

**Attending:** Natasha Adams, Jess Anderson, Nate Broman-Fulks, Rebecca Buzzard, Nancy Coston, Christy Croft, Caitlin Fenhagen, Barbara Foushee, Kathleen Ferguson, Sally Greene, Jackie Jenks, Megan Johnson, Jamall Kinard, Giovanna Mollinedo, Corey Root, Beth Schehl, Amie Sigmann, Diiv Sternman, Emila Sutton, Katie Wright, Vanessa Watson

## **Approve Meeting Minutes**

• A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from Leadership Team Meeting on <u>10/12/20</u> [Greene, Foushee]. motion passes, all in favor.

## **Agency Updates**

- OCPEH Updates
  - Orange County was awarded FY20-21 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) \$61,095 for Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC), HomeStart Shelter operations and \$40,730 for financial assistance for Orange County Housing Help Rapid Rehousing program
  - Orange County was awarded \$295,000 in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) from NC Dept. of Health & Human Services- all funding ends December 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - \$19,937 for Rapid Re-housing
    - \$130,000 Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA)
    - \$14,000 for emergency housing for people fleeing Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault
      - It was clarified that the hoteling is only for emergency assistance. This funding is in addition to the amount that Compass Center was awarded for permanent housing
    - \$5000 for street outreach supplies- really come in handy with cold weather.
    - \$57,163 Furniture and Essential Household Goods- moving expenses- typically a gap that has been nice to fill
      - Program Info Flyer Online Request Form
    - \$5000 for Transportation program covers
      - Program Info Flyer Online Request Form
    - \$15,000 Rapid Repairs program is for voucher holders (HCV, RRH, PSH)
      - These repairs are according to the Housing Quality Standards (HQS) checklist, and could potentially be a large incentive for landlords to sign voucher holders as tenants.
    - Landlord Incentives- signing bonus for making available to voucher holders.
      - Program Info Flyer
  - 2020 Homeless Data Review Event posted on OCPEH website: <u>https://www.ocpehnc.com/data-review-event-</u>
- Other updates-
  - Christy Croft shared that the NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault has received funding to support survivors who have been affected by COVID-19. This funding and organization is separate from the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and available to any survivors in the state. Those who are interested in applying for funding should go to <u>https://nccasa.org/cares/</u>.

## Proposed Changes to CoC Written Standards & Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures

The Leadership Team briefly discussed the <u>CoC Written Standards</u> and <u>Coordinated Entry Policies and</u> <u>Procedures</u> documents and their importance in terms of grant funding and monitoring. It was pointed



out that some language in the Coordinated Entry document needed to be changed to reflect the change from OC Connect to HMIS for coordinated entry.

• A motion was made to approve the drafted CoC Written Standards and Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures. [Sutton, Fenhagen]. Motion passes, all in favor.

## **Racial Equity Discussion**

Leadership Team met with coach and racial equity consultant, Jamall Kinard, to complete the first full racial equity session. Session 1 was largely focused on "awareness". The group participated in several reflection exercises and discussions in order to become more aware of the group's biases and orientation towards the work of ending homelessness in Orange County.

Wrap Up & Adjourn

Next Meeting: December 21 via Zoom