



Leadership Team Meeting
Minutes May 20, 2024 6:00-
8:00 p.m.

Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill Carrboro and Teams

Attending: Members - Jessica Aldave (acting Chair), Donna Carrington, Catherine Fray, Cait Fenhagen, Everett McElveen, Bernard Miles, Phyllis Portie-Ascott, Blake Rosser, Beth Schehl, Karen Stegman; Guests – Andrea Carey, Jackie Jenks, Jamaal Kinard, Anne-Marie Vanaman, Stephanie Watkins-Cruz; Staff – Rachel Waltz

Opening (Chair)

Acting Chair Aldave opened the meeting by acknowledging [Mental Health Awareness Month](#) and [AAPI Heritage month](#).

Housing Policy presentation

Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, Director of Housing Policy at the [NC Housing Coalition](#) presented on housing policy locally, state-wide, and nationally. She shared the Housing Continuum from homelessness to market home ownership and identified the universality of the need for affordable housing. Everyone needs housing that is affordable to them (housing comprising no more than 30% of a household's budget to be "affordable" and not cost-burdened). In Orange County, rent for a single adult making 30% of the Area Median Income can afford no more than \$556 in monthly rent. The majority of funding and resources is made available at the federal level. Drawing from Shane Phillips' [The Affordable City](#), the NC Housing Coalition frames housing interventions as stability (e.g. rental assistance, eviction/foreclosure prevention, housing first programming and supports), subsidy (e.g. tax credits to provide gap financing ongoing to make unit available at a lower price point), supply (e.g. increase of preserve housing at a variety of price points), and infrastructure (e.g. capacity, labor, proper processes and coordination to implement solutions). The Affordable City by Shane Phillips is a foundational primer. Presenter identified various action points at the Federal, State (representatives, appropriations, state plans, bills) and Local levels due to [Dillon's Law](#). She also emphasized the importance of public-private partnerships for minimal strings and greater flexibility and innovation.

Racial Equity session (The L.I.F.E. Group)

Jamaal Kinard from The L.I.F.E. Group led the group on a reflection of the Racial Equity Filter / Rubric. This rubric contains the following racial equity focus areas: legal education and awareness, access for underserved and underrepresented communities, holistic client-centered services, and systemic advocacy. He led the group on a reflection of the current state and what a state of racial equity would entail. Members were prompted to continue thinking as this group will have it's final scheduled session with The L.I.F.E. Group at the Juen meeting.

System Updates (OCPEH staff / members)

Coordinated Entry Roundtables – The CE Planning committee will be evaluating access to homeless system referrals via peer-led Roundtables in May and June. Community members currently or formerly experiencing homelessness will be compensated with HUD CoC Planning grant funds.

Project Review Committee recruitment – Recruitment underway for 2024-2026 Project Review Committee – Please see <https://www.ocpehnc.com/project-review-committee> for more info, closes May 22nd. Project Review Committee will finalize the OCPEH Funding Completion scorecard to be considered for adoption by the OCPEH Leadership Team at the June meeting.

Unsheltered Workgroup update – OCPEH has convened community stakeholders to identify priorities to reduce the harms associated with living unsheltered while facilitating connections to housing and supportive services. Partners have also discussed the harms to organizations, providers, and people experiencing homelessness trying to address increasing needs with the post-COVID drop in resources. Members representing IFC shared an upcoming reduction in services – reduced hours of daytime shelter operations at IFC Community House. Members inquired about what services will remain and how IFC members will access them. Staff shared provided answers and reported that additional information will be forthcoming.

Appointment to the NC Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH) HMIS Advisory Board

Orange County has designated [NCCEH](#) to serve as the HMIS Lead. The HMIS Advisory Board with representatives from the CoC’s HMIS Lead Agency, end-users, and statewide and regional partners. Staff are recommending Jessica Aldave to be appointed for the 2024-2026 term.

The motion to appoint Jessica Aldave passed unanimously [K. Stegman, B. Schehl].

Minutes

The motion to approve the [April minutes](#) unanimously [B. Miles, D. Carrington].

Wrap Up and Adjourn

Remaining 2024 Meetings: 5/20, 6/17, no July meeting, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16