

CEHD Meeting • January 16, 2014 Genesis Home

Attendance: Lloyd Schmeidler (City of Durham), Ryan Fehrman (Genesis Home), Fred Stoppelkamp (DERC), Janet Xiao (CEF), Charita K. McCollers (LCHC – HCH Clinic), Mary Moore (DTCC), Candace Rashada (DTCC), Tiana Terny (Volunteers of America), Joi Stepney (HNN), Andrea Treimel (Core Essentials), Matt Schnars (city of Durham), Alma Davis (DCRC), Kelly Godinho (UNC MSW '14), Terry Allebaugh (HNN), Bo Glenn (HSAC), Rachel Ellerson (UNC Horizons), Ann Tropiano (GH), Valaria Brown (Alliance), Sonia Ensenat (CHIN), Roshanna Parker (CJRC), Nigel Brown (HNN), Allison Norman (TROSA), Rebecca Graves (TROSA), Maria Davis Dorsey (DDI), and Takiyah Milton (LCHC)

Welcome & Call to Order: Ryan Fehrman called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

Introductions: All present introduced themselves.

Meeting Approval: Minutes from the December 19th meeting were distributed electronically before the meeting. Motion was made by Matt Schnars and properly seconded by Bo Glenn, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Gillian & Rachel (UNC Horizons)

- **Description:** Substance abuse treatment program for pregnant and/or parenting women (18+) and children (up to 11). They are an Alliance BHC provider in Wake County. Located at 107 Sunnybrook (same site as crisis and alcohol addiction treatment center). They are hoping to get more involved with community meetings, especially in Durham and Wake Counties.
- **Residential Program:** two sites house families for up to one year (capacity is approximately 16 families at Sunrise, 8 families at Daybreak). Case managers and therapists are available on site, with clinical staff on-call. Job readiness program included. Transportation/childcare often provided and connected to surrounding resources, including after-treatment resources.
- **Eligibility:** need to be on Medicaid within counties (Alliance BHC = Durham, Wake, Johnston, Cumberland counties), or Cardinal Innovations. The closest offices to Durham are in Carrboro and Wake County. Cost is discussed during intake.
- **Referral:** anyone can refer clients, and clients can also self-refer.

Bo Glenn: Affordable Housing Creation & Transit

- **Background:** Bo spoke about the need to preserve affordable housing around transit stops and prevent gentrification around the Durham-Orange Light Rail Corridor. Groups have been meeting for the last year to encourage ways for the city/county to do this. They are trying to gather support around this resolution to be able to ask the city and county to approve it. TTA has applied for Federal grant funding for the transit program. Part of the process is to design the program around Federal (ie. scoring) regulations. Good news: Federal government is using this grant to encourage good planning and affordable housing (part of the centerpiece of three major criteria).
 - Durham's disadvantages: smaller and less dense municipality
 - Durham's advantages: high concentration of affordable housing along the transit station, afraid of losing that.

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- Endorsement: Bo asks CEHD to endorse the resolution. The resolution sets a goal of 15% (the number identified by Federal government) and outlines four steps needed to be taken in order to reach the goal. He expressed the need to develop strategies and incentives to attract developers.
- Motion was made by Terry to endorse the resolution. The motion passed, with no objections.
 - Recused: Lloyd, Valeria, Matt

Upcoming Affordable Care Act Information Session

Ricardo from Lincoln CHC will present in February. In preparation, here are our questions for him:

- Who is eligible, how do you sign up? How can housing/homelessness providers help enroll their clients?
- Where and when will navigators be available?
- Role of MDC (also training navigators)?
- Can CEHD sponsor a training meeting?
- Explain penalties?
- What are gaps and challenges?
 - Do housing/homelessness providers find that (the lack of) healthcare provision is a major roadblock? What are the implications of the decision not to expand Medicaid?
 - Is there sufficient structure in place locally/statewide to handle the implementation? What are access issues for individuals?
- Changes in coverage for people already on Medicaid?

Brainstorming Session for 2014 Topics

- Already on the agenda: Ann Oshel will be joining us in February to talk about the Crisis Collaborative; talk about performance measurement in March
- 1. New incentives for affordable housing development through the City Planning Dept. – they conducted study with UNC students on incentives for affordable housing (Pat Young, Assistant Dir). Planning Dept will go in front of City Council and County Commissioners with hard recommendations. They hope for more support from groups like CEHD, in order to have more negotiating power with the city/county.
- 2. Establishing an employment initiative – with employers, DTCC and others. negotiating with large employers in the area.
- 3. Speakers from Durham Chamber to address employment
- 4. Employment Subcommittee from Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (chair: Commissioner Howerton) – get an update on their work?
- 5. Plans for reducing/ending chronic homelessness & veterans homelessness (CoC and emergency solutions grants).
- 6. Helping people access mainstream benefits and services (Dept of Social Services)
- 7. Continuum of Care: consideration of applicable policies and procedures, eg. CoC membership, communication between HSAC/CEHD/other parts of community.
- 8. Identify providers that should be participating in CoC activities & how to engage them.
- 9. Update from Durham Housing Authority.
- 10. Update on medical respite efforts (from Sharon, Julia Gamble).

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- 11. Conversations with DATA & raise possibility of fare-free bussing from hospitals, fare discounts (for disabled or low-income).
- 12. Barriers to housing & considering non-traditional housing resources (eg. boarding houses) – code enforcement.
- 13. CHIN update on plans for the future, statewide issues. Feedback from agencies using CHIN.

Agency Announcements

1. Training immediately after CEHD meeting to help housing agencies review the Point-in-Time Count process for housing inventory count.
2. Urban Ministries of Durham is starting construction beginning next week through end of June, but meals will still be served, pantry still open, and agencies that meet there will still be there. Agencies meeting there: check with shelter front desk because you may be moved around.
3. Durham Tech: Check DTCC for free class availability.
Available grants for students: Occupation extension through Project SkillUp - \$250 grant (will pay for class, books, supplies and materials), if anyone in their family impact by tobacco downturn. July: SECU grant. City of Durham provides funding for those who are residents of Durham and graduated from Durham High School, including continuing ed classes. If student completed high school diploma/GED at Durham Tech, eligible for free course certificate (curriculum or continuing ed). Contact phone number: (919) 536-7219 ext. 3003
4. South Side: newsletter copies available from Matt.

Adjournment: Ryan adjourned the meeting at 10:59am.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Xiao