

**JOINT MEETING OF THE DURHAM HOMELESS SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE
COUNCIL TO END HOMELESSNESS IN DURHAM (CEHD)**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2013
Council Chambers – 1st Floor – City Hall- 3:00 p.m.**

The Durham Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) and the Council to End Homelessness in Durham (CEHD) met jointly on the above date and time.

Committee Members present: Chair Minnie Forte-Brown, Vice-Chair John Bowman, Edward Abdullah, Dr. Deborah Bailey, Director of Academic Services Learning Program at NCCU, Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager, Robert “Bo” Glenn, Jr., Captain Stan Harris, Durham County Sheriff’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, Shannon McLean, Chief Development Operations Officer, Durham Housing Authority, Michael Page, County Commissioner, Fred Stoppelkamp, Reverend Chris Tuttle, Mayme Webb-Bledsoe, Pearlie Williams, NAMI Durham, Stephanie Williams, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, Bob Williamson Durham VA Medical Center and Jason Wimmer, OEWD.

Excused Absences: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager, Mayor Pro Tempore Cora Cole-McFadden, Lois Harvin-Ravin, Durham County Veterans Services Officer, Reverend Warren Herndon and Kimberly Monroe.

Also Present: Director Reginald Johnson, Project Managers Lloyd Schmeidler, Matthew Schnars (Department of Community Development), Reverend Ernie Mills (Durham Rescue Mission); Alex Portzman (Carolina Outreach); Ann Tropicano, Ryan Fehrman (Genesis Home); Susan Olive (Urban Ministries of Durham); Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum (Healing with CAARE); Judy Pounds (SSVF); Brianna Bake (World Relief/AmeriCorps); Dionne Hines (Durham County); Terry Allebaugh, Nigel Brown, Joi Stepney (Housing for New Hope); Angela Holmes (City/UMD); Alma Davis (Durham Crisis Response Center); Billy Barnhill, Reverend Carolyn Schuldt (Open Table Ministry); Spencer Bradford (DCHA); Lindsey Jordan Arledge (Durham VA Homeless Program); Samir Hanef (B&D Behavioral Health, Supportive Counseling Services, PUC); O’Mar Taylor (JACH, Inc.); Darryl P. Hicklen (Healing with CAARE/USA Veterans Help) and Brenda Watson (Vietnam Veterans Living Memorial).

Subject: Call to Order/Welcome

Chair Forte-Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and read aloud the four goals of the HSAC that are listed at the top of their meeting agenda. Afterwards she called for a moment of silence.

Subject: Minutes Review/Approval (October 23, 2013 Minutes)

Revisions made to the October 23, 2013 minutes on page 2:

- Vice-Chair John Bowman’s name was added to the Executive Team.
- Committee Member Herndon’s comments regarding recommendation that more funding go towards homelessness and not administrative cost and his inquiry about whether the funds could go towards programs for the youth were added to the minutes.

Motion by Chair Bowman seconded by Committee Member Glenn to approve the October 23, 2013 minutes as amended was unanimously approved at 3:05 p.m.

Subject: Public Comment Period

Billy Barnhill (Open Table Ministry) gave comments and shared his personal experiences concerning the challenges he was having obtaining employment and receiving and maintaining assistance.

Subject: Background & Framework for Joint Meeting

Committee Member Tuttle, representing the Structure Subcommittee, provided some background, framework and the purpose for the joint meeting between the HSAC and the Council to End Homelessness in Durham (CEHD).

Subject: HSAC Results Teams Breakout Sessions

Secretary Bailey explained that the purpose of the breakout sessions was to talk about how to collaborate better and to listen to the groups' ideas, suggestions and recommendations. Topics of each breakout session included:

- Housing – Facilitated by Fred Stoppelkamp and Terry Allebaugh
- Income – Facilitated by Bob Williamson and Jason Wimmer
- Access to Care – Facilitated by Drew Cummings
- Youth Homelessness – Facilitated by Mayme Webb-Bledsoe and Jackie Love

Secretary Bailey stated that instructions would be provided on how to engage in conversation during the breakout sessions.

Subject: Results Team Debriefing

The group reconvened at 4:20 p.m. and the debriefing session was facilitated by Spencer Bradford (DHCA). At the request of Mr. Bradford, each group gave three good ideas that came from their discussions for moving forward in the coming year.

Chair Forte-Brown expressed her excitement about the meeting of both bodies and thanked all the partners for coming together to find solutions to end homelessness. She stated that another joint meeting would be forthcoming and at that time they will discuss what has been done since this meeting concerning solutions and bettering collaboration. She added that she and Committee Member Love would be reviewing policies in Durham Public Schools involving drug use.

Committee Member Glenn suggested getting everyone's e-mail that participated in the joint meeting. Information from the meeting could then be circulated along with any additional information.

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Subject: Adjourn

With no further business to come before the body, Chair Forte-Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Due to the holiday the HSAC will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the first floor of City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted
Sheila Bullock, Office of the City Clerk