



Attending: Caitlin Fenhagen, Kathleen Ferguson, Sally Greene, Chinita Howard, Tracy Hunt, Jackie Jenks, Megan Johnson, Will Quick, Corey Root, Beth Schehl, Diiv Sternman, Emila Sutton, Jerry Villemain, Eric Wolak

Welcome & Updates

Sharing /agency updates

- Flyers for Orange County Rape Crisis Center are available
- There are two new Leadership Team members from elected bodies, Barbara Foushee from Town of Carrboro and Jessica Anderson from the Town of Chapel Hill

OCPEH updates

- Written Standards were approved by the Leadership Team via email in November. Staff submitted this revised document to the NC ESG Office and got confirmation that the document met the standard and the FY2019 ESG awards were OK to proceed
- Staff continues to work on Project Connect, scheduled for Thursday Jan. 30, 2020, still waiting to hear confirmation from Hargraves on the location
- Staff worked with the Orange County Housing & Community Development Department and the Department of Social Services on an application to HUD for Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers
- Charity and Justice workshop returns, Carrboro Century Center, January 7, 6-7:30 p.m., more info: [facebook.com/events/567007837196757/](https://www.facebook.com/events/567007837196757/)

Approve minutes

- September 24 - to be posted in coming months
- [October 21](#) and [November 18](#)

A motion was made to approve the October and November minutes [Greene, Wolak]. All in favor, none opposed.

Review of Homeless System Data Dashboard & Data Dive

Members reviewed data from the [Orange County Homeless System Dashboard](#), from September 1, 2019 through December 9, 2019, on the number and types of households presenting for service, the number of referrals to the Resource Database, prevention resources, homelessness diversion, diversion plus program referral with the VI-SPDAT, and to only program referral with the VI-SPDAT. Members also examined the number of completed diversions, and the percentage that were successfully diverted from homelessness.



System Exits

Month	Returned from Inactive	Returned from housed	Newly ID'ed	Beginning count	Exited to housing	Moved to Inactive	Ending count	Housed YTD
Dec-18	3	0	22	101	9	8	84	47
Jan-19	0	1	20	105	4	6	95	4
Jan-19	0	1	16	112	3	2	107	7
Feb-19	0	1	20	128	2	9	117	9
Mar-19	1	2	8	128	9	9	110	18
Apr-19	1	0	7	118	9	10	99	27
May-19	1	0	11	111	5	7	99	32
Jun-19	1	0	7	107	12	9	86	44
Jul-19	0	3	11	100	5	4	91	49
Aug-19	1	1	12	104	5	8	91	54
Oct-19	0	0	15	106	7	2	97	61
Nov-19	2	3	25	127	11	5	111	72

Proposed 2020 Point-in-Time Count Methodology

The 2020 Point-in-Time (PIT) count will be Wednesday January 30, 2020. The Coordinator presented a [draft of the revised PIT methodology](#). Leadership Team members suggested adding Amity Church to the list of agencies offering hotel/motel stays as part of the sheltered count.

A motion was made to approve the 2020 Point-in-Time count methodology [Villemain, Quick]. All in favor, none opposed.

Homeless Service System Gaps Update & Plan for 2020

The Coordinator presented revised information about the [Homeless System Gaps](#), last updated in June 2019. There are several conversations with funders afoot – when the Coordinator presented to the Board of County Commissioners on December 2, Commissioners were interested to talk further about funding gaps, and wanted to know what the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough would be interested and available to contribute. The Coordinator will work to schedule presentations to the Towns earlier than usual to update them and gauge interest. The Coordinator also presented to the Orange County Affordable Housing Advisory Board on Dec. 10 and will seek to present to Carrboro and Chapel Hill Affordable Housing Advisory Boards.

One of the current gaps is a Street Outreach program, connecting people living unsheltered with housing and services. Since the last Gaps update in June, conversations with other community partners have advanced to potentially include the Street Outreach activities. The Orange County Pre-Arrest Diversion program is currently discussing an expansion to a harm reduction model serving some of the people with low level charges in the criminal justice system and could include the activities of a Street Outreach program for people who are justice-involved and not. The Criminal Justice Resource Department is bringing together a workgroup to talk further about these possibilities, and the Partnership will participate in these conversations to incorporate the needs of the Street Outreach program.

Working with Emila Sutton and Erika Brandt at Orange County Housing & Community Development, the Coordinator used the current numbers of people experiencing homelessness and national averages for the community costs of homelessness to determine that it costs over \$2.4 million each year for people in Orange County to experience homelessness. The current cost to fill system gaps is \$1.7 million, so there would be a savings of \$714,369 each year to fill the gaps, adding up to over \$7 million in savings over ten years.

Less expensive to fill gaps than to continue homelessness



Filling the homeless system gaps would create the programs in the gaps, but would also increase shelter bed availability in Orange County – currently there are not shelter beds available on any given night for women, men, or families. People stay on average over a year in our homeless service system. Filling the gaps, adding in a rapid re-housing program, would help people exit shelter quicker, meaning there would be more beds available for people entering the system. Filling the Street Outreach gap would mean we would be providing services to a currently underserved population, as well as having data about people living unsheltered included in overall system data. Filling gaps would protect children and adults from further trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which we understand now have lifelong physical and mental health effects. And having a fully functioning homeless service system supports the overall affordable housing system. People without affordable housing fall into homelessness – if we are able to support these people in housing rather than for them to start to experience homelessness, this will lead to better outcomes and free up the resources to address the affordable housing crisis Orange County is also experiencing.

Board Development

At the November meeting, Leadership Team members agreed on the [Draft Leadership Team Priorities](#) but did not have quorum to vote. A motion was made to approve Leadership Team member priorities and process inclusive of feedback from Emergent Equity [Schehl, Howard]. All in favor, none opposed.

The Coordinator will revise the Leadership Team application and send board recruitment email to OCEPH contact, including information about the above Leadership Team priorities and potential compensation. The Coordinator will ask for applications to be submitted by January 15 for immediate consideration. The Board Development Committee can evaluate applications using Priorities, develop proposed slate of members for February Leadership Team meeting, and new 2020 members can start at March meeting.

The Leadership Team gave appreciation to members ending their terms on the Leadership Team as of December 2019, Katie Loovis, Nancy Oates, Damon Seils, and Jerry Villemain.

Proposed Changes to OCEPH Governance Charter

The Coordinator presented a revised [DRAFT Revised OCEPH Governance Charter](#). Leadership Team members noted that the name of the Orange County Housing and Community Development Department has been updated and “Human Rights” should be removed from this department name. Leadership Team members asked that the Coordinator provide information to all members on how to file for eligible compensation.



Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
Mon. December 16, 2019, 6-7:30 p.m.
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, 104 S Estes Dr, Chapel Hill

A motion was made to approve the revised OCPEH Governance Charter, deleting “Human Rights” from the updated name of the Orange County Housing and Community Development Department [Sternman, Villemain]. All in favor, none opposed.

Next Meeting: January 13