

DURHAM HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 23, 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 Angela Vick-Lewis (Formerly Homeless Representative, City of Durham)
Vice-Chair Helen Tripp (Durham County Emergency Medical Services (EMS))
Secretary Dr. Angeloe Burch (Durham County Homeless Subpopulation advocate)
Shiesha Bell, (Lifeskills Foundation)
Natalie Beyer (DPS Board of Education)
Heidi Carter (Durham County Commissioner)
Jonathan T. Crooms (Durham County Veteran Services Office)
Drew Cummings, (Chief of Staff, Durham County Manager's Office)
Ryan Fehrman (NCCEH)
Calleen Herbert (NCCU Office of Community Engagement & Service)
Shae Kinard (City of Durham Business Representative)
Charita McCollers, MSW (Lincoln Community Health Center/Federal Health Care for the Homeless)
Mark Anthony Middleton (City Council of Durham)
Wanda Page (City of Durham City Manager's Office)
Ebony Ross (Durham Public Schools Homeless Liaison)
Tracy Stone-Dino (Alliance Behavioral Healthcare)
Vega Swepson (Resource Specialist, Durham Technical Community College)
Renee Vaughan (Durham County Faith Community Representative)
Jenise Washington (City of Durham Faith Community Representative)

Excused Committee Members:

Committee Members Absent:

Janeen Gordon (Durham County Department of Social Services)
Eliza Mathew (Duke University Office of Durham and Community Affairs)
Ellecia Thompson (Durham V.A. Hospital)

Staff Present:

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

COC Organization Rep:

Oliver Blue

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Danielle Butler (Triangle Apartment Assoc.)
Rickki Gardner (Housing for New Hope)
Cierra Hamlet
Anna Krekow (FMF)
Tammy Laurence (FMF)
Sheldon Mitchell ((Urban Ministries)
Kristel Page (Housing for New Hope)
Russell Pierce (Housing for New Hope)
Carolyn Schuldt (Open Table Ministry)
Chris Toenes (Trosa)
Leah Whitehead (Community Empowerment)
Nicole Wilson
Sally Wilson (Project Access)
Drew Woten

Also Present:

Brooke Anderson
Kevin Callahan
Facelys Silvestre
Liz Stevens
Kenny Valenzuela
Karmisha Wallace
Jenise Washington
Lavette Williams

Item 1: Call to Order and Housekeeping

Chair Angela Vick-Lewis called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Quorum was established
Chair read the goals of the HSAC, and reviewed housekeeping rules.

Item 2: Minutes Review and Approval

The minutes for February 23, 2022 meeting – Corrections made for the January minutes, incorrect spelling of Charita McCollers and Carolyn Schuldt
Motion – B. Angeloe Burch Sr. with Corrections and 2nd by V.C. Helen Tripp
Minutes approved Unanimously

Item 3: Public Comments Period

Russell Pierce – Highlighted funding resource

Item 4: Performance Management

Presented by Jonathan Crooms

- Reviewed COC Score Card and adopted changes for Spring COC evaluation
- Middle of Scoring applications
- Update to benchmarks of COC projects - will present in full next month

Item 5: Liz Stevens – Deputy Public Health Director Durham County Public Health

- COVID 19 Update

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- Prevention Strategies - Get Vaccination - Be Cautious
- COVID-19 Statistics – Expecting Metrics to change
- Positive Labs, Usage and Capacity Hospitalization Data – CDC Vaccine Updates for Durham Co. Residents – Testing availability and sites.
 - A. Questions about isolation – A: If you have test positive, quarantine vs being exposed
 - B. Comment about 5-day period contagion – A: 100% masking (10 days)
 - C. Question to the biggest concern – A: Getting our youngest kids vaccinated
 - D. Question about sub-variants, changing or reducing testing – A: What are the testing sites and how can they be prepared to open back up.
 - E. Question on social distancing time frame – A: No information yet
 - F. Question How to navigate about people not getting vaccinated vs staff care – A: It is a question to grapple with.

Item 6: Policy and Planning – Emergency needs for COC including non-congregant and expanded search due to COVID

Presented by Colin Davis and Charita McCollers

- Subcommittee presented funding recommendation for Continuum 1-part of 2-part recommendation.
- Sustain well and vulnerable hotel space – Using one time funding opportunities
- Received requests from providers receiving COVID funds throughout pandemic – Needs are not going away but have no guidance from HUD when waivers will end.
- Going back to congregant shelter increases risks while still have social distancing – 3 phase approach for upcoming changes.
- 2nd waive of requests – Expansions of items in COC and Capital improvements
- Exigent Needs and Future Planning
 - A. COVID related needs – room cost as well as support and food and necessary items people will need.
 - B. Other Emergency Shelter Requests – White Flag emergency Shelter – DV/IPV Emergency Shelter costs.
 - C. Rapid Rehousing Request and the 3 pieces that works with that and cost

Question on FEMA cost and what would be covered – FEMA not cover supportive services Request for 4,136,694 * Non-Congregant * Other Shelter * Rapid Re-Housing – Levels may not be sustainable forever.

Comment on getting rents down especially once funding goes away.

- **Future Planning** Emergency Shelter/Unsheltered Requests * Permanent Housing Requests needs
- **Supportive Services/TA Requests and DATA Requests**
- **Next Steps SPECIFIER**
- **Letter sent by Chair to City and County Leadership**

Questions and Answers to presentation

Motion to ask HSAC to request 4.1 Mil dollars to City and County officials to secure funding to continue operations. (Total Exigent Request) Motion made by V.C. Helen Tripp – 2nd Shae Kinard – Motion Passed by majority vote. Letter will be crafted for Chair to sign and send.

Introduction of City Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Anthony Middleton – will be attending for the Mayor/City.

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Question asked by Chair if there was a backup plan if need to postpone due to weather.

Announcements were called for by chair

Charita McCollers – Appeal for all of us to participate

Adjourn

Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. **Motion:** Angeloe Burch 2nd: Renee Vaughan

With no further business, Chair Vick-Lewis adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Angeloe Burch Sr.

Secretary, Homeless Services Advisory Committee