Attending: Jessica Anderson, Nate Broman-Fulks, Rebecca Buzzard, Nancy Coston, Kathleen Ferguson, Barbara Foushee, Jackie Jenks, Megan Johnson, Michael Parker, Corey Root, Beth Schehl, Amie Sigmann, Diiv Sternman, Emila Sutton

Welcome & Updates
Agency Updates
- Orange County Housing and Community Development (OCHCD) working full tilt on COVID response; the Department is preventing homelessness and evictions through the Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) program. Previous to April 2020, this program served 2-4 households per month. Staff processed 204 applications in August and 174 applications September 1-21. This work is preventing the wave of evictions other communities are seeing
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) new IFC Commons building will be completed in the coming months and will have showers, lockers, and community room, in addition to the Community Kitchen and Community Market. IFC hiring a part-time community services navigator to help people navigate services
- Town of Chapel Hill accepting affordable housing project applications- due Friday, October 2
- Town of Carrboro accepting applications for the Town of Carrboro Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund, due October 1

OCPEH updates
- 2020 Orange County Homeless Data Infographic is posted with 2020 Point-in-Time (PIT) count and FY2019 System Performance Measures data included. Staff are scheduling a Homeless System Data review event, more info to come
- HUD completed the Coordinated Entry (CE) Continuum of Care (CoC) grant agreement, to start October 1; this shift will also mean a shift in the CE database from our locally made OC Connect to the HUD-required Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); staff working with data team at NCCEH to set this up and train staff
- Coordinated Entry Housing Helpline numbers continue to rise, through August:

Month	# Households	# Calls	# Emails
April	113	210	5
May	350	617	116
June	391	1005	293
July	365	915	598
August	507	1527	1579

- OCPEH has drastically expanded staff positions; current staff include: Coordinator (Corey Root), COVID Programs Manager (Amie Sigmann), three Coordinated Entry Housing Specialists (Angela Clapp, Kathleen Baldwin, Patricia Bass), two Rapid Re-housing Case Managers (Tovon Hamilton and Zena Hamilton), and Housing Access Coordinator (Stefanie Ledwell); two additional temporary Coordinated Entry Housing Specialists and two Peer Navigator for Street Outreach will be starting in the coming weeks

Approving Meeting Minutes
- Without a quorum present, the Chair tabled approval of the August [Leadership Team Meeting Minutes](#)

Racial Equity Committee Update

OCPEH executed a contract with racial equity coach, Jamall Kinard. The Racial Equity Committee presented the [OCPEH Leadership Team Racial Equity Proposal](#) and discussed how the Leadership Team can schedule the seven sessions and seven feedback sessions with Mr. Kinard. Leadership Team members would like all members to attend all fourteen sessions, with two-hour sessions occurring during regularly scheduled Leadership Team meeting times, and feedback sessions occurring at another time in the month convenient for members. The Coordinator will ask Mr. Kinard if he is comfortable recording sessions to be viewed at a later date, if members are unable to attend sessions or feedback sessions. The Leadership Team decided to not fill any more seats on the board until the existing group members completed this racial equity training.

Proposed Changes to CoC Written Standards & Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures

The Coordinator presented [proposed changes to the CoC Written Standards and Coordinated Entry (CE) Policies and Procedures](#) for Leadership Team review and input. These two documents outline how people access homeless program and services in Orange County, how people are assessed and prioritized, and how program referrals work. Leadership Team members were in agreement with these proposed changes – changing overall list prioritization to reflect DV status as #2 before Length of time homeless at #3. The revised Overall HOME list prioritization will read:

1. VI-SPDAT score – higher scores prioritized over lower scores
2. DV status – people fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking prioritized over people who are not
3. Length of time homeless – longer lengths of time homeless prioritized over shorter
4. Living situation – people living unsheltered prioritized over people in shelter
5. Add COVID High risk to prioritization

Staff will incorporate feedback from Leadership Team members into revised document drafts for potential approval at the October Leadership Team meeting.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) FY 20-21 RFA

The State ESG Office issued a Request for Applications (RFA) for FY 2020-21 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) on August 17. Orange County is eligible to apply for $101,825 for shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, prevention, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and administrative costs. Staff reviewed details about this funding opportunity and next steps for project applicants, the OCPEH Project Review Committee, and the Leadership Team – full info on the OCPEH website: https://www.ocpehnc.com/emergency-solutions-grant. The Leadership Team will vote on funding recommendation at the next meeting on Oct. 12, 6:00-7:30pm – this meeting date is moved from the regular third Monday to accommodate the FY20-21 ESG RFA schedule.

Next Meeting: October 12 (DATE CHANGED TO SECOND MONDAY) via Zoom, unless further funding meetings necessary prior to this
Upcoming meetings: Oct. 12, Nov. 16, Dec. 21