

DURHAM CONTINUUM OF CARE

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

3:00 p.m.

**Durham County Human Services Building
414 E. Main Street – 2nd Floor Conference Room**

The Durham Continuum of Care (CoC) met on the above date and time.

HSAC Committee Members Present: Chair Mayme Webb-Bledsoe (Duke University); Vice-Chair Stephanie Williams (Alliance Behavioral Healthcare); Secretary Fred Stoppelkamp (Urban Ministries of Durham); Lindsey Jordan Arledge (VA Medical Center); Assistant County Manager Drew Cummings; Meredith Daye, Development Director (Durham Housing Authority (DHA)); Captain Stan Harris (Durham County Sheriff's Department); Calleen Herbert, Interim Director (Department of Academic Community Services Learning Program at North Carolina Central University); Dr. Warren Herndon; Angela Holmes; Jennifer Jones (OEWD); Pam Karriker (Christian Assembly); Charita McCollers, MSW (Lincoln Community Health Center) and Ve'ga Swepson, Resource Specialist (Durham Technical Community College)

Committee Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Cora Cole-McFadden; City Manager Tom Bonfield; County Commissioner Michael Page; Emanuel Kearney, Jackie Love, Homeless & At-Risk Liaison (Durham Public Schools); Tony Tosh (Active Construction Company)

Excused Committee Members: Director Michael Becketts (Durham County Social Services, proxy for County Commissioner Michael Page); Lois Harvin-Ravin, Durham County Veterans Services Officer and Reverend Chris Tuttle (Westminster Presbyterian Church)

Also Present: Johnnie Avolirs (The Salvation Army); Rachel Baisden (DCIA); Lottie K. Barnes (Community Health Coalition); Marion Xiomara Boyce (Duke Cancer Institute); Spencer Bradford (DCIA); Reynolds Chapman (Durham Cares); Candice Chilton (LATCH/Duke); Alma Davis (DCRC); Martin Friedman (Housing for New Hope); Desmond Frierson (Housing for New Hope); Julia Gamble (Duke); Brian Goings (Triangle Empowerment Center); Attorney Billie Guthrie; Erica Hall (Duke LATCH); Cynthia Harris (Housing for New Hope); Darryl Hicklen, (USA Veterans Help); Seaira Hinnant (Housing for New Hope); Darius Hunt (Healing with CAARE, Inc.); Miguel Hunter (Triangle Empowerment Center); Erica Jennings (DSS); Jonathan Jimenez (CFM Duke); Fred Johnson (Duke Division of Community Health); Janice Johnson (ACRA, INC.); Olive Joyner (Housing for New Hope);, Amelia Kosciusko (Latino Cancer Survivors); Emily Lybrand (LATCH); Reverend Ernie Mills (Durham Rescue Mission); Sheldon Mitchell (Urban Ministries of Durham); Terry Munn (Triangle Empowerment Center); Pasene Murray (DCIA); Randy & Melissa Oberrath (Kingdom Life Church International); Gudrun Parmer (DCO Criminal Justice Resource Center); Alex Protzman (Life Skills Foundation); Brenda Ruffin (ACRA, INC.); Tammie Sellman (The Salvation Army); Tiana Terry, (Volunteers of America); Joyce Stancil Williams, (CASA – Raleigh); Monica Williams (Income Results Team)

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Staff Present: Project Manager Lloyd Schmeidler, Project Manager Matthew Schnars (Department of Community Development) and Sheila Bullock (Office of the City Clerk).

Subject: Call to Order/Welcome

Chair Webb-Bledsoe called the joint meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. She then read aloud the goals for the HSAC.

Subject: Minutes Review & Approval – April 27, 2016

Motion by Committee Member McCollers seconded by Committee Member Herndon to approve the HSAC minutes of April 27, 2016 was approved unanimously at 3:07 p.m.

Subject: Public Comment Period

Committee Member Herndon reminded everyone that there are approximately 32,500 young people that will be on summer vacation and that they all need to do everything they can to make sure this summer is a successful one for their kids. He encouraged everyone through their faith and through their agencies to make sure that we keep our children safe in this beloved community that we have.

Subject: Homeless Housing System Collaborative Committees Overview

Committee Member Karriker reported that the Structure Subcommittee has taken an inventory of all the groups and committees that are working to prevent and end homelessness in Durham. The Subcommittee is making an effort to determine what recommendations may be needed to update the Durham CoC Governance Charter for 2016-2017 and to evaluate where opportunities may exist to consolidate some groups and committees which may be overlapping in their scope of work.

Committee Member Karriker reminded everyone that at the last HSAC meeting, members voted that it was not necessary for the Chair of any HSAC committee to serve on the HSAC. She added that the desire is for the CoC to have more involvement with the HSAC resulting in a close and effective relationship with the HSAC.

The following groups provided a brief overview of their purpose and objectives:

- HSAC Income Results Team – Monica Williams
- HSAC Access to Care Committee – Charita McCollers
- HSAC Housing Results Team – Fred Stoppelkamp
- HSAC Youth Team – Alex Protzman
- HSAC Structure Subcommittee – Pam Karriker
- HSAC Performance Management Subcommittee – Angela Holmes
- CEHD – Olive Joyner
- Executive and Program Directors Group – Lloyd Schmeidler
- Disability Services Workgroup – Billie Guthrie
- Coordinated Intake Advisory Group – Stephanie Williams
- Mayor’s Challenge to End Veterans’ Homelessness – Matt Schnars
- Chronic Homelessness Prioritization – Stephanie Williams
- HMIS Users Group – Lloyd Schmeidler
- LATCH – Emily Lybrand
- Durham Homeless Care Transitions – Sally Wilson, Julia Gamble, Donna Biederman, Emily Lybrand
- Housing Support Services Subcommittee – Lloyd Schmeidler

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- Project Homeless Connect Planning – Matt Schnars
- Point in Time Count Planning – Matt Schnars
- NC HMIS Governance Committee – Lloyd Schmeidler
- Durham Collaborative to End Family Homelessness – Olive Joyner provided information in the absence of Chantelle Fisher-Borne
- CoC Collaborative Application Preparation – Lloyd Schmeidler
- Domestic Violence Workgroup – Charita McCollers, Dawn Manus, Alma Davis

Vice-Chair Williams noted that the groups and other information for Systems of Care that Committee Member McCollers referenced were listed at Stepsforward.org.

Donna Biederman pointed out that the Homeless Care Transitions as well as the Disability Services Workgroup are “children” of the Access to Care Committee. She added that these groups were Action Plans for the *Partnership for a Healthy Durham* and that the Access to Care Committee is doing a lot.

Committee Member Karriker commented that some of the same people are serving on a lot of different committees. She encouraged those who are not serving to please “plug-in” to a committee because there is plenty of room for people who are willing to serve.

Committee Member Karriker stated that staff will be reviewing all of the committees to determine if there is a way some of the committees can be consolidated. She asked if anyone had suggestions or ideas to please write them down on the cards that were provided and turn them in to staff.

Committee Member Herndon thanked staff for the presentation given by the committees. He also commented that he understands there is still about 30% poverty in Durham and there is between 2,500 to 3,000 individuals waiting to receive vouchers. He further mentioned there are 250 to 300 individuals that have vouchers but are waiting for housing.

Committee Member Herndon stated this would be a good time to settle in on the numbers and if the numbers are not correct, they should find out what the correct numbers are as they move forward to serve as many families as possible.

In response to Committee Member Herndon’s comments regarding the vouchers, Chair Webb-Bledsoe asked that Committee Member Herndon write his questions down on the card and staff would get a response back to him. He inquired about the following:

1. The number of citizens that are waiting for a voucher?
2. The number of citizens that have vouchers and are waiting for a housing unit?

Subject: CoC & ESG Funding

Project Managers Matt Schnars and Lloyd Schmeidler (Community Development Department) presented background information and key points that the Durham Continuum of Care should be informed of as they plan for the 2016-2017 CoC and ESG grant cycles.

Darryl Hicklen (USA Veterans Help) requested to receive the current list of people who have received ESG and CoC funds. Mr. Schmeidler stated staff would send the 2015 CoC and state ESG funding list to those people which staff has e-mails for.

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Mr. Schnars pointed out that the dollars for CoC and State ESG do not come through the bank account of the City and distributed to the organizations. However, he explained the City ESG dollars do come through the City's bank account and are facilitated through the Consolidated Plan process.

Former HSAC member Steve Hopkins noted that the needs in Durham have changed as well as the homeless in Durham have changed. He feels that the conversation needs to be held concerning who is homeless and who is not and what can and cannot be done. Mr. Hopkins commented that there is misinformation in the community on how to access the different pools of money and who can qualify. He added those who are the CoC need to think about what they do and how they can collaborate to make things better for homeless people because things are getting better in Durham for some but it is getting really bad for poor folks and the working poor.

Subject: Reminders

- Next HSAC meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2016.

Subject: Adjourn

With no further business to come before the body, Chair Webb-Bledsoe adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sheila Bullock
Office of the City Clerk