



Leadership Team Meeting Notes

Wednesday, February 3, 5:30–7:00pm
S. Human Services Center, Chapel Hill

Present: Nancy Coston; Allison De Marco; Cait Fenhagen; Sally Greene; Jeff Nieman; Bernadette Pelissier; Jamie Rohe; Damon Seils; Charlotte Stewart; Sarah Viñas

Absent: Nate Broman-Fulks; Marie Bossert; Debra Farrington; Kathleen Ferguson; Barbara Jessie-Black; Michael Reinke; Gretchen Senez; Kristen Smith

Guest(s): none

***Action items are in bold**

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Introductions
- Sharing information/agency updates
 - Jamie: 100,000 Homes Taskforce members conducted the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of people who are literally experiencing homelessness last Wednesday, January 27, we'll review results and discuss whether/how we want to disseminate the information.
- Approve January meeting notes
 - We do not have a quorum and so cannot vote to approve notes or on other motions.

2. Board Development

- Jeff, Kathleen, Bernadette and Jamie discussed candidates and have a slate of candidates to recommend to the Leadership Team.
 - Jean Stean, Community Empowerment Fund (we targeted CEF)
 - Kathy Underhill, realtor
 - Jerry Villmain, social worker with traumatic brain injury expertise
 - Natasha Adams, public defender – Jeff will ask her if she is still interested
 - Annetta Streater, CHCCS board
- **Allison will send out nominations to entire LT for a vote**
- Karen Wright from Freedom House applied today; we could consider her application separately from these five candidates; we had targeted Freedom House for recruitment.

3. Agency updates and implications for the Partnership

- Nancy: it's been challenging to meet with the people who may lose their nutrition benefits and who need to receive employment training. Partner agencies have been very helpful; the Town of Chapel Hill Housing Department can send notices to public housing

residents. DSS may try phoning, continuing to send correspondence and other efforts. They may continue contracting with CEF and IFC to help house clients through the Rapid Re-Housing program. They are going to set up a tracking system to look at how effective DSS's emergency housing assistance is to help prevent people from becoming homeless.

- Cait's position as Criminal Justice Resource Manager is new with the county; she oversees jail diversion programs. There is work in the county to consider forming a Re-entry Council.
- Damon: Tuesday, March 22nd, 7:30 pm, will be a Carrboro Alderman meeting to vote on whether to allow a community kitchen use in the town. The public is invited to attend and speak in favor of allowing the use. There are discussions about potentially co-locating some or all of IFC's Food First program at the Lincoln Center property when it's redeveloped. There was a Carrboro community discussion at the Arts Center last week about helping people experiencing homelessness and poverty.
- Jeff: local law enforcement agencies are working to divert youth 16 and 17 years old to a Misdemeanor Diversion Program that is under development.
- Sarah: the Town of Chapel Hill created a rental (security deposits) and utility assistance program fund that has been expended and served 12 households; it is likely to be refunded. Carrboro has a similar program – they've changed the regulations so that they are now the same - it may make sense to align and coordinate similar programs run by the county and towns. Sarah and Loryn Clark presented to a clergy group recently about the idea of pooling their funding to streamline and consolidate; IFC could coordinate and possibly oversee this. Clients could be asked to sign a release so that agencies can share information about assistance.
- Charlotte: the NC Bar Association will be holding a day-long event, 4 All Day, where they'll set up call centers and will provide legal information and refer them to resources, Friday, March 4th; **she will email us information.**
- The is (really) Jamie's last meeting; she will be working for the Second Family Foundation, a local foundation, to help implement and evaluate a program to help at-risk high school students become employed. She will also be working/volunteering with the Landlord Partnership Project that was created by the 100,000 Homes Taskforce to recruit landlords willing to accept subsidies and rent to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Adjourn

☞ Next Meeting: Wednesday, **March 2**, 5:30–7:00pm, S. Human Services Center ☞
(2016 meetings: Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3, Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7)