

Present: Jonathan Crooms, Birnettiah Killens, Tara May, Megan Raymond, Sharron Reid, Corey Root

- Agency Updates
  - OCPEH
    - PIT preliminary update – the unsheltered count will be significantly up from 2016, more info to come on community event where we will discuss results
    - Fair Housing training – talking with Legal Aid of NC about providing a training for homeless service providers in Orange County
  - VA
    - Not working with anyone unsheltered in Orange, working with a number of folks who were in Orange and now moving to Durham
    - Important to realize that at the VA there are different parts of the agency
      - VBA – Veterans Benefits Administration, determines amount/type of benefits
        - **VA staff will get us a contact here for next month**
      - VHA – Veterans Health Administration, provides healthcare
      - National Cemetery, deals with burial
  - Empowerment
    - Sent flyers around with program info
    - The eligibility for the program – anything other than dishonorable + widows/widowers, but not children or divorcees
    - Working with five families, having trouble finding affordable units that meet household needs; potential roommates?
      - Try Audrey Sanders with HCo properties, friendly to veterans
      - Go to smaller counties for income-based vouchers
  - VoA
    - Jonathan moving to be VSO in Durham, starting on Feb. 27, not sure who is replacement at VoA, will pass that contact info on
  - IFC
    - Working with a few veterans, one hopefully signing a lease with CASA in the next month, connected well with services
    - Close to hiring the Executive Director position
- Review of By-Name List
  - Consent forms and confidentiality forms finalized, signed by group members
  - Process to add to list, obtain consent, etc.
    - Corey will pull list from HMIS, bring this to make sure folks are connected to services



## Orange County Homeless Veterans Working Group

Meeting Notes, February 17, 2017, 9-10 a.m.

Southern Human Services Center, Room D

- If people want to add other folks to list, obtain consent and bring info to add to list
- Update on sharing info with Durham
  - Interested in pursuing sharing of HMIS data across counties; Durham has submitted paperwork to the statewide HMIS Governance Committee asking for increased quality of training and support; Orange is also supportive of this and wanting the same.

Next meeting: Friday March 17, 9-10 AM