

Durham Homeless Services Advisory Committee
November 16, 2022 – 3:00 pm
Video Conference Call

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

Committee Members Present:

Vice Chair Shae Kinard (City Corporate and Private Sector Representative)
Eliza Mathew (Duke Office of Durham and Community Affairs)
Renee Vaughan (County Faith Community Representative)
Shiesha Bell, (Youth Homelessness Representative: LifeSkills Foundation)
Wanda Page (City Manager)
Charita McCollers, MSW (Lincoln Community Health Center/ Health Care for the Homeless)
Jonathan Crooms (Durham County Veterans Services)
Natalie Beyer (School Board Representative: Durham Public Schools)
Ebony Ross (McKinney-Vento Coordinator: Durham Public Schools)
Vega Swepson (Community College System Representative: Durham Technical Community College)
Ellecia Thompson (Durham VA Medical Center)

Excused Committee Members:

Chair Helen Tripp (Durham County Emergency Medical Services)
Secretary Russell Pierce (County Nonprofit Sector Representative; Housing for New Hope)

Committee Members Absent:

Commissioner Heidi Carter (Durham County Commissioners Representative)
Calleen Herbert (North Carolina Central University Representative)
Tracy Stone-Dino (Mental Health/Substance Abuse Representative; Alliance Health)
Chris Toenes (City Nonprofit Representative; TROSA)
Janeen Gordon (Durham County Department of Social Services)
Angela Vick-Lewis (City Lived Experience Representative)
Mayor Pro Tem Mark-Anthony Middleton (City Council Representative)
Jenise Washington (City Faith Community Representative)

Staff Present:

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

COC Members Present:

Danielle Butler (Triangle Apartment Assoc.)
Tammy Laurence (Families Moving Forward)
Donna Carrington (Community Empowerment Fund)
Ryan Fehrman (NCCEH)
Carolyn Schuldt (Open Table Ministries)
Drew Woten (Open Table Ministries)
Tim Wollin (StepUp Durham)

Also Present:

Shanta Addison (Housing for New Hope)
Olivia Brown
Melva Henry

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Item 1: Call to Order and Housekeeping

- Vice Chair Shae Kinard called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Quorum was not established. However, not items required a vote.
- Chair read the goals of the HSAC, and reviewed housekeeping rules. Vice Chair also noted that minutes from prior meetings are still being prepared.

Item 2: Public Comments Period

- No public comment today.

Item 3: Policy and Planning Committee

Presented by Charita McCollers, Chair of Policy and Planning Committee

- The committee support staff's efforts to update written standards.
- Discussed ways to better track affordable housing inventory, especially as new projects are brought online.
- Discussed prioritization process for housing choice vouchers and emergency housing choice vouchers.
- Discussed safety in light of the recent incidents.
- Discussed white flag situation for this year, and the need to add additional capacity.
- Committee is asking that the full HSAC approve a letter to City and County officials requesting additional resources for white flag for this year as there are currently 88 individuals and 38 families self-identifying as unsheltered.
- **Jonathan Crooms made a motion to direct the HSAC Chair to prepare a letter asking for additional resources in support of White Flag operations for the 2022-23 season. Ellecia Thompson seconded the motion. It was approved.**

Item 4: NC ESG Funding Update

Presented by Lloyd Schmeidler, Staff

- The State of North Carolina recently announced that it had approved the Durham CoC's funding recommendations for the use of State ESG funds in CY 2023.
- Staff reviewed the awards made to three Durham CoC member organizations.
 - 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
- Staff also noted that Families Moving Forward received additional support from the State ESG office for shelter operations for the remainder of 2022. This funding is part of the state's efforts to fully utilize ESG-CV funds. More funds became available due to recapture from communities that weren't able to full spend their original ESG-CV allocations.

Item 5: HOME ARP Update

Presented by Colin Davis, Staff

- HUD announced changes to the HOME ARP funds and is now requiring Durham's plan to be submitted to HUD no later than 03/31/2023.

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- The City is receiving approximately \$4,000,000 in HOME ARP funds. (ARP = American Rescue Plan.) It is one-time funding that can only be used to serve particular populations. Funds must be expended by 9/30/30.
- Populations targeted for being served through this funding include:
 - Households experiencing homelessness
 - Households at risk of homelessness
 - Households fleeing or attempting to flee intimate partner violence
 - Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of NAHA (42 U.S.C 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with greatest risk of housing instability. HUD defines these populations as individuals and households who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet specific criteria outlined in the rules.
 - Veterans who don't fall into any of the categories above.
- Only certain activities qualify:
 - Supportive services
 - Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters
 - Tenant-based rental assistance
 - Development of affordable rental housing
 - Nonprofit operating
 - Nonprofit capacity building
 - Administration and Planning
- The plan requires the City to solicit input from specific stakeholders in the community including:
 - The Continuum of Care
Homeless service providers
 - Domestic violence service providers
 - Veteran's groups
 - Public housing agency
 - Public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations
 - Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities
- We anticipate most of the December full CoC meeting will be used for further discussion, especially as our CoC includes representation from the majority of these groups.

Item 6: Call for New Standing Committee Members & CoC Liaisons

Presented by Vice Chair Shae Kinard

- HSAC Members are invited to join either of our two committees. We especially need one more person on Policy and Planning.
- We are in need of one more CoC member to serve on Performance Management Committee.

Vice Chair Shae Kinard also announced at this time that she would be resigning due to a relocation that will take her outside of Durham County. Members and staff thanked her for her service. This will mean that the Executive Committee needs to work toward election of a new Vice Chair.

Announcements were called for by the Vice Chair

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With no further business, Vega Swepson made a motion to adjourn. The meeting closed at 4:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Russell Pierce

Secretary, Homeless Services Advisory Committee