

DURHAM HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 24, 2022
3:00 p.m.
Virtual Conference Call

The Durham Homeless Services Advisory Committee met on the above date and time.

Committee Members Present:

Chair Helen Tripp (Durham County Emergency Medical Services (EMS))
Shiesha Bell, (Lifeskills Foundation)
Heidi Carter (Durham County Commissioner)
Jonathan Crooms, (Durham County Representative for Veteran Services)
Drew Cummings, (Chief of Staff, Durham County Manager's Office)
Ryan Fehrman (NCCEH)
Calleen Herbert (NCCU)
Tammy Laurence (Families Moving Forward)
Eliza Matthew (Duke)
Charita McCollers, MSW (Lincoln Community Health Center/Federal Health Care for the Homeless)
Jerome Stevens (JTS Inc)
Tracy Stone-Dino (Alliance Health)
Vega Swepson (DTCC)
Renee Vaughan (Faith Community Representative)
Ellecia Thompson (Durham Va)

Staff Present:

Colin Davis, Community Development Manager
Lloyd Schmeidler, Senior Community Development Analyst
Ruebe Holmes, Coordinator

COC Organization Rep:

Nicole Bagley (UMD)
Danielle Butler (Triangle Apartment Assoc.)
Rikki Gardner (Housing for New Hope)
Valerie Messick (Triangle Empowerment)
Sheldon Mitchell ((Urban Ministries)
Russell Pierce (Housing for New Hope)
Carolyn Schuldt (Open Table Ministries)
Lavette Williams (DSS)
Tim Wollen (Stepup Durham)
Drew Woten (Open Table Ministries)

Item 1: Call to Order and Housekeeping

Vice Chair Helen Tripp called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Quorum was established – Chair read the goals of the HSAC, and reviewed housekeeping rules.

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Item 2: Minutes Review and Approval

The HSAC is actively recruiting a new secretary, and meeting minute approval will be postponed until the HSAC formally approves a new secretary.

Item 3: Farewell to Outgoing Chair, Angel Vick-Lewis

Presented by Helen Tripp

- Helen spoke of Angel's years of service to the HSAC and the appreciation she and the rest of the HSAC extends to Angel for being a fantastic chair.
- Charita is very appreciative for having Angel for not only providing her perspective as someone with lived experience but for exceptional leadership during her time as Chair.

Item 4: Election of Officers

Presented by Helen Tripp

- No formal slate of officers for secretary and vice chair
- No nominations or volunteers for Secretary of the HSAC
- Shae' Kinard has been nominated for the Vice Chair position, she shares her years of experience with HSAC and as a volunteer and advocate in the community
- Motioned by Colleen Herbert and 2nd by Janeen Gordon
- Motion carried to appoint Shae' Kinard as the Vice Chair of the HSAC

Item 5: Policy and Planning Quarterly Update

Presented by Charita McCollers

- Discussions have been ongoing regarding changes to the rapid rehousing placement process
- Working to expand the program offered by the CoC to allow opportunities for additional funding from the CoC NOFO competition

Item 6: CoC Supplemental NOFO Competition

Presented by Lloyd Schmeidler

- Durham CoC will be applying for the funding regardless of its size
- Lloyd believes that Durham has a good chance of receiving the funding given what it is currently doing to address unsheltered homelessness
- The CoC will need to submit a collaborative application—the lead agency has already received applications and will proceed with a review process and choose projects to be included in the collaborative application as a part of the plan. The address unsheltered homelessness in the county.

Item 7: CoC Local Funding Competition

Presented by Lloyd Schmeidler

- Smartsheet's, web-based application has been shared with the CoC membership and community partners to apply for local funding
- Funding opportunities are divided by project: state emergency solutions funding, housing stabilization, HMIS (coordinated entry), etc.
- The local deadline for submissions is August 26th and the Regional deadline to submit the funding request is October 23rd.

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Item 8: Annual CoC Funding Project

Presented by Lloyd Schmeidler

- Coc will be reallocating funds to new projects from the Durham Crisis Response Center and Home Again Rapid Rehousing Projects to other rapid rehousing programs.
- Domestic Violence and Permanent Housing Bonus will be provided within this funding opportunity
- Applications Due to HUD at 8pm on September 30th
- Request from Charita McCollers for a chart that provides due dates, funding amounts, and requirements on a sheet to present to HSAC for clarification

Announcements were called for by chair

Adjourn

With no further business, Motion to Adjourn by Shae' Kinard, 2nd by Colleen Herbert the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Hernandez

Coordinator, City of Durham Community Development Homeless Team