



Orange County
Partnership to
End Homelessness

Leadership Team

February 19, 2024

OCPEH Overview

What is OCPEH's role?

- Coordinated Entry system
- Lead agency
- Collaborative applicant
- HMIS administration
- Direct service

What is Coordinated Entry?

- Access
- Assessment (VI-SPDAT)



Housing
Helpline,
SOHRAD

- Prioritization
- Referral



HOME
Committee

HUD requirements for Lead Agency

- Through HUD Program interim rule, Continuum of Care (CoC) are established to “increase the efficiency and effectiveness of coordinated, community-based systems that provide housing and services to the homeless”
- Major duties include
 - Operate the CoC
 - Designate an HMIS for the CoC
 - Plan for the CoC

Applying for HUD funding – Collaborative Applicant

- HUD releases an annual CoC NOFO to provide funding for Supportive Services, Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing, HMIS, (in addition to a Planning grant)
- CoC duties
 - Submit a community application as the “Collaborative Applicant”
 - Provide public notification of funding opportunity
 - Provide technical assistance and support to project applicants
 - Oversee a competitive application process using scoring criteria that is informed by local priorities

What is HMIS?

- HUD requires CoC's to collect and required defined data elements regarding persons served through homeless service systems and programs
 - These elements are used to measure program and system performance
 - Orange County (as well as Durham County and Balance of State) uses NCCEH to administer HMIS as the HMIS Lead Agency
- CoC duties
 - Manage data for CoC programs and ensure timely submission of required reports
 - Monitor user account to ensure compliance, including annual trainings
 - Serve on the NCCEH Executive Team and Advisory Board

OCPEH Direct Service

- **Housing Helpline** - Provides a standardized single point of access to programs and services from information to assessment to referral
 - Housing Helpline answered calls / emails Monday – Friday; 10am – 4pm
 - Accepts walk-in service at Chapel Hill and Carrboro locations
- **Street Outreach Harm Reduction and Deflection** – Provides people experiencing unsheltered homelessness with relationship-based connection to housing and services
 - Accepts referrals from Housing Helpline, community stakeholders including business owners, law enforcement and self-referral

OCPEH Direct Service

- **Rapid Re-housing** - Provides housing search, referrals, and 6 months – 2 years of case management to quickly achieve stabilization
 - Accepts referrals through HOME committee
- **SOAR** - SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery – Provides fast track disability application for people experiencing homelessness
 - Develops community-wide plan to increase SOAR capacity
- **Housing Access Coordinator** – Increases housing availability through landlord recruitment and retention, including Landlord Incentives and community education



OCPEH Timeline

Winter

When?	What?	Who?
January	Conduct Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC)	CoC Lead agency, service providers, NCCEH, volunteers
January	OCPEH Budget request is approved and provided to County/Towns for consideration	OCPEH Executive Team
February	Register for upcoming HUD funding competitions and submit System Performance Measures	CoC Lead Agency
March	Recruit for Project Review Committee	CoC-wide
March	Evaluate Inclement Weather plan	People with Lived Experience, Service Providers, Stakeholders

Spring

When?	What?	Who?
April	Prepare Annual Report with HUD and local data	CoC Lead agency
April - June	Deliver Annual Report to Towns	CoC Lead Agency
April - May	Review Racial Equity assessment	CoC Leadership Team
May	Solicit input for Gaps Analysis	People with Lived Experience, Service Providers, Stakeholders
May	Conduct Coordinated Entry evaluation	People with Lived Experience, Service Providers, Stakeholders
May	Propose changes to Written Standards	Data and Grants Workgroup

Summer

When?	What?	Who?
June	Finalize Scorecard for funding competitions	Project Review Committee and Leadership Team
June	Host Data Review event	CoC-wide
August	Leadership Team recruitment	CoC Board Development Committee
August	Review project applications and make scoring recommendations	Project Review Committee
August	Propose Coordinated Entry (CE) Policies and Procedures revisions	CE Planning Workgroup
September	Complete CoC-wide application	CoC Lead Agency and Data and Grants workgroup
September	Make funding recommendation and project priority list	Leadership Team

Fall

When?	What?	Who?
October	Review proposed changes to Governance Charter, Written Standards and Coordinated Entry policies and Procedures	Leadership Team
October	Coordinated Entry retreat	CoC-wide
October	Review Gaps Analysis	Executive Team
November	Vote on Leadership Team applicants	Leadership Team
November	Submit Longitudinal Systems Analysis	CoC Lead Agency
December	Plan for PIT Count	CoC Lead agency, service providers, NCCEH, volunteers

Planning session

Linking Accomplishments to Goals

- Speakers Bureau
- Use Racial Equity lens across OCPEH
- System/program evaluation – **HOW** are people being treated? What are the obstacles to access and positive outcomes?
- Shared commitment between local govts and private sector

Decision point – Address these Ad hoc OR as part of a Theory of Change framework?

OCPEH Updates

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- OCPEH staff attended Homeless Education McVinney-Vento workshop with Orange County schools staff
- OCPEH staff and members are working with the reentry community on a documentary addressing reentry housing needs in Orange County
- The [HUD Youth Homelessness System Improvements](#) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) application was submitted in advance of the February 15th deadline with match provided by Orange County.
- [To See and Be Seen. To Know and Be Known.](#) Local artist Kelly Oakes worked with OCPEH in 2020 and 2021 to share the stories of people housed through the OCPEH Home Committee. Now showing at the Durham Art Guild through February 23.



OCPEH Updates

Requested items

Annual Conflict of Interest form and Compensation for People with Lived Experience invoice

Minutes

January minutes

Motion -

Wrap Up

Contact me for more info, etc.

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