeless Connect (PHC)

- PHC is an annual event that has been taking place in Durham since 2007, and is typically held in the Durham Bulls Athletic Park It's a one-stop-shop event aimed to address people's homelessness and housing issues. People are able to access services & services can also be coordinated.
 - It's a time for providers to learn about each other and get to know each other.
 - Also, the event grows public awareness around the issue of homelessness, eg. event volunteers have learned a lot and gotten further involved. PHC has built a pool of volunteers with a high return rate.
- This year, the date/time is **Friday, October 2nd, 2015** from **9am-3pm**, at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park
- Planning Committees:
 - If anyone is interested in attending monthly planning meetings, they take place the **1st Thursday of every month at 2:30pm** (except July). Held at the City of Durham Community Development Department office @ 807 E Main St.
 - It's not an event that's owned/controlled by one entity, but has been a collectively-owned.
 - The time commitment: the first few months is usually the monthly meeting time plus 2 hours; in the months leading up to the event is maybe 4-6 hours/month; the day of the event is typically an all-day commitment
 - Open to anyone who's interested in being involved!
 - There are subcommittees & need for subcommittee co-chairs
 - So far: the dental and JobLink buses have been reserved.
 - Last year, Durham Bulls paid for the catering (\$8,000) and they won't do that this year. Need to fill this need!
 - One thing to improve upon, which was heard from feedback in 2014: how to better orient service providers & volunteers to the facility and to each other.

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- Any questions: contact Matt Schnars at matthew.schnars@durhamnc.gov or (919) 560-4570 ext. 22249

Recap of Point-in-Time Count

- We are still compiling the counts, especially for a lot of subpopulations. A lot is dependent on Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- This year...
 - Volunteer gathering hosted at Healing with CAARE
 - More cooperation from law enforcement. Some helped identify areas, officers escorted all of the count teams.
- The unsheltered count = outside, one night starting from 9pm-1am. Going to bridges, train tracks, behind buildings – places where there might be people sleeping outside. This is the main part where community volunteers are organized. The preliminary # is 44.
 - Something that helped make this more efficient: used a mobile app developed by HUD, allowing locations to be geocoded. Might help us follow up with outreach staff. Also gives a starting point for next year.
 - This number is lower than previous year; also is a lower % of the total count
 - Patrice brought up that the morning-after count (at breakfast at UMD) should also be added to the unsheltered count process
- Goes hand-in-hand with Housing Inventory Count (housing capacity of homeless housing system)
 - The HUD deadline is April 30th
- Youth Point in Time Count = 85 youth responded, 3 qualify as “homeless” under the HUD PIT count definition.
 - HUD is redefining “youth” differently – 18-24
- We noted that some individuals and communities are difficult to count, eg. people who are staying in cars.

Shared comments on joint meeting with HSAC (January 21st)

- The purpose joint meeting initiative is to try to get the HSAC (deciding board on a lot of CoC decisions) and the CoC together to share ideas, do presentations etc. Got everybody up to date on direction, numbers; there was deep discussion about identifying other places we could be looking for homeless people & how we count.
- The joint meetings also partly satisfy requirements of HUD, which says that CoC should have CoC member meetings at a minimum of twice a year. The Community Development Dept organizes a collaborative application for HUD funding & lead efforts to create a strong CoC in Durham.
- The next HSAC meeting takes place next Wednesday 3-4:30pm @ 2nd floor conference room in the DSS building
- Joy mentioned that the “Community Plan” previously needed for SSVF will need to apply to all grants, so she will be seeking to work with the CoC. Joy mentioned that Wake County model is that a working group from the CoC meets about veterans issues.

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- Ryan suggested that CEHD be involved in the agenda-making process in order to encourage participation from CoC members.
- Matt and Lloyd encouraged CEHD members to join HSAC subcommittees. HSAC Governance Committee needs support.

Sharon proposed that Janet will send an email form to invite people to share ideas for upcoming CEHD meetings.

The next CEHD meeting on April 16th will take place in the Neighborhood Improvement Services office (3rd floor of Golden Belt). Lunch will be provided. This will be a workshop for homeless housing providers addressing Fair Housing, led by a group contracted by Neighborhood Improvement Services.

Agency Announcements

- Lloyd: April 28th by invitation primarily to a smaller group of homeless housing providers. Focus is housing and health care, including some technical assistance provided by HUD. In particular, permanent supportive housing providers will be invited. Hoping also to get health care providers at the table. Out of that work, an action plan will be developed, especially around ensuring that health care needs of homeless people are being met.
- This afternoon: Income Results Team of the HSAC. Chair is Alan Jason Wimmer. Team is finalizing a survey focused on how the income team can provide more support in helping homeless people gain employment/income. If you receive the survey, please provide input.
- Catherine: looking for a successor to Olive Joyner. Looking for someone senior, with an MSW, has significant case management experience, passionate about social justice, and work collaboratively and passionately.
- Joy Hager is looking for a veteran outreach worker in the Raleigh area. They need to have an Associate's degree.
- Ashly Spikes: DERC is recruiting for 25th cohort for job training program. They need to contact Ashly Spikes at (919) 683-2567 ext. 3, who will set them up for an appointment.
- This Saturday, Congressman Price hosts an annual health fair in Raleigh at the Salvation Army, and he has asked us to participate.
- Tonight, NC Legal Aid is doing a workshop about immigration and the new reform. (more information to come via email)
- Clean Slate Clinic coming up on Saturday, March 28th from 10am-3pm @ the John Avery Boys and Girls Club. (more information to come via email)

Sharon adjourned the meeting at 11:22am.