



## Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Mon. May 21, 2018, 6-7:30 p.m.

IFC Community House, 1315 Martin Luther King Blvd., Chapel Hill

Attendance: Natasha Adams, Nate Broman-Fulks, Mia Burroughs, Nancy Coston, Chinita Howard, Jackie Jenks, Katie Loois, Nancy Oates, Alix Powell, Ashley Rawlinson, Corey Root, Diiv Sternman, Charlotte Stewart, Scott Taylor, Charlotte Stewart, Jerry Villemain, Eric Wolak

### **Action items in bold**

#### Sharing /agency updates

- Traumatic Brain Injury Medicaid waiver will start to be implemented by Alliance MCO in Wake and Durham Counties. Research shows that 50% shows that folks experiencing homelessness have experienced brain injury; this can be a good way to connect folks to services. Hopefully this will be available in Orange County in the future
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce held community awards event – IFC awarded most outstanding nonprofit
- CEF Co-Director Maggie West is ending work at CEF at the end of May, there will be a party on June 2 to celebrate her, please join; CEF staff engaged in a search for a Co-Director
- IFC is transferring Rapid Re-Housing program back to DSS at the end of June; IFC took program in January but was unable to secure funding for case management
- IFC is beginning process to talk with stakeholders about making changes to the Good Neighbor Plan to incorporate best practices and address unmet community need of having an accessible and housing-focused shelter. The proposed changes include changing the program model to become housing-focused, lowering barriers to entry (not requiring sobriety and allowing walk-ups) but not increasing the number of beds at Community House.
- Leadership Team members Chinita Howard, Kathleen Ferguson, Jackie Jenks, Corey Root, Kim Crawford attended the NC Homeless Conference
- Housing Locator position will come online at CEF in June
- Orange County is trying something new with emergency assistance– the County will contract with OCIM and IFC to pay for financial assistance for utility and housing financial assistance

#### OCPEH updates

- HUD has started the Continuum of Care (CoC) funding process – we are waiting to see when HUD will release the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). At that time, the Coordinator will circulate information on next steps, including forming the CoC Scorecard Committee and CoC Project Review Committee
- The Chair and Coordinator have presented to the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Orange County elected boards about the update to the homeless system gaps analysis; they will present to the Hillsborough Town Commissioners next month
- The Coordinator will work on organizing listening sessions with stakeholder groups to gather information that the Leadership Team can use in updating the Orange County Plan to End Homelessness
- The Support Circles program is transitioning from being housed at IFC to being an all-volunteer program. Corey is serving on the Advisory Workgroup and will coordinate referrals through coordinated entry once circles are able to start again to help people transitioning from homeless to housed to increase social connections
- Events
  - o 2018 Homelessness Community Data Review, Thurs. June 21, 9:30-11a.m.: [Registration](#)



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- 2018 National Conference on Ending Homelessness, July 23-25, Washington DC, <https://endhomelessness.org/events/conferences/naeh18/>

Minutes

Motion to approve the [April 16](#) meeting minutes [Ferguson, Stewart]. All in favor, none opposed.

Homeless System Dashboard

The Leadership Team reviewed the Homeless System dashboard:

OC Connect			HOME List (program referral)		
26 people presented for services last month, of those...					
# people diverted	# referred to Orange Co. shelter	# referred to out of county shelter	# housed last month	# housed YTD	# currently on list
0 (2 YTD)	1	0	2	16	73

2018 Point-in-Time & Housing Inventory Counts

The Coordinator reviewed information submitted to HUD in April about the 2018 Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Counts: [2018 PIT data](#)

The overall number of people experiencing homelessness has risen from 127 in 2017 to 152 in 2018, and increased 12% since 2011. Orange County counted the largest number of people living unsheltered on record – 39 people -- up from 37 in 2017, an 18% increase since 2011.

Considerations for our Continuum of Care

The Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) serves as the Continuum of Care for Orange County – this is the geographically defined entity responsible for coordinating homeless services. Orange County CoC is one of the smallest CoCs in North Carolina. HUD is incentivizing CoCs to merge, awarding between 5-25 bonus points (out of 100) during the CoC competition. OCPEH also serves as the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC funding process – the entity that fulfills the community responsibilities for the CoC application (designing and running local competition, completing community application). And HUD also allows CoCs to apply to become United Funding Agencies (UFAs) and has issued recent documents on this topic. The Leadership Team reviewed information including:

- A technical assistance provider developed a [tool to evaluate CoC Collaborative Applicants](#)
- HUD issued a [Discussion Guide for CoCs Considering United Funding Agency \(UFA\) Status](#)

The Leadership Team formed a working group to delve more deeply into these issues – Chinita Howard, Jackie Jenks, Leah Whitehead from CEF, and Kim Crawford will serve on this workgroup.