



Orange County Homeless Veterans Working Group

Meeting Notes, Aug. 19, 2016, 9-10:00 a.m.

Southern Human Services Center, Room D

Present: Amanda Cantrell, Betsy Corbett, Jonathan Crooms, Stephani Kilpatrick, Tara May, Megan Raymond, Corey Root, Charlotte Stewart,

- Welcome & Updates
 - Introductions
 - Agency updates
 - DSS
 - Café 115 is open
 - IFC
 - Picked location for Food First program – it will be at 110 W Main in Carrboro
 - Trying to programmatic changes
 - Got rid of waitlist system so that if someone calls, they can come in for a bed that night if one is available rather than being put at the bottom of the list
 - NC Bar Association
 - Working on a referral system for veterans to connect them with the most appropriate services – this is called NC Serves
 - American Bar association is encouraging state bars to provide pro bono legal services, including free services, some covered court costs, etc. during National Pro Bono Week
 - Volunteers of America
 - Have helped a lot of vets, now out of funding until Oct. 1 when SSVF funding is renewed
 - Still providing case management
 - Actively directing folks to other agencies for deferment when possible
 - Durham VA
 - In need of monetary resources for HUD-VASH security deposits and back utility bills since VoA is out of \$
 - IFC can cover some of this
 - CSBG is also a possibility
 - Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness
 - Project Connect will be October 27 at Hargraves – please attend
 - Staff working on CoC app – due 9/14 to HUD
 - Mapping will be starting up again this Fall – please plan to attend these meetings
 - Review of action items from last meeting
 - Corey posted meeting materials on PEH website – NOT the by-name list
 - Corey tailored existing 100K Homes consent and confidentiality forms for this group
 - Corey asked Matt Schnars to add Betsy and Charlotte to Triangle vets group email list
 - Corey added Brian, Betsy, Jonathan, Amanda to Leadership Team distribution list
- VoA funding update and adaptations for Orange County providers



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- Financial assistance unavailable from VoA until October 1
- Alternative source for HUD-VASH deposits?
 - EAGA funds through the county may be an option
 - IFC may be able to help with some deposits and utilities
- CoC community application
 - The working group reviewed the Veteran questions on the CoC application and provided feedback for these answers.
- Review of consent & confidentiality forms
 - **Corey will connect with Matt in Durham to discuss their consent process for by-name list**
 - Look into more user-friendly wording on forms
 - **Charlotte will connect with volunteers about legality of disclosing relevant clinical information, legal language, and combining this consent with 100K Homes consent**
 - **Change revocation process so folks are able to revoke consent with anyone on the Orange County Homeless Veterans Working Group**
- Next meeting: Moved to Wednesday, 9/21 9am-10am to avoid conflict with Durham's veteran stand-down event