

Policy and Planning Minutes

April 11, 2022

In attendance: Angel Vick-Lewis, Drew Cummings, Lavette Williams, Kristi Page, Helen Tripp, Ebony Ross, Calleen Herbert, Charita McCollers, Heidi Carter.

Staff: Colin Davis, Hanaleah Hoberman, Ruebe Holmes

Meeting called to order at 10:34 am.

Minutes from March tabled until quorum met. Helen Tripp made the motion and Calleen Herbert seconded.

Current Unsheltered Count was shared: 78 singles and 16 families literally homeless.

Review and approve piloted Coordinated Entry processes: Hanaleah Hoberman presented a spreadsheet of piloted programs some of which have been in practice for more than one year

By-Name-List Attendance: 75% attendance at CoC meetings for providers; Motion to approve by Drew Cummings; seconded by Helen Tripp.

PSH Move-on: Discussion on client choice; Hanaleah Hoberman to bring change to committee about Move On language not explicitly in the policy.

Private owned units: units not operated with CoC and ESG funding prioritize criteria; formalize process not in policy for entry into program with voucher. Length of time searching; literal homelessness; PSH Move On; RRH Move On. Motion to approve by Drew Cummings; seconded by Kristi Page. Heidi Carter asked for a report in 6 months to report back on how the process is working.

Charita noted that the discussion and debate is healthy for the committee and to have less silence in discussion. Transitions are going to happen and there need to be more providers included. The discussions are informed by people who do the work. Charita hopes for new and innovative forward ways of thinking to have the most impact for the city of Durham.

Racial Equity Findings of Housing Prioritization: Seven months ago Policy and Planning approved a piloted housing prioritization Policy created around racial equity issues with the old process. This is the planned re-evaluation of housing from that process. Findings show that disparities are based on how providers communicated client needs. Priority is stepped down on Black/African American clients including documentation not ready. The process reduced but has not eliminated some disparities.

Discussion ensued; See Racial Equity Findings presentation. Recommendation to pilot program for six months.

Motion by Calleen Herbert to pilot Racial Disparity Prioritization for six months and to report back at the end of the period; seconded by Ebony Ross. Email to members to let them know what was voted on.

Motion to approve March minutes with changes by Helen Tripp; seconded by Calleen Herbert.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm. Next meeting May 9th.