

DURHAM HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 19, 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)
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 (Business Representative)
Eliza Mathew (Duke University Office of Durham and Community Affairs)
Charita McCollers, MSW (Lincoln Community Health Center/Federal Health Care for the Homeless)
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)
Chris Toenes (TROSAs)
Renee Vaughan (Faith Community Representative)
Amber Wade (City of Durham)

Excused Committee Members:

Committee Members Absent:

Heidi Carter (Durham County Commissioner)
Ellicia 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 Coordinator

COC Organization Rep:

Danielle Butler (Triangle Apartment Assoc.)
Joyce Caesar (WakeupReachUp)
Shana Carignan (Families Moving Forward)
Donna Carrington (CEF)

Rikki Gardner (Housing for New Hope)
Tammy Laurence (FMF)
Sheldon Mitchell ((Urban Ministries)
Kristi Page (Housing for New Hope)
Russell Pierce (Housing for New Hope)
Carolyn Schultz (Open Table Ministry)
Sally Wilson (Project Access)

Also Present:

Brooke Anderson
Patricia Dorsey
Brent Ducharme (Legal Aid)
Dionne Holliday (Resources for Human Development)
Lillian Hornes
Manuel Hyman (Alliance Health)
Samantha Pittman (Legal Aid)
Rachel Rood
Sarah Schreyer (H4NH)
Cyndi Thompson (VOA)
Karmisha Wallace
Lavette Williams

Item 1: Call to Order and Housekeeping

Chair Angela Vick-Lewis called the meeting to order at 3:04 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 December 15, 2021 meeting
Motion – Charita McCullers and 2nd by Ebony Ross
Minutes approved Unanimously

Item 3: Public Comments Period

There were no public comments.

Item 4: Policy and Planning Committee

Presented by Charita McCullers

- Approved process for PIT Count
- Discussed White Flag Protocols
- Update on unsheltered count – Shelters are full, yet we still have unsheltered persons/families
- Looking at funding opportunities

Item 5: Emergency Rental Assistance

Presented by Brent Ducharme/Samantha Pittman of Legal Aid

- 6 mil in grant funding
- Opened on January 12, received about 1800 applications
- 18 people working on teams

Item 6: House America

Presented by Colin Davis

- Explained House America

- Fewer number of affordable units and fewer landlords wanting to work with the program
- Need to stop the negative slide
- ESG COVID funds will be coming to an end this year
- 25 units earmarked for affordable housing

Tracy Stone-Dino asked if these were new – mixed units? After discussion

Motion to Approve 185 households being rehoused during the calendar year 2022 aim to rehouse 185 households and work to identify 25 units for people exiting homelessness by Drew Cummings and 2nd by Vice Chair Helen Tripp – Motion carried with 2 nays – Dr. Burch stated his nay vote and claimed right to renew the motion if necessary.

Item 7: Overview of PIT Count

Presented by Lloyd Schmeidler

- Shelter count will be managed in HMIS and supplemented by Durham Crisis Response Center
- Commitment to conduct Youth PIT in conjunction with general PIT Count

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

Item 8: White Flag Update

Presented by Carolyn Schuldt

- Sheltered 559 average of 31 per night
- Had an all-day shelter
- Getting staff to have a 24 hr Shelter

Discussion on a solution for sheltering our Homelessness in cold weather. Shana Carignan (FMF) spoke about transportation for the homeless on days during inclement weather. Colin Davis stated in addition to Trinity, UMD has opened beds and will be opening café, Thursday and Friday and Durham Rescue Mission does not have a curfew.

Announcements were called for by chair

Brooke Anderson – Onsite COVID Testing

Adjourn

Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Angeloe Burch

2nd: Charita McCullers

With no further business, Chair Vick-Lewis adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Angeloe Burch Sr.

Secretary, Homeless Services Advisory Committee