



Leadership Team Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 6, 5:30–7:00pm
S. Human Services Center, Chapel Hill

Present: Natasha Adams, Nate Broman-Fulks; Allison De Marco; Mark Dorosin, Debra Farrington; Cait Fenhagen; Kathleen Ferguson; Sally Greene; Barbara Jessie-Black; Jeff Nieman; Michael Reinke; Corey Root; Damon Seils; Kristen Smith; Charlotte Stewart; Annetta Streater; Jerry Villemain

Absent: Marie Bossert; Nancy Costen, Jean Stean, Kathy Underhill

Guest(s): Travis Myren, Audrey Spencer-Horsley

*Action items are in bold

1. Welcome & introductions

- Approved February meeting notes [Ferguson, Farrington] (no March meeting)
- Reviewed action items from last meeting
 - Leadership Team members were voted on by email in February
- Sharing /agency updates
 - Food First program update: On March 22 the Carrboro Alderfolks gave IFC the go-ahead to continue the process of locating a site for the feeding program. Reports listed 300 people showing up in support of the initiative, there were a few citizens who stated their concerns. For IFC the next step is continuing with due diligence on site location, then making an application to the Town of Carrboro. Michael encourages anyone who has concerns about the Food First program to come and eat at the community kitchen – it is much different now than when the shelter was co-located on site.
 - Kristen gave three job openings, at Twig, Carrboro Plumbing and the Habitat Re-Store; all of these are listed at carolinachamber.org/jobs
 - **If driver's license fees are a barrier to people getting a job, please notify Charlotte.** She is working with Chief Justice Martin's initiative to assess barriers to justice, and these fees would be an example.

2. Project Connect Recap

- Allison distributed the handout "Project Connect 2014 & 2016 – Guest Demographics" – there were 78 guests at the March 29, 2016 and 221 at the previous event in the Fall of 2014. Several reasons for the drop have been identified:

- The change from Fall to Spring
 - No one from Northern Orange took advantage of the OPT van available
 - Having the event during Spring Break created childcare issues for guests and staff
 - New Horizons staff unable to transport clients as they have done in previous years
 - **Corey will finish the Guest Contacts stats from service providers in April**
 - Comments and questions from Team members
 - The dental and vision services were fully booked and busy
 - Do the guest demographics reflect the PIT demographics? **Corey can check on this once PIT complete in April.**
 - Possible to move the event back to the Fall?
 - Why no Spanish-speaking guests? Was outreach targeted to this population? Yes, outreach the same as in 2014.
 - Possible to have a smaller event in Northern Orange? Possible to have the event twice a year?
 - A good model could be the DSS FNS recipients
 - **Corey will organize an event evaluation and debrief meeting with planning Committee to dig deeper into causes of attendance decrease.**
3. **2016-2020 Affordable Housing Strategic Plan for Orange County**
- Audrey Spencer-Horsley presented the current draft of the Affordable Housing Plan: http://www.orangecountync.gov/DRAFT_2016-2020%20Affordable%20Housing%20Strategic%20Plan%20for%20Orange%20County_NC.pdf
 - Plan is meant as a living document, a framework for discussions
 - A more detailed workplan with budget implications and established baselines will be forthcoming
 - The goal of increasing 1000 affordable units is a community goal – not just the responsibility of the County or nonprofits. It will be everyone working together with municipalities, churches, etc.
 - Plan to target up to 80% AMI
 - Goal 3 of the plan focuses on homeless population
 - Want to address barriers to housing, like criminal records
 - When people leave emergency shelter programs in Orange County, they cannot afford to stay here, they go to Durham and Alamance
 - a. It is a community responsibility to provide affordable housing for people exiting homelessness
 - Comments and questions from Team members:
 - Instead of picking a number of units (1000 unit goal) possible to change this to a ratio of the number of low income families to the number of available units?

- How does the plan provide for transportation costs? New measurements add transportation and housing to say those combined costs should not exceed 45% of income
- What are the standards for supportive housing? These are in development, will look at access to transportation and schools
- Will all housing developed out of this plan will be ADA accessible? Yes.
- Possible to include a preference for people who are homeless for Housing Choice Vouchers? Looking at how services can accompany this voucher for successful outcomes
- The plan can include tiny homes, given that there are some issues with permitting and financing with these types of structures
- **If Team members have further questions or comments about the plan, please email these to Audrey at aspencerhorsley@orangecountync.gov**

4. Other Business

- **Corey will submit the Point-in-Time Count/Housing Inventory Chart to HUD by the May 4 deadline.** Jamie completed the unsheltered count, it was 15.
- **The Executive Committee will regroup and present a plan for the 2016 Update to OCPEH Plan to End Homelessness**
- Barbara met a landlord for Southeast Raleigh who has an interesting way to talk with his peer landlords about making the business case for housing people with special needs. He agreed to talk with our group, or others.

Adjourn

☞ Next Meeting: Wednesday, **May 4, 2016**, 5:30 – 7:00 pm ☞
(Remaining 2016 meetings: Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3, Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7)