

DURHAM HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Full CoC Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 2021
3:00 p.m.
Virtual Conference Call**

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

Committee Members Present:

Chair Ellecia Thompson, (Durham VA Medical Center);
Vice-Chair Angela Vick-Lewis (Formerly Homeless Representative, City of Durham);
Secretary Captain Helen Tripp (Durham County Emergency Medical Services (EMS));
Natalie Beyer (DPS Board of Education);
Dr. Angeloe Burch (Durham County Homeless Subpopulation advocate);
Heidi Carter (Durham County Commissioner);
Jonathan T. Crooms (Durham County Veteran Services Office – *Proxy for Lois Harvin-Ravin*);
Drew Cummings, (Chief of Staff, Durham County Manager’s Office);
Ryan Fehrman (Executive Director, Families Moving Forward);
Janeen Gordon (Assistant Director, Durham County Social Services – *proxy for County Commissioner Heidi Carter*);
Calleen Herbert (NCCU Office of Community Engagement & Service);
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);
Tracy Stone-Dino (Alliance Behavioral Healthcare);
Vega Swepson (Resource Specialist, Durham Technical Community College);
Ebony Thomas (Durham Public Schools Homeless Liaison);
Chris Toenes, MSW (Non-Profit Representative, City of Durham/TROSA);
Renee Vaughan (Faith Community Representative);
Jasmin Young-Bradshaw (Durham Crisis Response Center)

Excused Committee Members:

Shiesha Bell (LIFE Skills Foundation);
Michael Best (Formerly Homeless representative);
Director Lois Harvin-Ravin, Durham County Veteran Services Office (*Proxy Jonathan T. Crooms in attendance*);
Regina King (Faith Community Representative for the City of Durham);
Mayor Steve Schewel;
Amber Wade (Assistant to the Mayor - *Proxy for Mayor Schewel*)

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

Staff Present:

Karen Lado, Community Development Assistant Director
Colin Davis, Community Development Manager
Lloyd Schmeidler, Senior Community Development Analyst
Hanaleah Hoberman, Senior Community Development Analyst
Ruebe Holmes, Community Development Coordinator

Also Present:

Terry Allebaugh (Durham);
Shana Carignan (Families Moving Forward);
Dr. Cherisse Collins (Families Moving Forward);
Patricia Dorsey (Family Temporary Transitional Housing);
Angela Holmes (former HSAC member);
Manuel Hyman (Alliance Health);
Richard Jones (Tents of Saint Paul Ministries);
Richard Kline (Durham GOP);
Debbie Long (Community Empowerment Fund);
Ashley McKenna (NC DHHS);
Sheldon Mitchell (Urban Ministries of Durham);
Daniel Oladele (VOA Carolinas);
Kristi Page (Housing for New Hope);
Drew Pridgen (TROSAs);
Carolyn Schuldt (Open Table Ministry);
Laressa Witt (Alliance Health);
Tim Wollin (Step Up Durham)

Subject: Call to Order and Housekeeping

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. She thanked everyone for attending, read the goals of the HSAC aloud, and reviewed housekeeping rules.

Subject: Minutes Review and Approval

Though all were moved and seconded, the minutes for meetings in August 2020 through January 2021 were never presented for a vote during subsequent meetings. These minutes were presented to the Board for official approval by vote of the body.

Motion: Jonathan Crooms

2nd: Drew Cummings

The motion passed with no nays or abstentions.

The minutes for March 24, 2021 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions.

Motion: Jonathan Crooms

2nd: Ebony Thomas

The motion passed with no nays or abstentions.

Subject: Public Comments Period

No public comments

Subject: Chair Introductory Comments

Chair Thompson welcomed new member Jasmin Young-Bradshaw who is representing the Durham Crisis Response Center.

She relayed the feedback about training she had received from Mayor Schewel and invited HSAC board members to let her know of any training they needed for their staff. We want to ensure they have all the skills and resources they need.

She noted the conversation about COVID vaccinations will stay on the agenda. Agencies are discussing what a return to “normal” looks like and planning accordingly.

Chair Thompson discussed upcoming elections for the executive committee. She will be transitioning out as chair. The current Vice-Chair, Angel Vick-Lewis, will be leaving the HSAC to pursue other opportunities helping the HIV/AIDS community. This means there will be no Vice-Chair to succeed the Chair position. We may need to have an election in June to fill the Vice-Chair position.

The Policy and Planning and Performance Management committees are looking for new members. Each committee needs a new chair and secretary. Those currently serving in those positions may continue if interested. Other members are transitioning off and we will need others to fill those positions.

Subject: Performance Management Committee Quarterly Report

Chair Crooms provided a report on the activities of the committee.

- They are looking for new members to fill positions vacated by those who have transitioned off.
- They have distributed a survey to Continuum of Care (CoC) members to determine any needed training or knowledge gaps for front-line workers. They have received 29 responses to-date and will report the results at the next quarterly update.
- Spring Evaluation of CoC-Funded Permanent Housing Projects
 - Evaluated nine projects
 - Improvement in HMIS implementation
 - Noted decreases in project performance likely due to challenges surrounding COVID-19. Will not require improvement during this evaluation period as a result.
 - See attached documentation for the detailed report.
- Diversity and Racial Equity question included on evaluation tool for first time this year. It was not included in the scoring. Used to ensure persons living homeless are included regardless of race or color.
 - Discovered black, indigenous, or people of color (BIPOC) enter our homeless system at a higher rate than that represented in demographic breakdown of the population of Durham.
 - Totals are in the attached detailed report.

Subject: Point in Time Report

Lloyd Schmeidler presented the results from the Point in Time Count held January 27, 2021. The full presentation is on the CoC web site at <https://www.durhamcoc.org/board-meetings.html>

Subject: System Performance Report

Hanaleah Hoberman presented the Mid-Year 2020-2021 System Performance report. The full presentation is on the CoC web site at <https://www.durhamcoc.org/board-meetings.html>

Subject: Announcements

- Charita McCollers announced a partnership event with Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) and Durham Legal Aid.
 - Tax Assistance Day and UMD
 - May 5, 2021 – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

- Lloyd Schmeidler announced a CoC pre-application workshop on April 30, 2021 at 10:00 am.

- Chair Thompson announced the Coordinated Entry subcommittee began in April.

Subject: Adjourn

Chair Thompson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Ebony Thomas

2nd: Ryan Fehrman

With no further business, Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Helen Tripp
Secretary, Homeless Services Advisory Committee