

**Council to End Homelessness in Durham** • November 16, 2017, 2017 10:00–11:30am  
*Location: Families Moving Forward, 300 N. Queen St, Durham, NC 27701*

**Attendance:** *Chairman Sheldon Mitchell (Urban Ministries); Melody Marshall (Durham Public Schools); Olive Joyner (Housing For New Hope); Charita McCollers (Lincoln Community Health Center-HCH); Carolyn E. Hinton (Healing With CAARE); Valaria Brown (Alliance Behavioral Healthcare); Lloyd Schmeidler (City of Durham); Genna Cohen (LCHC-HCH); Todd Tronzo (UMD); Randy Oberrathh (TFAHC); Rikki Gardner (Housing for New Hope); Tasha Melvin (Families Moving Forward); Jessica Herbin (Durham VA)*

The meeting of the Council to End Homeless in Durham was called to order with welcomes and introductions. Minutes and highlights from last month's meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was offered by Carolyn Hinton, seconded by Valeria Brown and approved by the body.

Sheldon then shared that he had been invited to discuss information regarding the implementation of a Home Share in Durham. This would be a recruitment of homeowners with extra space who would be willing to rent the space at affordable rates (less than 30% of AMI) and targeting individuals and families who are in need of affordable housing. Research regarding other communities who participate in similar programs was shared by Lloyd who is involved through his church. Discussion included information regarding a county in Florida who has had success with approximately 60 matches. It was also shared that there is a national network of shared housing that can be researched online for further information. Matching process includes potentially developing networks that coordinate needs of the potential landlord and the potential tenant such as a live in aid for an elderly person. It was noted that first step would be to identify home owners who would be willing to be matched with someone who is in need of housing and are interested in this type of arrangement. This would also include interview processes between the matching agency and then with the potential tenant and home owner. Further research regarding the legal necessities surrounding the month-to-month leases will be explored. Sheldon shared that this would be sponsored by Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA) with at steering committee that includes Sheldon and Lloyd. The initial thoughts include the development of a project manager, recruitment and case management as the matches are made. The committee is

slated to raise \$20,000. Olive shared her excitement as she reflected on previous conversations and the potential opportunities for housing. Carolyn also reflected on affordability options and how this will affect homeless people with no income and how it connects with shelter diversion. Valeria voiced the importance of the case management aspect of the program and how that service can impact the success. Todd shared his thoughts of how this program will be very suitable for persons who have credit/eviction issues that are unable to gain housing. Rikki posed the question of will this program rely on homeowners to offer or will there be an incentive that would help recruit homeowners. Sheldon shared that the incentive would come from the potential extra income that could be generated from the tenant. Olive noted that a tax incentive from the county could potentially increase the desire to open their home. Other discussion regarding the pilot program included the risk and liabilities associated as well as further recruitment outside the DCIA congregations. The current goal of the program is 30 matches and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 12:00—Lloyd will share further details regarding this upcoming meeting with committee via email.

The meeting then transitioned with Sheldon's encouragement for the body to begin thinking about nominations for CEHD leadership for the 2018 year. If anyone is interested in the obtaining leadership roles, please have a conversation with Sheldon. Olive shared the potential value of two term leadership and shared her appreciation for Sheldon's leadership this year. Also, Sheldon shared that refreshments will be served at our next meeting in celebration of the holidays and successful year as a body.

The discussion then shifted to the Focus Strategies Governance Recommendations as related to the topic of governance—creating a policy and system planning function, empowering the community with system planning and designing execution, and reorganizing the existing staffing to support system planning efforts.

Regarding the policy and system planning function: Sheldon reviewed some of the previous conversations to include the CEHD's voice clearly heard in the HSAC subcommittees. Charita also noted the importance for community providers to be included in HSAC's Structure sub-committee so that the HSAC can effectively respond to the needs of providers and their clients. Charita also noted the possibility of an evaluation tool for service providers to share their thoughts regarding the performance of the committee. Other thoughts included a CoC written policy of how benchmarks for program performance and method be put in place to ensure that providers are well-educated on the expectations.

When considering the empowerment to plan and designing the execution of the system-wide planning, Lloyd noted that the Focus Strategies data gathered data from its 29 members of the committee and noted that may be too large to develop the system-wide planning. He further noted that sub-committees may be helpful in taking the lead on system-wide planning.

Olive highlighted that the CEHD body is designed to address the gaps that exists in the system and noted the necessity of engagement in this body. Lloyd posed the question of presenting the CEHD body as the organization that develops the system-wide planning. Olive made a suggestion of having the CEHD meeting responsible for noting relevant information to share with the HSAC regularly.

The body agreed to table further conversation surrounding the Focus Strategies Recommendations for Governance as time did not permit further discussion.

**Announcements included the following:**

- HSAC approved revision of the Housing Choice Policy—DHA approved 225 vouchers. The city is looking for referrals for the vouchers.
- Two new units from CASA at Maplewood/Underwood are under development and are looking for chronically homeless individuals to apply.

-Community Meetings will be taking place Monday and Tuesday regarding the Coordinated Entry process—Lloyd will send more information/reminders.

-Spencer Redford (DCIA) is sponsoring the Annual Homeless Memorial on Thursday, December 21 at 6:00pm

-Healing with CAARE is sponsoring a fundraiser to assist persons to obtain housing during the holiday seasons

-Olive is a member of Duke's Community Health Board and invites the body to share relevant ideas that she may push forward.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melody Marshall  
CEHD Secretary