

Present: Natasha Adams, Allison De Marco; Mark Dorosin, Debra Farrington; Kathleen Ferguson; Sally Greene; Michael Reinke; Corey Root; Damon Seils; Kristen Smith; Charlotte Stewart; Kathy Underhill; Jerry Villemain

Absent: Marie Bossert; Nate Broman-Fulks; Nancy Costen, Cait Fenhagen, Barbara Jessie-Black; Jeff Nieman; Annetta Streater

Guest(s): Travis Myren

\*Action items are in blue

## 1. Welcome & introductions

- Approved April meeting notes [Reinke, Greene]
- Reviewed action items from last meeting
- Sharing /agency updates
  - CEF move
    - CEF will be moving a block away to a larger space; they will be co-located with some other service providers. The OCPEH rent support lasted through April 2016 and is thus not affected by move.
  - NC Veterans Pro Bono network will be coming onboard this summer with NC Serves, which is 'one-stop shopping' for veteran services. Raleigh-Durham will be the next area for this rollout that has been successful already in Charlotte. Service providers can connect directly – this will be a big step in coordinating care. Unsure if they have selected a lead agency.
  - Upcoming racial equity workshops dates shared, available at oarnc.org and dismantlingracism.org; these are \$275 for individual registrations.
    - Could the Partnership consider making funding available for these workshops?
      - It is beyond the scope of the Partnership mission

## 2. Leadership Team membership

- Open slots: Staff from both Housing for New Hope and CEF were elected to the Leadership Team and subsequently left their positions.
  - Corey will send Leadership Team applications to these orgs, ask for other staff to apply
- Possible to get someone on Leadership Team with downtown business or retail background?
  - Corey will send LT application to Kristen Smith at the Chamber
- It is a HUD requirement to have a person who is homeless or formerly homeless on the governing board of a CoC

- IFC can identify a good candidate, Corey will send Michael the LT app
- The OCPEH bylaws state the Homeless Programs Coordinator will hold an orientation for new members. Corey will create a presentation and schedule time with new Leadership Team members; this will be open to all Leadership Team members if they would like to come.
  - Fridays and Wednesdays are good, the first or last part of the day
  - Corey will send out Doodle poll
- Meeting space – could there be a more inviting space to meet?
  - Some options: small rooms in Whitted building, Cardinal, Public library, Seymour Center, IFC, CEF new space, Piedmont Health
    - Want to make sure it's accessible by bus
    - Corey and Allison will tour other possible spaces in May
- There will be no Leadership Team meeting in July

### 3. **2016 Point-in-Time count and Housing Inventory Chart**

- The Point-in-Time count is a HUD-mandated annual count of people who are homeless, those living unsheltered and those living in emergency shelter and transitional housing. PIT counts are conducted across the USA on the last Wednesday night in January.
- The 2016 Orange County PIT counted the least number of people who are homeless on record – 80 people total, 15 of whom were unsheltered.
  - Full info:
    - <http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/hhrcd/OrangeCoPIT2016.pdf>
- Why have the numbers decreased? We are not sure; overall, there are three possible explanations.
  - We've done a good job.
    - The coordination of services and agencies working with people who are homeless are doing fantastic work – this has potentially had an effect on the numbers.
    - Orange County has several progressive programs, Outreach Court and the 100,000 Homes Taskforce.
  - We didn't count well
    - Corey will make training plan for 2017 PIT Count incorporating current HUD methodology and mobile app
  - People who are homeless have left Orange County
    - Could be a result of shelter closing, shelter unavailable, or shelter not existing; could be for other reasons, as well.
- Regardless, there are still people living unsheltered and we need to address this. The number is small, definable, and addressable.

#### 4. **Project Connect Evaluation**

- Consensus - move Project Connect back to a Thursday in the Fall; Next event: Fall of 2016
  - Increase outreach efforts including providing transportation to the event and broaden outreach strategy
  - Widen target audience to people living in poverty, not just people homeless or at-risk of homelessness
  - Go back to orientation for volunteers

#### 5. **2016 Update to OCPEH Plan to End Homelessness**

- Staff presented document comparing the Orange County Plan to End Homelessness with the Orange County Affordable Housing Strategic Plan: [http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/hhracd/OCPEH\\_OCAH%20Strategic%20Plan%20Analysis.pdf](http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/hhracd/OCPEH_OCAH%20Strategic%20Plan%20Analysis.pdf)
  - The two plans present two sets of goals that are largely congruous
  - The Partnership to End Homelessness Plan can be a resource for the County Commissioners as they continue to work on the Affordable Housing Strategic Plan – where there are matching goals, and where there are strategies identified, the County can adopt PEH plan elements into Orange County Affordable Housing Strategic Plan
  - The Chapel Hill Town Council is interested in an affordable housing strategy writ large
    - The Town Council is in process of goal setting and prioritizing
    - This conversation is happening independent of the County Affordable Housing Strategic Plan, which is also creating strategies and priorities
  - Corey can go to talk with all three town elected officials, get introduced to the boards
  - The possible negative outcome would be that the County adopts a plan with different levels of interest than the Partnership to End Homelessness plan
- One topic addressed in the Orange County plan that is not in the current Plan to End Homelessness is addressing current unmet community need of “an adequate emergency shelter(s) that can accommodate individuals and families of mixed composition and sex and for men.”
  - Corey will prepare a presentation on shelter options for June Partnership meeting inclusive of current HUD goals, best practices, etc.

## 6. **Governance Charter Review & Recommendations**

- Allison removed gendered language
- Corey will make recommendations for other changes to come in line with HUD requirements for CoC governance charter documents in June

### **Adjourn**

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