

Council to End Homelessness in Durham
Thursday, April 18, 2019
Families Moving Forward
300 N. Queen St

Attendance: Tasha Melvin (FMF), Psiyina Davis (Nehemiah Day Center), Malcolm White (Alliance), Carolyn Scholdt (Open Table), Valaria Brown (HNN), Lloyd Schmeidler (CDC), Catherine Pleil (FMF), Janet Xiao (CEF), Katy Forest (CEF, intern), Dave Jenkins (Durham VA), Haneleah Hoberman (DCD), Spencer Bradford (DCIA), Helena Cragg (LGBTQ Cntr),

1. Welcome – Malcolm White, Alliance Health

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am with welcome and introductions by Chairman Malcolm White.

2. Review of March's minutes – Malcolm White, Alliance Health

The Chair asked members to review and approve the minutes from March 2019's meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Catherine Pleil, seconded by Carolyn Scholdt.

3. CoC Debrief - Lloyd Schmeidler, DCD

Lloyd provided an overview of the FY 2018 Continuum of Care Program Competition Debriefing. A document, prepared by HUD, was passed out to members summarizing the scores for Durham City and County CoC. High priority questions from the application were reviewed. Overall the CoC performed very well with this application process, receiving the highest score ever received. The scoring is used to determine funding priorities amongst agencies in Durham. The CoC received several perfect scores in certain areas. Maximum points that could be earned were 200, Durham CoC scored 174.5, higher than the median score. For CoC Structure and Governance we scored 47.25/52; Data Collection & Quality we score 39.5/49; CoC Performance & Strategic Planning we scored 66.75/77; Cross-Cutting Policies the CoC scored 21/22. Lloyd mentioned that the CoC is still leaving 10 points on the table for data collection and quality, however, HUD does not share specific recommendations for improvement. Lloyd stated that Durham is doing as well as they can, just need to continue. Lloyd mentioned that the baseline for funding for 2019 will likely be \$154K because we added DCRC to the application. He stated that the upcoming application for 2019 is quickly approaching. This is a 2-step process, pre-application phase to approve organizations for applying begins before HUDs releases NOFA. The deadline is May 3rd , expecting HUD to release NOFA in early to mid May, the deadline is late August. HUD is trying to get CoCs around country between 100-120 days to complete application. Malcolm applauded the CoC stating that a lot of people worked on the application with the DCD.

4. Risk Mitigation Fund & Landlord Engagement — Janet Xiao & Katy Forrest, CEF

Janet and Katy provided an update on the Unlocking Doors Initiative & HSACs Housing Results Team. 2019 goals are to strengthen supportive services & housing bond advocacy. They provided an update of the Risk Mitigation Fund pilot status. A massive shoutout to all the housing locators who have been a part of the Landlord Engagement Team, and an invitation to folks to housing locators / case managers who have a heavy focus on housing to attend those monthly meetings. They enrolled households as of January 15- November 15 2018. It is not too late to enroll a someone into the pilot project, just contact Janet (janetx@communityempowermentfund.org) or Katy (Katyf@communityempowermentfund.org) to receive additional information. If a landlord is already enrolled they do not need to complete additional information, if they are not signed on yet, they will connect with the landlord and provide them with key information. They anticipate using the funds by the end of November 2019, however, they have not received a claim to date. Housing locators/navigators have used it as a tool to recruit landlords. No word yet from NCFHA what will happen to money once pilot is over, they will share an update once they know more. An update was also provided on the Housing Results Team. Last three years they have focused on landlord engagement and supportive work. In 2018 their primary focus was on admin of risk fund, system changes and updates that gathers housing locators and case managers. In 2019 broadened scope, focusing on supportive services for agencies and housing locators. The city is in the process of funding a full time position, so there will be someone they can call. A mini workgroup has formed to focus on ways to support the housing bond that will invest 95 million dollars to strengthen the CoC and housing, would like to offer support and advocacy. They will meet on Tue, 4/23 1-2:30p at DHA (front desk). They welcome new members who are interested in joining the

HRT. Katy has created a housing listings spreadsheet that contains available housing units in the area: tinyurl.com/cefhousing.

Nehemiah Day Center Future Plans — Psiyina Davis, Nehemiah Christian Center

The Day Center is open during library renovation, their fellowship hall is the site for the Day Center. Community members can charge their devices, print, use the computer to search for housing and employment, etc. The average visitation is lower than when first opened partly because those who were coming now have jobs and housing, will come in to report to Psiyina. They still have approximately 18-20 visits per day still, average number increased due to monthly lunch and learns. Psiyina shared the next Lunch & Learn is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd. In regards to the future of the Day Center, they are contracted with Durham County through end of 2019, will know end of June if there will be overlap once the library opens. Nehemiah CC is committed to the monthly L&L, keep similar to Fresh Start event that happens annually. Possibly connect with different providers to expand what is offered.

Agency Announcements

- Catherine - Open House for Homeshare Durham, next Thu 5:30-7 at Duke Memorial please contact Catherine if interested in attending
- CEF in Chapel Hill is hiring for 2 positions
 - Advocate Program Coordinator - train Chapel Hill advocates
 - AmeriCorps VISTA position to build capacity of workforce devel and employment services
- Families Moving Forward is hiring a part time team associate. Please view website (www.fmfnc.org) for information.
- Hanaleah - DCD has moved to 516 Rigsbee Avenue, Durham, NC, located at the police substation -- not able to host community meetings at time of CEHD meeting.
 - parking is limited
- Helena -Symposium in June with LGBTQ community and Youth of Color - intersections of homeless youth and LGBTQ youth.
- Malcolm - Alliance is closed tomorrow due to holiday
- Hanaleah - full CoC meeting on May 2nd for CoC policy and procedures. There will be 2 sessions. Please look out for emails.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 10:00 am