Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness

Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Mon. June 18, 2018, 6-7:30 p.m.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, 104 S Estes Dr, Chapel Hill

Attendance: Natasha Adams, Mia Burroughs, Kim Crawford, Allison De Marco, Kathleen Ferguson, Sherrill Hampton, Jackie Jenks, Katie Loovis, Nancy Oates, Aly Peeler, Harrison Pierce, Corey Root, Damon Seils, Diiv Sternman, Charlotte Stewart, Jerry Villemain, Eric Wolak

Sharing /agency updates

- New public restrooms are open and are gender nonspecific in Carrboro. Conversations are also continuing at the library that is being built to see if those will have 24 hour bathroom facilities.
- DHIC is having their opening celebration for Gateway Commons affordable housing development on Saturday 6/23 at 10:30 a.m.
- Sherrill Hampton said that if other agencies are not providing assistance, the Dept. of Housing & Community Development risk mitigation and displacement fund can pay for utilities or rent as a last resort.
- Charlotte Stewart recommended reading the 2018 Out of Reach Report published by the National Low Income Housing Coalition that gives detailed information on the gaps between wages and housing costs. Statewide NC resident would need to earn \$16.35/hour, or \$34,000 per year to afford fair market rent. Durham/Chapel Hill is the fifth highest expensive area in the state, workers need to earn \$19.04/hour to be able to afford housing in our community.

Leadership Team individual actions update

- Kathleen Ferguson is continuing work with Straight Talk Support Group/Transition House in Durham collecting donations.
- Allison De Marco reported that the second annual feminine hygiene drive, Go with the Flow, went
- Jerry Villemain continuing to work on the connections between brain injury and homelessness, looking to see what data is available.

OCPEH updates

- Samantha Owusu has resigned from Leadership Team due to lack of time; the Board Development Committee will be looking for someone from Victim Services world to serve on the Leadership team.
- The Coordinator gave an update on the Continuum of Care (CoC) grant update. Depending on HUD timing, may need to schedule an additional Leadership Team meeting in August. The Coordinator will send out information with as much notice as possible. Leadership Team members.
- The Coordinator will give an update on the Plan to End Homelessness update and listening sessions at the August Leadership Team meeting.
- The Partnership continues to work with the Orange Resilience Initiative (ORI) to raise awareness about trauma-informed care, resilience, toxic stress, and the Adverse Childhood Event (ACE)s study with the ultimate goal of creating a human services system that empowers clients rather than re-traumatizing them. ORI consists of representatives from many different community agencies, including OCPEH, Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools, Orange County Schools, early childhood development expert/advocates, the Orange County Health Dept., Orange County DSS, plus community members. ORI is focusing work on self-care for service providers, and underscoring the link between self-care and being able to provide trauma-informed care.

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- Events
 - o 2018 Homelessness Community Data Review, Thurs. June 21, 9:30-11a.m.: Registration
 - 2018 National Conference on Ending Homelessness, July 23-25, Washington DC, https://endhomelessness.org/events/conferences/naeh18/

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the May 21 meeting minutes [Ferguson, Hampton] all in favor, none opposed.

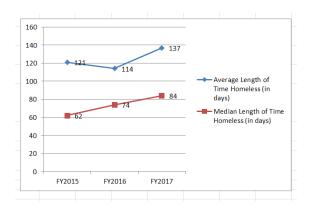
Review of Homeless System Data Dashboard

Program Entries

HOME List (program referral)		
# housed May 2018	# housed YTD 2018	# currently on list June 2018
5	21	70

System Performance Measures

The Coordinator reviewed the 2018 System Performance Measures submitted to HUD in May – these are the outcome measures that we are working to This data is for the period October 2016 through September 2017. The data show an increase in our community in both average and median lengths of time homeless. Kim Crawford has seen Rapid Re-Housing programs count people as homeless (in fact they are housed at move-in date), and this inflate a community's Length of Time Homeless. The data shows a decrease in returns to homelessness, from 10% last year to 6% this year.



The 2018 Point-in-Time Count found 152 people experiencing homelessness in Orange County. System Performance Measures also counts the number of people experiencing homelessness de-duplicated over the twelve month period — Orange County has 266 people counted in a year, 210 of whom were experiencing homelessness for the first time. Orange County also had an increase in people exiting to permanent housing, from 29% last year to 35% this year. 96% of people in Permanent Supportive Housing programs were able to maintain their housing.

Family Unification Program (FUP)

The Coordinator and Housing Director, Sherrill Hampton, reviewed the Family Unification Program (FUP) funding opportunity from HUD. This would provide additional housing vouchers for families and youth involved with social services/foster care. A motion was made to approve the Partnership to execute MOU between the Orange County Department of Housing & Community Development, the Partnership to End Homelessness and Orange County as CoC Collaborative Applicant for the FUP application [Ferguson, Crawford] all in favor, none opposed; Hampton abstained.



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HMIS Transition

HUD requires all HUD-funded agencies who are not victim service providers to enter client information into a database call the Homeless Management Information System, or HMIS. Orange County is transitioning, with Durham and Balance of State CoCs, to a new HMIS Lead Agency, from the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness to the NC Coalition to End Homelessness. The Coordinator presented the draft HMIS Governance Charter for Leadership Team review.

- A motion was made to approve the <u>HMIS Governance Charter</u> [Seils, Burroughs] all in favor, none opposed. Crawford abstains.
- A motion was made to appoint Corey Root and Debra Vestal as designated representatives from Orange County (NC-513 CoC) to serve on the HMIS Advisory Board, July 2018 – June 2020 [Seils, Burroughs] all in favor, none opposed.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2018

Meeting Location: Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce

Remaining 2018 Meetings: June 18, No July Meeting, Aug. 20, Sep. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17