

DURHAM HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Virtual Conference Call**

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

**Committee Members Present:**

Vice-Chair Helen Tripp (Durham County Emergency Medical Services (EMS))  
Secretary Dr. Angeloe Burch (Durham County Homeless Subpopulation advocate)  
Vega Swepson (Resource Specialist, Durham Technical Community College)  
Russell Pierce (Housing for New Hope)  
Drew Cummings, (Chief of Staff, Durham County Manager's Office)  
Shiesha Bell (LIFE Skills Foundation)  
Natalie Beyer (DPS Board of Education)  
Heidi Carter (Durham County Commissioner)  
Shantesea Kinard (Durham City Business Representative)  
Amber Wade (Assistant to the Mayor - *Proxy for Mayor Schewel*)  
Ebony Thomas (Durham Public Schools Homeless Liaison)  
Eliza Mathew (Duke University Office of Durham and Community Affairs)  
Ellecia Thompson (Durham VA Healthcare)  
Tracy Stone-Dino (Alliance Behavioral Healthcare)  
Renee Vaughan (Faith Community Representative)  
Calleen Herbert (NCCU Office of Community Engagement & Service)  
Mayor Steve Schewel (City of Durham)  
Charita McCollers, MSW (Lincoln Community Health Center/Federal Health Care for the Homeless)  
Jasmin Young-Bradshaw (Durham Crisis Response Center)  
Wanda Page (City of Durham City Manager's Office)  
Ryan Fehrman (North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness)

**Excused Committee Members:**

Chair Angela Vick-Lewis (Formerly Homeless Representative, City of Durham)  
Director Lois Harvin-Ravin, Durham County Veteran Services Office (*Proxy Jonathan T. Crooms not in attendance*)  
Jonathan T. Crooms (Durham County Veteran Services Office – *Proxy for Lois Harvin-Ravin*)  
Janean Gordon (Assistant Director, Durham County Social Services – *proxy for County Commissioner Heidi Carter*)  
Chris Toenes, MSW (Non-Profit Representative, City of Durham/TROSA)

**Committee Members Absent:**

N/A

**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

**Also Present:**

Terry Allebaugh (Durham)  
Sheldon Mitchell ((Urban Ministries)  
Kristi Page (Housing for New Hope)  
Manuel Hyman (Alliance Health)  
Danielle Butler (Triangle Apartment Association)  
Shana Carignan (Families Moving Forward)  
Tim Wollin (StepUp Durham)  
Sally Wilson (Project Access of Durham)  
Kevin Callahan (NC Department of Health and Human Services)  
Carolyn Schuldt (Open Table Ministry)  
Lavette Wilson (Durham County DSS)  
Donna Carrington (Community Empowerment Fund)  
Jason Williams (WAR4Life, We Are Ready for Life)

**Subject: Call to Order and Housekeeping**

Vice Chair Tripp called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Stated she was filling in for the Chair, read the goals of the HSAC aloud, and reviewed housekeeping rules.

**Subject: Minutes Review and Approval**

The minutes for August meeting were not available, will review at next meeting.

**Subject: Public Comments Period**

There were no public comments.

**Subject: Policy and Planning Quarterly Report**

No Quarterly Report - Deferred

**Subject: State ESG Recommendation Approval**

NCDHHS notified Durham, we are eligible to apply up to \$171,504 state emergency grant fund and Vice Chair read the protocols. Tracy Stone-Dino spoke for Performance management and shared the results for the scoring committee on the amounts of the funds allotted to ESG. Committee met on Sept. 9 and approved recommendations for the scoring committee. Three organizations approved are: Families Moving Forward for Emergency Shelter Operations and services - \$51,938, Housing for New Hope for Rapid Rehousing \$93,816; Open Table Ministries for street Outreach for emergency services \$25,750.

Ryan Fehrman recused himself from vote.

Drew Cummings stated the details are covered in the memo sent out last Friday to the HSAC.

**Motion to approve by Drew Cummings**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Ebony Thomas**

**Motion passed** to accept recommendations

**Subject: Recommendations from Policy and Planning** report presented by Charita McCullers.  
Spoke about concerns with affordability and read the formal motion that HSAC would ask the county to set aside 50% of the 30% AMI Units for our client population with a mix of those being supported by rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing and move on type programming.

Drew Cummings explained and clarified the actual numbers that would be requested.  
Mayor Schewel asked if the County had previous plans for the units that were consummate or at odds with the request.

Commissioner Carter stated it is an important issue and encouraged the group to bring it to the County Commissioners.

**Motion to approve by Charita McCullers**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Shiesha Bell**

**Motion passed** to make recommendation

**Appointments of HSAC Members to Standing Committees:**

Policy and Planning – Ellecia Thompson and Drew Cummings  
Performance and Management – Alecia Thompson and Shantesa Kinard

**Motion to approve by Angeloe Burch**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Colleen Herbert**

Motion passed for Appointments

**Reginald J. Johnson presented about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)**

Presentation with slides were presented: ERA 1 and ERA 2 was explained:

ERA -1: City of Durham – \$8.4 million  
Durham County – \$1.2 million  
State of NC to Durham County - \$9 million

ERA -2: City of Durham \$6.6 million  
Durham County \$985k  
State of NC to Durham County – TBD

Discussion, comments and questions from HSAC members to Mr. Johnson after the presentation.

**Information presented City ESG COVID recommendations**

Protocols read by Vice Chair Tripp: August 13, 2021 Community Development posted request for proposals to distribute grants in the amount of \$1,811,556.42 in ESG-CDC funding. RFP closed on August 27, 2021. 5 Applications were received, totaling \$1,891,672 which was \$80,115 more than what was available. Evaluation and Scoring committee met on Sept 8. Requested CDD summarize funding options based on over-all score and community needs. The committee will then vote on final option Community Development expects to announce final award amounts by September 17, 2021.

Colin Davis spoke how the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funds will be used. Shared the ESG Activity, Amount available, Total request and Recommended Awards. (Slide was presented)

**Subject: Announcements**

Vice Chair Tripp will be meeting to get Flu Vaccine clinics to get out to the Homeless and would like for anyone to reach out to her if they can host a clinic.

Ruebe Holmes – COC Members offered to join committees.

Lloyd Schmeidler – The Community Development Department is preparing the Continuum of Care and needs community input. They have scheduled meetings and members are invited to participate.

**Subject: Adjourn**

Vice Chair Tripp asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:** B. Angeloe Burch Sr.

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Ebony Thomas Ross

With no further business, Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*B. Angeloe Burch Sr.*

Secretary, Homeless Services Advisory Committee