

Present: Natasha Adams, Nate Broman-Fulks; Nancy Costen, Allison De Marco; Mark Dorosin, Debra Farrington; Caitlin Fenhagen, Kathleen Ferguson; Travis Myren; Michael Reinke; Corey Root; Kristen Smith; Audrey Spencer-Horsley; Charlotte Stewart; Annetta Streater; Jerry Villemain; Sarah Vinas
Leadership Team Members Absent: Marie Bossert; Sally Greene; Barbara Jessie-Black; Jeff Nieman; Damon Seils; Kathy Underhill

***Action items in bold**

1. Welcome & introductions

- May meeting notes approved [Ferguson, Adams]
- Review action items from May
 - Leadership Team applications – on agenda
 - New space – here for June meeting
 - Training plan for PIT – to come later in 2016
 - Shelter presentation – on agenda
 - Governance charter – on agenda

2. Agency updates

- IFC Food First update – has been in the news, looking at 2 different locations now, down from 10 possible, will be sending out a survey to stakeholders; **Corey will send this IFC stakeholder survey to OCPEH lists**
 - 110 West Main St, own this, preferred site, could have 7000 sq feet with parking on bottom (difficult setup for food delivery)
 - Other site on Jones Ferry Rd, across from OWASA, piece of property only abuts one residence – there is a stream running through it, but can build, could have bigger footprint 8500 sq feet all on one level with parking on outside; no downtime with construction
 - IFC Board will make a decision on June 15; important factor: how does the neighborhood feel about this? Have started series of neighborhood conversations, could go to church and speak during a service. Need to get info on stream determination, maintenance costs
 - Next steps – would look to acquire property, get permission from Town of Carrboro for use, would slow down by about a month
 - Lincoln Center is off the table – could only fit 2 buildings on that site, not feasible for IFC
- Housing for New Hope – leaving Orange County, focusing operations in Durham for the next bit, they look forward to coming back to Orange at some point in the future
 - This affect Outside Agency funding for Towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill and County; **Corey will schedule meeting with town and county to talk about next steps**
 - Also leaves gaps in Outreach, Rapid Rehousing, and Permanent Supportive Housing management – longer term solutions needed
- CoC application update
 - HUD sent 2015 CoC app scores & held debriefing webinar
 - Nationwide
 - \$1.94 billion for homeless assistance
 - Fewer projects, bigger projects

- \$260 million for new permanent housing
 - a. \$160 million for Permanent Supportive Housing
 - b. \$100 million for Rapid Re-housing
- HUD estimates 25,000 more people served

- Orange FY2015 CoC application scores

Category	Max Score	Orange Co. Score
CoC Engagement	55	35.75
HMIS	27	27
System Performance	98	56
Accessing Mainstream Benefits	19	14.75
Leveraging	1	0.25
Bonus – early submission	3	3
TOTAL	203	136.75

- Highest score for any CoC: 188
- Lowest score for any CoC: 49.5
 - Median: 149.75
- **Weighted median (lower scores unlikely to gain funding): 158.25**

- Leadership Team membership application
 - Diiv Sternman – excited to see experience with SOAR & Chatham County; Motion to approve [Ferguson, Reinke]
 - Al Green – will have application for August meeting
 - Business person – OK to have Chamber involvement, can always invite a guest to the meeting
 - Housing for New Hope – will not be joining LT
- Kristen and Maggie have been working on survey for business owners – would like folks to help
 - **Corey will send employment survey to Leadership Team**

3. Options for shelter in Orange County

- Best practice info
 - From HUD: Policy brief on *Creating a Systemic Response to Homelessness*, May 5, 2016
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/coc-competition-focus-creating-a-systemic-response-to-homelessness/>
 - *EXCERPT re: shelter*: Making Assistance Appealing and Accessible
Resources also have to be welcoming, appealing, and accessible to people experiencing homelessness if your CoC is to end homelessness. Each person experiencing homelessness should have access to inclusive and nondiscriminatory shelter and housing, including those who are transgender and gender non-conforming. We firmly believe that people should not be screened out of programs because of unnecessary barriers and eligibility requirements (e.g., minimum income requirements or sobriety). Additionally, people should not be terminated from programs because they violated rules that were not appropriate in the first place.

- FROM USICH
 - <https://www.usich.gov/solutions/crisis-response>
 - <https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/using-shelter-strategically-to-end-homelessness>
 - 2 goals of shelter
 - Effectively provide immediate safety
 - Link people to permanent housing quickly
 - Best practices
 - Low barrier to entry
 - Linked with community partners through coordinated entry
 - Prevention/diversion
 - Housing program referral
 - Using targeting/triaging
- Emergency homeless system models
 - Congregate living facilities
 - Low barrier, services on site
 - Navigation Center, San Francisco: <http://www.ecs-sf.org/programs/navcenter.html>
 - Family Promise/Inter-faith Network
 - Group of churches host for 1 or 2 weeks of the year
 - Hotel/motel vouchers
 - Key: connection to services & case management
- Discussion
 - Is IFC a shelter? There are 30 days in the Men's Transitional Housing program where they do not have program requirements – is this a de facto shelter?
 - Is it possible to access 24 hours? Now, no – to change this would need \$30-40k additional funding for additional staff + large amount of political capital to alter Good Neighbor Plan allowing people to walk up to/hang around building
 - Currently the designations are Community House = 17 bed seasonal shelter + 52 bed transitional housing, both for single men; Homestart TH = 14 bed transitional housing for women with children; Homestart Shelter = 14 bed emergency shelter for single women
 - Possible change designation of Phase I beds to Shelter? **Corey, Michael & IFC staff to meet in June to talk further on this**
 - There is movement on the implementation of the Good Neighbor Plan; originally it required IFC to do a criminal background check for every state in USA, now the requirement is checking sex offender registry plus a background check; IFC looking to revisit Good Neighbor Plan if needed
 - IFC board has signaled support in making changes as they are necessary/helpful for community
 - IFC is working with clergy to house people in emergencies
 - IFC has seen the need in Orange County for emergency services decrease – for example, the number of bags of food distributed decreased from 18000 to 15000
- Next steps
 - There is a recommendation in Orange County Affordable Housing Strategic Plan to address the lack of shelter
 - Partnership to End Homelessness will take the lead in addressing this need

- Produce a document outlining: What are gaps and needs? What are best ways to meet them?
 - Does this tie directly to OCPEH work plan? If not can we modify the plan?
4. Governance Charter recommendations – did not get to this item in the meeting, **Corey will send out summary of changes + documents for an email vote on recommended changes.**

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Wed., Aug. 3, 5:30-7:00 pm, IFC Community House
Remaining 2016 meetings: Sep. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7