

## **DURHAM HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, December 18, 2013**  
**Council Chambers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – City Hall - 3:00 p.m.**

The Durham Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) met on the above date and time.

**Committee Members present:** Chair Minnie Forte-Brown, Vice-Chair John Bowman, Secretary, Dr. Deborah Bailey, Director of Academic Services Learning Program at NCCU, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden, City Manager Thomas J. Bonfield, Assistant County Manager Drew Cummings, Robert “Bo” Glenn, Jr., Lois Harvin-Ravin, Durham County Veterans Services Officer, Reverend Warren Herndon, Shannon McLean, Chief Development Operations Officer, Durham Housing Authority, Fred Stoppelkamp, Mayme Webb-Bledsoe, Duke University Medical Center, Stephanie Williams, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, Bob Williamson Durham VA Medical Center and Jason Wimmer, OEWD.

**Excused Absences:** Edward Abdullah, Captain Stan Harris, Durham County Sherriff’s Department, Sue Jackson, Executive Dean/Department Head Continuing Education at Durham Technical Community College, Jackie Love, Homeless & At-Risk Liaison for Durham Public Schools, Charita McCollers, MSW, Lincoln Community Health Center, Kimberly Monroe, Reverend Chris Tuttle and Pearlie Williams, NAMI Durham.

**Absent:** County Commissioner Michael Page

**Also Present:** Director Reginald Johnson, Project Managers Lloyd Schmeidler, Matthew Schnars (Department of Community Development), Ryan Fehrman (Genesis Home); Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum, Darryl Hicklen (Healing with CAARE, Inc.); DeWarren Langley (Citizens Advisory Committee); Terry Allebaugh, Nigel Brown, Joi Stepney (Housing for New Hope); Maruka Rivers (Urban Ministries of Durham); Nathan Farrior (Durham Regional Financial Center); Samir Hanef (Supportive Counseling Services, PLLC, B&D Behavioral Health); Judy Pounds (Volunteers of America SSVF); Reverend Ernie Mills (Durham Rescue Mission) and Catherine Pleil (Durham Inter-faith Hospitality Network (IHN)).

**Subject: Call to Order/Welcome**

Chair Forte-Brown called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and read aloud the four goals of the HSAC that were listed at the beginning of their meeting agenda.

**Subject: Public Comment Period**

Committee Member Williamson announced that he would be stepping down from serving on the HSAC. Lindsey Jordan Arledge, Supervisor, VA Medical Center Homeless Program would be taking his place. Committee Member Williamson feels that the HSAC is moving in the right direction in organizing their activities and presenting a united front to the community in terms of meeting the needs of homeless Veterans. He thanked HSAC Members for their service to the Veterans.

Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Committee Member Glenn were each honored and presented plaques by Chair Forte-Brown for their leadership of the Durham Homeless Services Advisory Committee and their commitment to efforts to prevent and end homelessness in Durham.

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Committee Member Herndon stated that a lot of attention is being focused on young people, especially in schools. He noted that there is between 40 and 50% of children living in poverty and in Durham the number is near 30%. With about 90% of children coming home to homeless houses, Committee Member Herndon asked that the HSAC do everything they can to support the children and families as they proceed.

Ryan Fehrman, Director, Genesis Home thanked the HSAC for recommending funding for Genesis Home's Family Matters program. However, he expressed concern that they are at the bottom of the list regarding recommendations. Mr. Fehrman pointed out that Genesis Home is labeled as transitional housing, but this is not a good label to have in the eyes of HUD. He feels that this is affecting the scoring process and he encourages the Committee to look at the process.

### **Subject: Minutes Review/Approval (November 20, 2013)**

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden, seconded by Committee Member Herndon to approve the minutes with any amendments of the joint HSAC and CEHD meeting of November 20, 2013 was approved at 3:15 p.m.

### **Subject: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Performance Report**

A power point presentation on the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Performance Report was given by Project Manager Matt Schnars (Department of Community Development). Some of the topics included some background on performance measures, the Hearth Act, the role of the Performance Management Subcommittee and CHIN information.

Discussion and comments followed concerning performance measures, benchmarks and future measures, specifically the future measure of costs effectiveness.

Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum (Healing with CAARE, Inc.) shared her concerns about Healing with CAARE's performance measures achieved being reported 1 of 4 and rated low in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Performance Report. She noted that their numbers for Veterans was at a 93% success rate and added that she doesn't know where the low rating data in the report came from. She felt that it had to be a different standard. Dr. Elliott-Bynum recommended that maybe it would be better if all the HUD funded programs could be looked at separately.

Comments were made concerning entering information correctly into CHIN and the job growth performance measure.

In response to Committee Member Glenn's question as to why TROSA was not going to use CHIN in the future as indicated in the performance report, Mr. Schnars stated that TROSA had not spoken to him but that it was also a concern for him.

Both Vice-Chair Bowman and Chair Forte-Brown noted that providers are invited to attend and help the Performance Management Subcommittee draw up future measures.

**Subject: 2013 Continuum of Care Application Process**

A power point presentation entitled “2013 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability” was presented by Mr. Schnars. The presentation included the following information:

- NOFA was released on November 22, 2013
- Collaborative Application due February 3, 2014
- 2014 process will be abbreviated; goals and objectives that will be addressed in the current application will be for two years
- Overview of 2013 CoC Process
- 2013 CoC Available Funding
- 2013 HUD & Local Priorities
- CoC Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Chronically Homeless Definition
- Durham Chronic Homelessness in 2012-13 from CHIN
- Dedicated Chronic Homeless Resources

Comments were received from Darryl Hicklen (Healing with CAARE, Inc.) concerning female Veterans and how are they recognized in the programs. He explained that in past years, most female Veterans will not acknowledge that they are Veterans unless they have achieved a certain amount of years. However, according to Mr. Hicklen, when females have answered “yes” to the question “have you ever served one day?” then they qualify as a Veteran. He pointed out that Durham has a large community of female Veterans and he sees this each year during the “Stand Down” event and the number has increased. Many of these females have children. He strongly encouraged everyone to consider the female Veterans and their needs and to just “ask the question”.

Mr. Schnars gave an overview of the “2013 Continuum of Care (CoC) Grants Competition Update & Funding Recommendations to HSAC December 17, 2013”.

Committee Member McLean asked if the Performance Report Card was taken into consideration when recommendations were made for renewal and new projects.

Lloyd Schmeidler, Project Manager (Department of Community Development) stated that the renewal projects report card did look at performance on the annual performance report of the renewal projects seeking renewal funding. However, since there was no performance of new projects staff looked at whether the projects had CoC funded projects in the past and if not had they operated similar projects.

Chair Forte-Brown noted that the Committee could possibly assist providers in making residents fit the criteria in order that they may receive the services needed.

Additional discussion followed regarding information contained in the “2013 Continuum of Care (CoC) Grants Competition Update & Funding Recommendations to HSAC December 17, 2013”.

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Dr. Elliott-Bynum stressed the importance of meeting the needs of female Veterans. She commented that there is currently no dedicated housing in the area for female Veterans and that their Healing with CAARE project is a one-time project to create four beds solely dedicated for women. She feels as a community they have to be inclusive and have to look at addressing all of the needs of all of the people.

Committee Member Herndon added that there are too many children and now women that are not being supported in the way the community should support them. The more everyone works at it the better off they will be.

Mr. Schmeidler noted that the agenda for HSAC's January 8, 2014 meeting would be for Committee Members to make decisions about the projects and the project rankings. A draft of the Collaborative Application will be available for review at the January 22, 2014 meeting of the HSAC.

Mr. Schnars also noted that HUD now requires that all applicants have their applications in E-SNAPS, an electronic application system, so HUD can see that they have been reviewed and ranked.

Chair Forte-Brown asked if this requirement had been communicated to all applicants. Mr. Schmeidler responded yes the requirement had been communicated but staff would reiterate this to the applicants.

Mr. Schnars informed the Committee that a calendar, containing important meeting dates and events, was included in their meeting packages and was also available on the department's website. He reported that the Point in Time Count process is beginning and the event is scheduled for January 29, 2014 – January 30, 2014.

**Subject: HSAC Results Teams**

There being no pressing announcements, the updates from the HSAC Results Teams will be given at the January 22, 2014 meeting.

**Subject: Adjourn**

With no further business to come before the body, Chair Forte-Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

A special meeting of the HASC will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Committee Room located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall. The official subject of this meeting will be the 2013 Durham Continuum of Care Project Priority Listing.

Also, the HSAC will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Sheila Bullock, Office of the City Clerk