

Council to End Homelessness in Durham
December 20, 2018 Minutes

Attendance: Sheldon Mitchell (UMD), Valaria Brown (HNH), Tasha Melvin (FMF), Harvey Hinton III (HWC), Malcolm White-*by phone* (Alliance BHC), Catherine Pleil (FMF), Rikki Gardner (HNH), Ann Tropiano (FMF), Donna Carrington (CEF), Liz Brown (CEF), Rachel Taylor (FMF), Doneicia Johnson (Durham VA), Lloyd Schmeidler (DCD), Carolyn Schuldt (OTM), Spencer Bradford (DCIA), Melody Marshall (DPS), Hanaleah Hoberman (DCD), Charita McCollers (HCH)

The meeting was called to order at 10:03AM with welcomes, wishes for happy holidays in advance, and introductions by Chairman Sheldon Mitchell. While reviewing the minutes from the November meeting, Rikki Gardner noted that the date of the Homeless Memorial was wrong as it is the 21st and not the 20th. The motion to approve the minutes with that correction was made by Catherine Pleil, seconded by Tasha Melvin, and unanimously approved.

1. HUD Continuum of Care Conference – Lloyd Schmeidler

- It was shared that the November conference in Miami was the first regional HUD sponsored conference in the Southeast and that CoC lead agency staff and leadership attended. Lloyd shared some history related to Durham's success with HUD funding awards and that prior to the 2018 application, the focus had been more on maintaining existing funding rather than expansion. Lloyd pointed out that in 2018 there was a bonus for new projects for DV related funding and confirmed that DCRC applied for the portion available to Durham; approximately \$150,000.
- Lloyd shared that Norm Suchar, of the HUD office that manages the CoC process, spoke at the conference and stated that HUD is moving to a different time table for CoC applications. It is expected that HUD will release a NOFA close to the beginning of May 2019 and give communities 100 days to complete the application process, including submission, by a deadline of sometime in August. Lloyd further shared that it is his understanding that HUD has a goal to get the applications back to summer deadlines. Lloyd stressed that organizations up for renewal and new organizations need to be aware of the expected 2019 summer deadline. Members were alerted to expect the NOFA in Spring of 2019 and stated his understanding that ESNAPS is planned to be open by the end of May; per the HUD goal shared at the conference.
- It is hoped that 2018 awards will be shared in December.
- Lloyd shared that early in 2019 the interim rule for additional comments will be opened again. He shared that the current rule has been interim since it was released in 2012 and that presenters indicated that it'll take roughly 2 more years to process all of the comments and come up with a final rule. It was clarified that Public comments do become part of the published record.
- Lloyd also shared that he learned that HUD is planning to align RRH guidelines and the CoC rules and that the ESG rule is also being finalized.
- HUD's strategic priorities include: 1. Unsheltered homelessness 2. Rural homeless 3. Strengthening and developing move on strategies for folks; especially those in PSH. Public Housing was suggested as a possible option. 4. HUD VASH vouchers

- How CoCs score well: 1. Reallocate low performing projects, 2 Use performance criteria to rate and rank project applications 3. Use housing first practices throughout their CoC 4. Demonstrate/show reductions in homelessness and 5. increase supply of RRH and PSH housing units
- HUD wants HMIS systems used and data shared- there was brief discussion about partnering more closely with DHA regarding data and the impact of serving persons coming to Durham for homeless services
- Prioritize people most in need (unsheltered individuals).
- National data was shared at the conference regarding Shelters and RRH programs in particular. Returns to homelessness nationally are averaging about 7% at the 6 month periods to 16-17% at the 2 year mark (within 24 months).
- Outcome areas HUD is paying attention to include 1) Increase of total income (CoC projects) and 2) Average length of time homeless, 90 days or less; projects are encouraged to focus on disparities in outcomes (racial equity)

Sheldon encouraged others to also share information learned at various conferences.

2. Election of 2019 CEHD Officers – Sheldon Mitchell

NOMINATIONS were as follows:

- Chair nominated: Malcolm White (ABHC)
- Vice chair: Harvey Hinton (CAARE); Valaria Brown (nominated by Rikki)
- Secretary: Tasha Melvin (nominated by Ann)

As there were two nominations for Vice Chair, the nominees shared their involvement with CEHD and their current roles and their commitment to advocacy. Ballots were handed out and the votes counted by Sheldon and Lloyd. The final slate of proposed nominees included: Valaria Brown for Vice Chair, Malcolm White for Chair and Tasha Melvin for Secretary. The motion to accept the slate as stated was made by Catherine, seconded by Charita and approved by all.

3. Celebrating Good Work - Sheldon Mitchell/All

Highlights included: Multiple experiences of partnerships, collaboration, and advocacy, the involvement and support of local leaders, that we give voice to our clients/guests, advocacy and persistence with DPS leadership, the willingness of Durham providers to be flexible, the City's commitment to Diversion, Landlord Roundtables

4. Agency Announcements

- The homeless memorial starts at 6 PM tomorrow evening
- Open Table Ministries has a free adult clothing store where new and used donated items are available. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:30 AM at 215 N. Church Street. Donations are accepted Monday-Thursday before 1 PM.
- CAARE has a food pantry - M, W, F from 1-3 pm email hhinton@caare-inc.org cell 260-348-6305
- Please complete the Doodle Poll for Harm Reduction training
- First CEHD meeting of 2019 is on January 17th