

DURHAM HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 17, 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 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)
Shantesea Kinard (City 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)
Mayor Steve Schewel (City of Durham)
Tracy Stone-Dino (Alliance Behavioral Healthcare)
Vega Swepson (Resource Specialist, Durham Technical Community College)
Ellicia Thompson (Durham V.A. Hospital)
Renee Vaughan (Faith Community Representative)
Amber Wade (City of Durham, Proxy to Mayor Schewel)

Excused Committee Members:

Janeen Gordon (Durham County Department of Social Services)

Committee Members Absent:

Jasmin Young-Bradshaw (Victim Services Provider, Durham Crisis Response Center)

Staff Present:

Reginald Johnson, Community Development Director
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 Association)
Shana Carignan (Families Moving Forward)
Donna Carrington (Community Empowerment Fund)

Kendra Jacobs (Open Table Ministry)
Sheldon Mitchell ((Urban Ministries)
Russell Pierce (Housing for New Hope)
Tim Wollin (StepUp Durham)
Drew Woten (Open Table Ministry)

Also Present:

Rikki Gardner (Housing for New Hope)
Manuel Hyman (Alliance Health)
Cyndi Thompson (Volunteers of America C&C)

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 October 27th meeting
Motion – Jonathan Crooms and 2nd by Vega Swepson
Minutes approved by majority vote.

Item 3: Public Comments Period

There were no public comments.

Item 4: Performance Management Quarterly Report

Presented by Jonathan Crooms
- EEOC & ESG Funding Recommendations and Funding Application has been submitted
- New Members Orientation for 6

Item 5: Homeless Prevention and Deferment

Presented by Colin Davis
- Clarifying Emergency Solutions Grant and COVID Prevention
-Definitions of Homelessness
-Data presented
-Not to prevent eviction but to prevent homelessness

Item 6: HSAC Virtual vs In Person discussion

Questions were asked of Ruebe Holmes as to the City Clerks memo
- Cannot have dual meeting must be either virtual or in person
- Mayor Schewel spoke to the reason and gave clarification
Motion to remain Virtual – Ryan Ferhman and 2nd by Charita McCollers, Renee Vaughan and
Ebony Ross
Motion Passed without Objection

Item 9: HSAC & DHA Meeting

Questions solicited to be presented to DHA

Item 7: Update on Housing Choice Vouchers and Emergency Housing Vouchers

Presented by Hanaleah Hoberman

- Prioritization clarification and background on HCV
- Data provided on CoC Voucher Utilization
- Question and answer period

Item 8: Coordinated Entry New Processes

- Presented by Hanaleah Hoberman
- Reasons to Replace VI-SPDAT
- Priorities and Rankings

Announcements were called for by chair

Announcement by Colin Davis on FEMA – Announced to end non-congregant waivers

Question raised by Ryan Ferhman about American Rescue plan funds

Ellecia Thompson announced about V.A. dinner for Veterans

Drew Cummings addressed the previous question raised about the ARPA funds

Chair asked that we would consider our homeless this time of the year with it getting cold to provide, gloves, hats or any donations

Adjourn

Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Charita McCollers

2nd: Ryan Ferhman

With no further business, Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Angeloe Burch Sr.

Secretary, Homeless Services Advisory Committee