

Council to End Homelessness in Durham

March 21, 2019

Families Moving Forward

300 N. Queen St

Malcolm White (Alliance Health), Rikki Gardner (HNH), Ann Tropiano (FMF), Psiyina Davis (Nehemiah Day Center), Randy Oberrath (Freedom & Hope Center), Joyce Hicklen (CASA), Tasha Melvin (FMF), Melody Marshall (DPS), Liz Brown (CEF), Crystal Taylor (NextGen), Skye Wilson (LGBTQ Center), KC Buchanon (LGBTQ Center), Laura Wooten (Life Skills), Hanaleah Hoberman (DCD), Catherine Pleil (FMF), Liz Brown (CEF), Carolyn Schuldt (Open Table Ministries), Andrea Mikesell (DCRC), Beth Ross (DCRC), Brooke Babcock (DCRC)

Welcome – Malcolm White, Alliance Health

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am with welcome and introductions by Chairman Malcolm White.

Review of February's minutes – Malcolm White, Alliance Health

The Chair asked members to review and approve the minutes from February 2019's meeting.

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Carolyn Schuldt seconded by Melody Marshall.

NCWorks NextGen Employment Services – Crystal Taylor

Crystal Taylor, Lead Career Coach, presented information about employment services offered by NCWorks NextGen. NextGen Durham provides training and development services to eligible individuals ages 17-24. The major focus of the program is to connect in-school and out-of-school youth to career readiness, career guidance, remediation, community resources and employment and training opportunities. NextGen provides skills necessary to gain and retain employment, directs individuals to careers that are in demand and promotes employment advancement to become self-sufficient. NextGen is located in the Career Center - 112 Broadway Street, Durham, NC 27701. Eligible participants must be between the ages of 17-24 and meet at least two of the following criteria: (high school dropout [note- this automatically qualifies someone], pregnant /parenting, justice involved, homeless, or in the foster care system). Selected participants will receive work experience similar to internships. Eligible applicants must complete an assessment before beginning the program. Additional services include: onsite GED instruction, career pathway counseling, skilled-job training, etc. Participants will earn income while gaining valuable job experience. For more information please contact Crystal at 919-884-6872.

Life Skills Foundation – Laura Wooten

Laura Wooten, Independent Living Program Coordinator provided an overview of Life Skills Foundation (LSF). LSF supports transition age youth (ages 16-24) in Durham who are aging out of foster care, homeless or housing insecure through case management services, programming, and housing. LSF facilitates independent living skills groups in the Spring and Fall for 10-12 weeks. Groups cover topics such as: housing employment education, substance use, goal setting relationships communication. Referrals for services are made from Durham DSS, mental health providers, and diversion. They have a total of 6 apartments, with an average stay of 9-10 months. Youth must be working, contribute 30% to their savings account and meet with case management staff to reside in one of the transitional housing units. LSF operates the HUB, a free daytime resource center (www.hubdurham.org)-- where youth can shower, eat, receive mental health and other supportive services. The Hub is located on Chapel Hill Road (currently under renovation); they are hoping agencies will use space to conduct meeting with transition age youth once open. For more information on LSF please contact Laura Wooten laura@lifeskillsfound.org

LGBTQ Center's Host Home Program – Skye Wilson & KC Buchanan

Skye Wilson, program coordinator, and KC Buchana, case manager for LGBTQ Center provided an overview of the Host Home program. The LGBTQ Center of Durham offers a program for youth (18-24 years) who are experiencing homelessness where they can temporarily move in with a Durham resident, willing to provide housing. The case manager meets with them and navigates them through process, crisis intervention, emotional support, assess need for resources and connect them with resources. The goal of the HOST Home Program is to help youth prioritize permanent housing and employment, using the housing first approach. Housing for youth will be provided for up to 6 months, additional housing may be identified if the participants remains housing insecure after 6 months. Participants will also be required to meet with a case manager on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. The launch date for Host Home is set for sometime in June. They are not able to accept referrals until the program officially launches. Those providing rooms for participants will be

trained by staff to provide support to youth and will be offered a stipend. On June 7th the Center will host a symposium, they encouraged CEHD membership to be on the lookout for additional information. They cannot take in clients officially until June, please check website or social media for updates.

Agency Announcements

Malcolm opened the floor for agency announcements

- Psiyina Davis announced the next Lunch and Learn at Nehemiah Day Center on Tuesday, March 26th from 12 pm - 1 pm (flyer included)
- Andrea Mikesell announced that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, provided a calendar of events occurring throughout the month (flyer included).
 - Take Back the Night event will be held April 24th on NCCU's campus in the Alphonso Elder Student Union
 - Sexual Violence in LGBTQ Communities Presentation will be held on April 6th at the North Regional Library. (flyer included)
- Catherine Pleil announced the Durham CAN Action on Thursday, March 21st at 7 pm. The topic is on Living Wages and will take place at Monument of Faith's Church.
- Catherine Pleil announced the upcoming Trauma Informed Care Training being held on March 27th by the Durham ACES Taskforce. There are two parts, 8:30-10:00 am is an Executive Overview and 10:30 - 2:30 pm trauma informed care training for service providers. The training is being held at the new Durham County Administrative II building on Main Street. To sign up please use link provided: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DurhamACES>
- Melody Marshall shared that Catherine Pleil is being honored at the upcoming DPS Board meeting for her phenomenal work around Durham children experiencing homelessness in the Durham Public School system.
- Joyce Hicklen (CASA) informed members that on Tuesday night, March 19th, the Durham City Council approved zoning for CASAs new multi-family housing units at Old Army Reserve Site on Carroll Street. Families experiencing homelessness will be able to qualify for available units. For more information please check out their website: <https://www.casanc.org/about/under-development/>
- Carolyn Schuldt announced the upcoming Crop Walk taking place on Sunday, April 7th at 2pm. The Crop Walk provides support to local agencies working to end hunger and poverty.
- Hanaleah Hoberman shared that the Continuum of Care Debriefing was in, summarizing Durham's CoC score receiving during FY 2018 CoC Program Competition. She noted that there was a big increase in funding for Durham. Durham also showed huge improvements in areas that are weighed more heavily. Lloyd is scheduled to provide an overview at the April meeting, information will also be provided at the March HSAC meeting. -
 - Hanaleah also shared that the Coordinated Entry system will not roll out in July, they are hoping to roll it out in early August.
- Liz Brown announced an art show this weekend, on March 23rd for Community Empowerment Fund. The art show will take place from 12:00pm - 2:00pm at UNC's Campus Y

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Next Meeting Date: April 18, 2019