



DURHAM HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 28, 2018

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM



Goals:

- ▶ Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness
- ▶ Prevent and end Veterans homelessness
- ▶ Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children
- ▶ Set a path to ending all types of homelessness

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	TIME
1. Call to Order/Welcome	Presenter: <i>Chair</i>	5 Minutes
2. Minutes Review & Approval	Presenter: <i>Chair</i> Supporting Documents: February 2018 Minutes Formal Approval Needed: <i>Yes</i>	5 Minutes
3. Public Comment Period	Presenter: <i>Chair</i>	10 Minutes
4. City Funding for Emergency Shelters	Presenter: HSAC Staff Background: In response to an HSAC request at the last meeting, staff will provide an update on the status of City funding for emergency shelters.	10 Minutes
5. Focus Strategies Revised Report & Adoption of Recommendations	Presenters: Chair Background: Focus Strategies provides analytic services to help communities reduce and end homelessness. The company presented a “Final SWAP Analysis and Performance Measure Report” to the Durham Continuum of Care and the HSAC in October 2017. With unspent funds remaining in its contract and subsequent to the release of the October 2017 report, Focus Strategies completed “modeling to assess the impact of different strategies on the size of the homeless population.” Focus Strategies presented the revised final report, including the results of the modeling work to the HSAC at the February 2018 meeting. The CoC Lead Agency seeks the HSAC’s guidance at this meeting on how it wishes to move forward with the recommendations in the Focus Strategies report.	20 Minutes

Support Document: [Final SWAP Analysis & Performance Measure Report, Revised February 2018](#)
[Summary of Focus Strategies' Recommendations](#)

Formal Approval Needed: *Yes*

6. Point In Time Count

Presenter: *HSAC staff*

20 Minutes

Background: HUD requires Continuum of Care to complete a Point in Time (PIT) Count of people in shelter and transitional housing dedicated for occupancy by homeless people annually and a biannual count of people in unsheltered situations. The Durham CoC conducts both a sheltered and unsheltered count annually. In 2015, the HSAC, in compliance with HUD's guidance, adopted a policy to guide our CoC's annual PIT Count and the associated Housing Inventory of beds and units that are dedicated for occupancy by homeless people and formerly homeless people. Staff will report on the results of the January 24, 2018 PIT Count and the Housing Inventory in Durham dedicated for use by homeless and formerly homeless people.

Support Documents: [The CoC PIT Count & Housing Inventory Count Policy](#)

7. CoC Standards

Presenter: *HSAC Staff*

15 Minutes

Background: Both the [Continuum of Care Interim Rule \(24 CFR 578\)](#) and the [Emergency Solutions Grant Interim Rule \(24 CFR 576\)](#) require CoCs to adopt a variety of written standards for providing assistance to people experiencing homelessness. Some standards were adopted on an interim basis as part of the 2016 State of North Carolina Emergency Solutions Grant application. The State required the submission of additional standards as part of the 2017 Regional Application and the Department, as the CoC Lead Agency, submitted drafts of required standards on the Durham CoC's behalf. Staff provided an initial overview of the revised standards at the February 2018 meeting. Staff will provide an update on revisions to the standards made in response to comments received during the Public Comment period, which ended 3/21/2018.

Support Documents: *CoC & ESG Written Standards for:*

- [Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Rehousing](#)
- [Emergency Shelter](#)
- [Permanent Supportive Housing](#)

Formal Approval Needed (at this meeting): *No*

8. Announcements

Presenter: *Chair, HSAC members & HSAC staff*

5 Minutes

REMINDERS:

2018 CoC Homeless Grants Competition Pre-Application

Workshop: April 9, 2018, 2 PM.

Next HSAC Meeting: April 25, 2018, 3 PM.