

CEHD September 2016 Meeting Minutes

Introduction

A motion to approve the August meeting minutes was made by Ryan and seconded by Valaria. The motion passed.

Unlocking Doors Initiative Update, Olive Joyner

- The group met last Tuesday to continue discussing and next steps.
- Core planning group: Participation with Voucher holdings, inspections, needs to continue recruiting voucher holders with CoC referral.
- Lloyd shared that we need reports for HCV with agency with referral how many each referrals are left per agency.
- Catherine shared 81 out of 225 were referred and only 11 so far has been housed. Issue is still finding landlords that will work with DHA.
- Olive shared an update regarding a proposed Public Housing/CoC collaboration policy for the DHA: preference with disabilities and families, transition from PSH to public housing,

DHA Administration Plan – letter from non-profit providers (Oct 1), Ryan Fehrman

- Recommendations to the DHA Administrative Plan (see letter handout per Ryan)
- Ask for referrals for Public Housing referrals along with HCV referrals. There are already 50 units set aside according to Mr. Scott on ACOP. We still need to find out what the referral process is with providers with public housing preferences
- Improved communications on voucher status
- Criminal Background guidelines. May change from 5yrs to 3yrs with current charges (can advocate with clients on backgrounds after denial)
- Owns DHA: Changing to a payment plan. Do they need zero balance before approval?
- Arrested vs. Convictions: need to advocate for clients for update on charge to DHA
- DHA Representatives in community

CoC consolidated application, Lloyd S.

- We are applying for \$1.3 million
- Most are renewals
 - New CASA housing – for chronically homeless vets
 - Small amount to Dept of Community Dev.
- Types of applications:
 - No application request or renewals for transitional housing
 - 3 RRH applications
 - 8 PSH applications

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Location: Families Moving Forward, 300 N. Queen St, Durham, NC 27701

- Tier 1 93% Durham has 1 project in Tier 2 less likely to get funding,
- The application consists of 3 parts
 1. Collaborative application (Durham CoC,) Priorities, Families, Chronic Homelessness, Housing 1st principles
 2. Projects applications
 3. Priority listing
- All information is on Durham Opening Doors website

Library Closing: Vote on bond in Nov. If passes Jan. 2017 may close downtown library

Different Venue for CEHD

- CJRC offered new space if needed
- The group voted 7 to 3 that we will stay at Families Moving Forward

Announcements

- Bull City Stand Down
- Triangle Small Food Business
- Alliance partnering with Fair Housing (flyers)
- Men's Heath client (Duke flyers)
- Workforce Dev. (new task force, better jobs making connections between our population and employers. If interested let Lloyd S. know.
- ESG funding application will release in late Sept.
- Stephanie Williams is leaving alliance, need replacement on HSAC Mental Health rep
- World food day event Oct 16th 3 to 5 pm
- Durham Public Schools need help identifying families who are homeless

The group adjourned at 11:30 am.