

Attendance: Mia Burroughs, Allison De Marco, Caitlin Fenhagen, Kathleen Ferguson, Sherrill Hampton, Chinita Howard, Jackie Jenks, Katie Loovis, Nancy Oates, Aly Peeler, Harrison Pierce, Corey Root, Damon Seils, Diiv Sternman, Charlotte Stewart, Scott Taylor, Eric Wolak

Sharing/Agency Updates:

- SAMSHA awarded \$2.4 million to the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health for the HomeLink project that will coordinate and provide supportive housing, employment and case management services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Orange and Chatham Counties
- NC Dept. of Public Safety awarded \$150,000 to the Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department to start a Reentry council for people exiting incarceration. The Reentry Council will start by hiring two full-time staff – a coordinator and case manager. The next Reentry Council meeting will be October 26
- The CASA Merritt Mill Road application was not approved, but can be resubmitted; it is still a strong application but it is a competitive program. CASA needs this funding for the project to move forward
- The North Carolina Poverty Fund, Criminal Justice Resource Department, and NAACP are sponsoring a Community Forum at Chapel Hill Town Hall on September 20 about the criminalization of poverty
- Durham Housing Choice Voucher application open through August 26. Those applying must stay in Durham for one year but can port the voucher to a different county afterwards
- The You Are Everything community dinner and storytelling event will be 6:00 p.m. on September 8 at Current event space, 123 E Franklin St. in Chapel Hill

OCPEH Updates:

- Staff reviewed [options for racial equity training](#)
- Updated timeline for revisions to the Plan to End Homelessness: Coordinator will bring information from stakeholder listening sessions to November Leadership Team meeting; the bulk of the December meeting will be spent working on the plan itself, craft a two year plan to last through 2020, could be tied to calendar or fiscal year
- In the end the Family Unification Program (FUP) application did not go through, but did foster good coordination between Orange County Housing, DSS, and OCPEH with great leadership from Sherrill Hampton. HUD has indicated other opportunities to apply for additional vouchers are eminent, and the partnership between the CoC and PHA will be a key element in determining these awards
- NC Coalition to End Homelessness staff continue to work on the transition for the HMIS database. Users are still on the current statewide database while NCCEH works through technical issues. Hoping to transition to the new system by the end of September. There are no implications financially, the State ESG Office is covering transition costs. Orange

County continues to fulfill HUD mandates for data and looks forward to increase functionality with the data once transition completes to the new regional system

- Work on Coordinated Entry continues and launch of the Homeless Hotline is coming soon – this is a telephone number people in housing crisis can call to get connected to services. CH Transit has committed to advertising on buses, and OCPEH has business cards and an updated resource list with the phone number ready to go. The Coordinator will give a full update on coordinated entry at the September Leadership Team meeting
- Alix McKay and Kim Crawford have resigned from the Leadership team
- Upcoming OCPEH Events
 - o IFC Good Neighbor Plan - Meetings
 - United Church of Chapel Hill, located at 1321 M.L.K. Jr. Boulevard
 - Thursday, August 30, 7-8:30 pm -- Low Barrier, Housing-Focused Shelter: What it Means and How It Has Worked in Other Communities
 - Thursday, September 13, 7-8:30 p.m. or Monday, September 24, 6-7:30 p.m. – Homelessness in Orange County: The Data and Our Community's Response
 - o Homelessness 101 sessions
 - Thurs. 8/30, noon-1:30pm, Chapel Hill Public Library
 - Wed. 9/26, 5:30-7pm, Carrboro Town Hall
 - o Self-Care First Fridays
 - September 7, 2018, 9-10:30am; Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Rd., Chapel Hill
 - All human service providers in Orange County are invited to participate; upcoming sessions will be in the mornings on September 7, and October 5; no advance registration

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the [June 18 meeting minutes](#) [Seils, Burroughs] all in favor, none opposed.

Review of Homeless System Data Dashboard

SYSTEM ENTRIES: In July, 10 people came through the homeless system. One was referred to a prevention resource, one began the VI-SPDAT but did not complete it, and eight people completed VI-SPDATs. Of these, three people chose to not sign consent, five did. Three people scored in the four to seven range and five people scored in the eight to seventeen range. Four people were living outdoors, two people were living in shelter, and two were from another location.

SYSTEM EXITS:

HOME List (program referral)		
# housed last month	# housed YTD	# currently on list
3	28	69

Proposed Changes to IFC Community House and the Good Neighbor Plan

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) has provided emergency shelter since 1986 and opened Community House three years ago. This required a Special Use Permit (SUP) from the Town of Chapel Hill, and a Good Neighbor Plan agreement between IFC, Community House neighbors, and the Town. IFC is proposing changes to the Good Neighbor Plan to bring Community House in line with nationally recognized best practices and address stated community need, as outlined in the [OCPEH gaps analysis](#).

The [proposed changes](#) would change Community House from a high barrier transitional housing program to a low barrier, housing-focused emergency shelter. Specific changes include not requiring guests to have ID, background checks, or maintain sobriety; not requiring guests to be indoors from 8pm-7am; allowing people to walk up to shelter; and giving IFC staff increased flexibility for using the 17 overflow cots. None of the changes proposed would change the Special Use Permit (SUP). IFC is hoping the Town will vote on these proposed changes in October.

IFC is holding a series of community meetings to discuss the proposed changes with neighbors and other stakeholders. Leadership Team members are asked to share information about Community Meetings, and about the connection between the proposed changes and current system gaps with their networks.

Nancy Oates asked for an additional informational meeting ~~to~~ to brainstorm ways we could serve the needs of homeless men, to see what resources are available in the community, and determine ways resources could be used most effectively. ~~discuss these changes more in depth~~
→ The Coordinator will send out a Doodle poll to schedule this.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant Application

Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness serves as the Continuum of Care (CoC) for Orange County and applies for the CoC funding available for homeless housing and services each year. This year HUD has made \$790,729 available for Orange County. Eligible activities include Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, database (HMIS) costs, and coordinated entry. HUD created a new funding stream for Domestic Violence housing projects, called the DV bonus. This year three agencies applied for seven projects: four renewal projects, three new projects; five Permanent Supportive Housing projects, one Rapid Re-Housing project, and one 1 Coordinated Entry project. The Project Review Committee will work next on scoring and ranking each project application.

The Leadership Team will determine the recommended ranked list of funded projects, called the Project Priority Listing, at the next meeting on August 29. The entire CoC application, including the community application, Project Priority Listing, and individual project applications

is due to HUD by September 17, 2018. More info and details on the OCPEH website:
ocpehnc.com/current-coc-application

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Grant Application

The State ESG Office announced \$57,265 available for Orange County for the FY2018 ESG grant competition. Eligible activities include street outreach, emergency shelter, and rapid re-housing. Project applications are due to OCPEH on September 28, full information on the OCPEH website: ocpehnc.com/emergency-solutions-grant

Update on 2018 Project Connect

Project Connect will be October 10, 2018 at the Hargraves Community Center in Chapel Hill. Volunteer sign-ups will be online in the coming months. New this year are outreach ambassadors, people with lived experience who are serving on the planning committee and working to maximize attendance.

2018 Board Development Committee

Per the [OCPEH Governance Charter](#), the Chair appoints Board Development Committee each year prior to September 1, consisting of at least three Leadership Team members. Charlotte Stewart volunteered to chair, Kathleen Ferguson and Aly Peeler will serve. The Coordinator will be in touch with more info.

Going forward – the Leadership Team will be asked for input on potential members at the October Leadership Team meeting. The Coordinator will also solicit Leadership Team member applications via the OCPEH website, Facebook, Twitter, and email lists. At the November Leadership Team meeting the Board Development Committee makes recommendation for Chair, Vice Chair, and the slate of members for the 2019 Leadership Team.

The Leadership Team reviewed the current [application for members](#) and made the following proposed changes

- Remove 18-year-old age limit
 - o Since applications are part of public record, need to protect personal information. Possible to have an annual event involving youth?
- Change “substance abuse” to “substance use”
- Place to enter nonbinary pronouns & “other” option

Next Meeting: Special meeting Wed. August 29, 2018

Meeting Location: IFC Community House, 1315 MLK Blvd., Chapel Hill

Remaining 2018 Meetings: Aug. 29, Sep. 17, Oct. 8, [no meeting Oct. 15], Nov. 19, Dec. 17