

Durham Homeless Services Advisory Committee
September 14, 2022 – 3:00 pm
Video 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)
Vice Chair Shae Kinard (City Corporate and Private Sector Representative)
Secretary Russell Pierce (County Nonprofit Sector Representative; Housing for New Hope)
Charita McCollers, MSW (Lincoln Community Health Center/ Health Care for the Homeless)
Jonathan Crooms (Durham County Veterans Services)
Commissioner Heidi Carter (Durham County Commissioners Representative)
Wanda Page (City Manager)
Drew Cummings, (Chief of Staff, Durham County Manager's Office)
Natalie Beyer (School Board Representative: Durham Public Schools)
Janeen Gordon (Durham County Department of Social Services)
Eliza Matthew (Duke University Representative: Office of Durham and Community Affairs)
Shiesha Bell, (Youth Homelessness Representative: Lifeskills Foundation)
Calleen Herbert (North Carolina Central University Representative)
Tracy Stone-Dino (Mental Health/Substance Abuse Representative; Alliance Health)
Ebony Ross (McKinney-Vento Coordinator: Durham Public Schools)
Chris Toenes (City Nonprofit Representative; TROSA)

Excused Committee Members:

Committee Members Absent:

Angela Vick-Lewis (City Lived Experience Representative)
Mayor Pro Tem Mark-Anthony Middleton (City Council Representative)
Ellecia Thompson (Durham VA Medical Center)
Jenise Washington (City Faith Community Representative)
Vega Swepson (Community College System Representative: Durham Technical Community College)
Renee Vaughan (County Faith Community Representative)

Staff Present:

Colin Davis, Community Development Manager
Lloyd Schmeidler, Senior Community Development Analyst
Ruebe Holmes, Community Development Analyst
Melissa Hernandez, Homeless System Coordinator

COC Members Present:

Ryan Fehrman (NCCEH)
Danielle Butler (Triangle Apartment Assoc.)
Rikki Gardner (Housing for New Hope)
Tammy Laurence (Families Moving Forward)
Sheldon Mitchell (Urban Ministries)
Donna Carrington (Community Empowerment Fund)
Carolyn Schuldt (Open Table Ministries)
Jerome Stevens (JTS Inc)
Jacqueline Lowery (Alliance Health Plan)

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Drew Woten (Open Table Ministries)
Shona Wynn (Urban Ministries)
Carolyn Schuldt (Open Table Ministries)
Shanta Addison (Housing for New Hope)
Malcolm White (Alliance Health Plan)

Also Present:

Princess Smith
Zach Perry
Kenny Valenzuela
Desmont Gatling
Manuel Hyman
Jenise Washington
Leah Whitehead

Item 1: Call to Order and Housekeeping

Chair Cpt. Helen Tripp called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Quorum was established – Chair read the goals of the HSAC, and reviewed housekeeping rules. Chair also noted that minutes from prior meetings are still being prepared. We anticipate approval of June and August minutes at our next meeting.

Item 2: Public Comments Period

None

Item 3: Election of Secretary

Presented by Chair, Cpt. Helen Tripp

- Russell Pierce has volunteered to serve as Secretary. Pierce noted his intention to be diligent in monitoring for potential conflicts of interest in light of Housing for New Hope's involvement in so many aspects of our homeless service systems.
- **Drew Cummings moved election of Pierce to serve as HSAC Secretary with Ebony Ross seconding the motion. Motion was approved with one abstention: Russell Pierce**
- It was also noted at this time that Drew Cummings will be leaving his post with Durham County to serve as County Manager for Granville County. Committee members expressed their deep gratitude for Drew's service.

Item 4: Performance Management

Presented by Jonathan Crooms, Chair of Performance Management Committee

- Crooms noted the majority of the committee's work in recent months was focused on scoring processes and preparation of recommendations for several funding competitions.

Item 5: CoC NOFO Funding Recommendation

Presented by Jonathan Crooms, Chair of Performance Management Committee

- A detailed memo was submitted in advance of the meeting.

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- Funding recommendations to be submitted to HUD for a total of \$2,207,958 for the Annual CoC funding competition include:
 1. HMIS Project/NCCEH-\$55,752
 2. LGBTQ RRH Project/LGBTQ Center of Durham-\$284,771
 3. DASH/Alliance Health-\$194,320
 4. Williams Square Apartments/Housing for New Hope-\$72,231
 5. Streets to Home 1/Housing for New Hope-\$255,368
 6. Andover Apartments/Housing for New Hope-\$70,788
 7. RRH3/Housing for New Hope-\$183,988
 8. Streets to Home 2/Housing for New Hope-\$173,181
 9. Fresh Start(RRH)/Urban Ministries of Durham-\$230,015
 10. RRH1/Housing for New Hope-\$65,260
 11. Streets to Home 1 Expansion/Housing for New Hope-\$94,664
 12. FMF RRH/Families Moving Forward-\$206,227
 13. Williams Square Expansion/Housing for New Hope-\$108,625
 14. Andover Apartments Expansion/Housing for New Hope-\$108,625
 15. Fresh Start Expansion/Urban Ministries of Durham-\$142,516
- Projects 1-11 are in Tier One and have a strong likelihood of funding. Project 12 straddles Tier 1 and Tier 2. Projects 13-15 are Tier 2. Tier 2 projects have historically been funded for our community, but are dependent on how the overall set of projects scores against other communities across the country.
- In the midst of scoring, it was discovered that the requests were less than the money available. So additional projects were solicited, including projects 13-15 which are expansions of existing projects.
- Project 12, the FMF RRH Project is applying for the community's domestic violence bonus project. If they receive that funding, then projects 13-15's rankings will improve.
- **Shae Kinard moved approval of the recommendations. Drew Cumming seconded. Motion was approved with two abstentions: Russell Pierce and Tracy Stone-Dino**

Item 6: CoC Special FOFO Funding Recommendation

Presented by Jonathan Crooms, Chair of Performance Management Committee

- A detailed memo was submitted in advance of the meeting.
- COC had opportunity to apply for supplemental funds to address unsheltered homelessness in our community.
- This grant is worth \$2,062,266 spread over three years.
- Two applications were received. The panel unanimously supported Housing for New Hope's application for the funds.
- **Shae Kinard moved approval of the recommendation. Ebony Ross seconded. Motion was approved with one abstention: Russell Pierce**

Item 7: State ESG Funding Recommendations

Presented by Jonathan Crooms, Chair of Performance Management Committee

- A detailed memo was submitted in advance of the meeting.
- NC Department of Health and Human Services released a request for State ESG totaling \$172,255 for Durham

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- Important to note that at least 40% must be spent on housing stabilization activities such as rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention. The remainder can be spent on emergency solutions such as emergency shelter and street outreach.
- The recommendations include:
 - Families Moving Forward/Emergency Shelter Operations-\$51,677
 - Open Table Ministries/Street Outreach-\$23,711
 - Housing for New Hope/Street Outreach-\$27,905
 - Housing for New Hope/Rapid Rehousing-\$68,902
- **Shae Kinard moved approval of the recommendations. Heidi Carter seconded. Motion was approved with two abstentions: Russell Pierce and Tracy Stone-Dino**

Item 8: Approval of CoC Written Standards

Presented by Colin Davis, Staff

- A document with the updated Written Standards was distributed in advance of the meeting.
- Updates to the CoC's Written Standards was requested by HUD in light of the changes we had made in response to COVID.
- We also needed to incorporate standards on homelessness prevention as we'd not previously had homeless prevention projects in operation in the community.
- Updates were primarily administrative in nature.
- **Charita McCollers moved approval of the updated COC Written Standards. Ebony Ross seconded. Motion was approved.**

Item 9: CoC NOFO Update

Presented by Lloyd Schmeidler, Staff

- CoC Consolidated Application is due to HUD on 9/30
- Application includes three parts:
 - Priority Listing
 - Associated Project Applications
 - Collaborative Application
- Collaborative Application will need to be approved by an email vote prior to its submission.
- **Shiesha Bell moved approval of an email vote to approve the Collaborative Application. Shae Kinard seconded. Motion was approved.**

Item 10: Call for New Standing Committee Members & CoC Liaisons

Presented by Chair, Cpt. Helen Tripp

- We are in need of one more CoC member and one more HSAC member on Policy and Planning Committee.

Announcements were called for by the Chair

With no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Russell Pierce

Secretary, Homeless Services Advisory Committee