



Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Mon. March 19, 2018, 6-7:30 p.m.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, 104 S Estes Dr, Chapel Hill

Attendance: Natasha Adams, Nate Broman-Fulks, Mia Burroughs, Nancy Coston, Kim Crawford, Alison De Marco, Kathleen Ferguson, Sarah Furman, Chinita Howard, Alix McKay, Nancy Oates, Samantha Owusu, Corey Root, Diiv Sternman, Charlotte Stewart, Nikola Yager

Action items in bold

Sharing /agency updates

- On Wednesday, Chapel Hill will consider placing a \$10 or \$15 million affordable housing bond referendum on the November ballot.
- The State ESG Office, the NC Housing Coalition, and the NC Coalition to End Homelessness are sponsoring the 2nd annual NC Homeless Conference, April 30-May 1 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh; the first day will be in-depth sessions for 3 different tracks, the second day is shorter workshops. [Click Here to Register](#)
- Maggie West is leaving CEF at the end of May. CEF is opening a search for a co-director.
- Orange County Commissioners authorized Social Justice funds to add to the funding DSS uses to pay rent and deposits. **Leadership Team members asked where folks were housed and how many had vouchers - Nancy will check on this data.**
- Orange County Job Fair coming up April 11 in Hillsborough – **Corey will send this and other job fair announcements to Leadership Team members to circulate to their networks**

Leadership Team Individual Actions update

- Kathleen recently read both *Evicted* and *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, both are recommended; Kathleen also helping a new program addressing domestic violence, mental health and substance use get going in Australia
- Allison participated on the Racial Equity Institute (REI) Latinx Challenges workshop, it was quite different from other REI workshops and highly recommended.

OCPEH updates

- Update on Street Outreach
 - UNC Center for Excellent in Community Mental Health applied for a grant to create a team approach for mental health services for folks who are housing instable with severe and persistent mental illness, funding would start in October. Program would coordinate well with, but does not replace, street outreach program.
- Update on Risk Mitigation fund
 - There will be an announcement in April from the Orange County Department of Housing & Community Development. It will cover not just Section 8 voucher, but several of the homeless program voucher programs as well.
- Leadership Team On-Boarding
 - Orientation Packets are available; Allison and Corey will also hold a Q&A session after the Leadership Team on Mar. 19; Allison and Corey are also in process of scheduling individual meetings with each LT member, please contact them if you have not already scheduled.
- Events
 - Homelessness 101

- 5:30-7pm on April 12, Carrboro Town Hall, traditional presentation format, register online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/homelessness-101-in-carrboro-tickets-43257689915>
- Point-in-Time Count and System Performance Measures Update
 - Due to HUD on April 30; The Coordinator will present info and facilitate a conversation at the May Leadership Team meeting.
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) transition update
 - Orange County is transitioning systems that administer the HUD-required database, HMIS. Orange is moving from the statewide NC HMIS, with the HMIS lead agency Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH) to a regional implementation, with the HMIS lead agency North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH). NCCEH is working with the technical assistance firm ICA. The transition will improve the quality of the data and allow us to use the data in decision about our system, including funding decisions. 81 of 100 NC Counties will be moving to the NCCEH regional implementation. The State ESG Office is funding all HMIS transition costs.

Voting to approve the [February 19 Leadership Team minutes](#) is postponed until the April meeting.

Leadership Team Member Updates – The Coordinator gave an update on movements the past few months.

- Kristin Smith Young rolled off the Leadership Team in December, but can still be involved in strategic planning. Michele Wells is not in Orange County anymore. Eric Wolack from UNC Hospitals will join in April. We have received an application from Stacey Curelop. **The Coordinator will follow-up with Stacey to confirm that they live or work in Orange County (as required for Leadership Team members by the Governance Charter).** Kathleen may also have a candidate for membership.

After reviewing the County's Outside Agency process, the Coordinator reviewed a revised process for 2018. Board members are not customarily part of the meetings with the County Manager, this only 1.5 hours of time commitment is previewed for this group, 1 hour application review (prior to Feb. 28) and 30 minutes discussion meeting with other Committee members to formulate recommendation. **The Coordinator will contact folks who volunteered for this group in February with next steps.**

- **Kim Crawford is recusing herself from this and all future application reviews as she is a funder with the State ESG Office**

Several housing developments have come online in the past few months, and service providers have seen the impact of this development in the work to end homelessness. The Town of Chapel Hill funded DHIC development, Greenfield Place, fully opened December 2017 – February 2018. The first two units of PeeWee Homes will also come online in March. Both the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill continue with the process to fund and develop the CASA Merritt Mill project.

- The HOME Committee housed 12 people in January and February, many in Greenfield Place. For context, the HOME committee housed 17 people in all of 2017.
- Greenfield Place used Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding coordinated through the NC Housing Finance Agency. It will be a two-phase development; the next phase will be 69 units for low-income seniors. Every unit is for folks under 60% below AMI. Currently only a few units are reserved for people between between 30 and 60% AMI.

- Merritt Mill is projected to be completed by December 2020 with 48 units, also using LIHTC funding. 12 units projected for households <30%. 8 are for 30-50% AMI, 28 are for people between 51-60% AMI.
 - Will CASA require residents to have vouchers for this project? Needing a voucher becomes a barrier for people experiencing homelessness to access these units.
 - With more affordable housing funding available now, we are confronting NIMBYism and racism in the work to end homelessness. There can be misconceptions about what affordable housing is/looks like and its effect on surrounding property values.
 - Increasing the availability of affordable housing should include both affordable housing development projects like these and non-development solutions, like a Housing Locator and Risk Mitigation Fund. CEF may have great news about a Housing Locator soon.
- In addition to increased availability of units, the Partnership also wants to work with affordable housing developers to decrease trauma and toxic stress that occur during the referral and application process. Other communities use coordinated entry to make streamlined referrals to these affordable housing developments – Orange County will continue these conversations with developers in the coming months.

Last month the Leadership Team endorsed holding listening sessions to gather input that Leadership Team members can use in updating the Plan to End Homelessness. Leadership Team members gave input on specific stakeholder groups, and prioritizing the sessions.

- Stakeholders: people experiencing homelessness (and many sub-categories); folks in Hillsborough and Northern Orange; Chapel Hill/ Carrboro downtown businesses; emergency responders; people with disabilities; LGBTQ people; youth advocates; people experiencing domestic violence.
- Can we consult with all of these different stakeholders without conducting individual events for each one?
- Think about potential benefits of bringing particular groups together
 - Meeting of the Minds has used this example before- mixing those who have and have not experienced homelessness
- If you have ideas about synergies/who should be included in these groups, email the Coordinator at croot@orangecountync.gov

Next Meeting: Monday April 16, 2018

Remaining 2018 Meetings:

Apr. 16, May 21, June 18, No July Meeting, Aug. 20, Sep. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17