

CoC Governing Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2020

The CoC Governing Board Meeting was held on November 19, 2020 via GoToMeeting. It began at 3:32pm and was facilitated by Chair, Kathryn Firmin-Sellers with Emily Frazier taking minutes.

Board Members in attendance: Stacy Lowry, Warren Wooten, Kathryn Firmin-Sellers, Tchernavia Montgomery, Dennis LaCaria, Deronda Metz, Stephen McQueen, Lashieka Hardin, Hope Marshall, Anthony Ryback, Sonia Jenkins, Gerald Littlejohn, Victor Nicholson, Alesha Eaves

Board Members not in attendance: Timica Melvin, Maya Marshall, Dave Collins

Guests in attendance: Megan Coffey (Mecklenburg County CSS), Courtney LaCaria (Mecklenburg County CSS), Mary Ann Priester (Mecklenburg County CSS), Shamika Agbeviade (Mecklenburg County CSS), Kim Sanders (CSS), Kecia Robinson (VA), Tim Williams/Corie Goldstein (Safe Alliance), Emily Frazier (CSS), Trish Hobson (The Relatives), Karen Pelletier (CSS), Tara Peele (Socialserve), Peter Safir (CSS), AW Burgess (Family Mankind), Deborah Majewski (The Leon Levine Foundation), Dr. Shandria Pridgen (Machiah's House Incorporation), Heather Bartlett/Caleb Sauls (Roof Above), Tameka Gunn (Community Link), Crystal Long, Tiffany Taylor (My Sister's House)

Welcome (Kathryn Firmin-Sellers) attendance (Branden Lewis)

- **Motion: Review October meetings minutes (Kathryn Firmin-Sellers)**
Stephen moved Deronda second
Meeting minutes approved.

Public Comment (presented by Branden Lewis):

N/A

Community Updates: (none)

Unsheltered Population Presentation:

Kim Sanders (CSS) Unsheltered Population Data

- HUD considers first time homeless if an individual/s have not had any activity in the system in the previous 24 months Data collected from as of 11/15/20 total served is 90 6 enrolled, 74 Single, 2 Adults, 27 Females, 49 Males

Heather Bartlett/Caleb Sauls (Roof Above) Unsheltered Response

- Opened 3 days a week Nov 23-Dec 31
- Prioritizing of Chronically Homeless Individuals to complete PSH applications
- Offering access to winter shelter starting December 1st Full Day Service
- Plan to increase collaboration

- Efforts to lower traumas, building trust encampments, making sure individuals are safe

McKinney Vento/Learning Pod

Gerard Littlejohn (Steve Smith Foundation) and Sonia Jenkins (CMS)

- Free Medical Center for Low Income Families
- Site uptown for 108 students to access to remote learning
- Partner with Oasis/Urban League/CMS to assist with remote learning
- Bigger space needed to assist more students
- Harvest Center is assisting with laptops and hot spots
- 30% Math/ELA scores have improved
- Since remote learning site increase in student attendance
- 2,100 McKinney/Vento students identified since remote learning

Tara Peele (Social Serve) Community Landlord Event

- December 1, 2020 1pm-2:30 pm
- Welcome video recording from County Board Chair and Mayor of City of Charlotte
- Landlord testimonies and panel from local homeless/housing partners

Presentation and Discussion (presented by Courtney LaCaria):

- Data as 2019
- **1 Focus Area** 3,165 Total People, 271 Families, 1,779 Single Individuals, 113 Unaccompanied Youth **2 Focus Area** Length of Time Average 118 Days, Median 62 days **3 Focus Area** First time Homelessness 62% of people experienced first episode of homelessness **4 Focus Area** Exists to permanent housing 52% exited permanent housing 95% retained or exited permanent housing **5 Focus Area** Returns to Homeless 22% returned to homelessness 78% of returns were from emergency shelter **6 Focus Area** Access to and Availability of Affordable Housing in Mecklenburg County not yet available

Point in Time Count Update (presented by Courtney LaCaria):

- Conduct housing inventory count, community shelter count, unsheltered count
- Planning earlier stage of unsheltered count

Committees & Workgroups Updates (presented by Branden Lewis): updates to Board members via email & in meeting materials

Lashieka Hardin (Persons with Criminal Histories Workgroup)

- Presentation earlier today at City of Charlotte Great Neighborhoods Committee regarding issues those with criminal backgrounds have with securing housing. There was a request that more data is provided.
- The workgroup would like to request a letter of support from CoC Board members for clients/consumers in Reentry Housing program who are having problems being housed and getting approved for housing
- Motion for CoC to provide a letter of support; Stacy moved, Gerard second. Approved.

Membership/Nominating Committee Update Report out at December Full Membership Meeting (presented by Branden Lewis for Tchernavia Montgomery):

- Two vacant seats on the Board (Homeless Youth Provider and Workforce Development Provider)
- Application period November 20-December 4

Strategic Planning Meeting (January) (presented by Branden Lewis):

- Full/Half early January to include reviewing/establishing processes, reviewing Written Standards, CoC Governance Charter for the CoC.

Upcoming Meeting Dates (presented by Kathryn Firmin-Sellers):

- CoC Full Membership Meeting December 17, 2020--2:00pm-3:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm (Deronda moved; Stacy second)

