

**Greater Virginia Peninsula Continuum of Care Council  
Task Force on Homelessness Meeting, Mary Immaculate Hospital  
April 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Attendees**

<p><b>ACCESS</b> –S Walls-Beegle, D Myles  <b>Avalon</b> – S Meacham  <b>Hampton DHS</b>- A Hill, D Riter  <b>Hampton MAC</b>-B Peters  <b>HNNCSB</b> – J Cipriano  <b>HELP</b> – C Dillow  <b>HDC-HR</b>-Sr. D Niski  <b>Individual</b>- J O’Brien  <b>JCC Housing &amp; Comm Develop</b> – A Taylor  <b>LINK of HR</b> – N Vollette  <b>Menchville House</b>- C Foster  <b>Natasha House</b>- K Scott  <b>NNDD</b>-T Wilson  <b>NNDHS</b> – J Kirsch</p>	<p><b>OHA</b>- T Francis  <b>PICH</b> – E Lemon  <b>Taylor Fam. Hsng &amp; Empowerment</b>-K Pender  <b>The Planning Council</b> – J Cohen, C Gooch, J Park,  <b>The Salvation Army, Peninsula</b> –T Satchell, D Walden  <b>The Salvation Army, Williamsburg</b> – A Sanders  <b>Transitions</b> – M Wright  <b>VAMC</b> – E Woods  <b>VEC</b>-C Preston, E Williams  <b>York County Housing</b> – B Williamson  <b>York/Poquoson DSS</b> – E Chambers</p>
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**Welcome** – Sarah Meacham

**Approval of Minutes:** March 9, 2010 meeting minutes approved

**The Healing Place Presentation**

Claudia Gooch, Regional Task Force to End Homelessness, presented The Regional Healing Place project in development. Key information about the peer-driven model:

- Substance abuse detox, shelter, and transitional housing program
- Data supports strong need in the area
- 70% success rate
- \$30/day per person
- Replicating the model in Raleigh, NC to obtain same outcomes
- Projecting to be up and running in 3 years in the Hampton Roads area
- Task Force (TF) identified logistics (transportation) as a concern for shelter component-to be worked out, otherwise support for program model

**HMIS Committee Report**

Joel Kirsch reported:

- Agency reports good
- Williamsburg DHS at risk of losing HMIS license was identified for not coming to meetings
- HMIS information, forms, and training guides are now located on the Task Force website
- HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual were approved and went up for Task Force vote. Possible issue identified and vote will take place at May’s Task Force Meeting once the Program Monitoring Committee has provided a final review

**Program Monitoring Committee Report**

Jessica Park reported:

- Working on a resource for Standard of Care reviews
- APR reviews on hold until new format released
- NNDHS-Housing Broker Team will be reporting quarterly to the Task Force
- Updating elements of the NOFA (HIC, PIT, unmet need) which will be entered into HDX, a new HUD system
- Annual work plan reviewed and finalized
- Members attended the April 8<sup>th</sup> CoC Training were all 17 CoCs in VA were compared and received feedback on areas to improve upon. Key points for Task Force consideration:

- CoC committee structure
- Coordination of discharge protocols
- Alignment with 10-year plan and planning objectives that support end to homelessness
- Increasing performance outcomes and close attention to bed projections
- Required for the 2010 competition-collaboration with local educational agencies
- HEARTH Act Changes
  - Expanded definition of homelessness=expanded eligibility
  - New eligible activities-prevention
  - Emphasis on performance outcomes (systemic and individual programs)
- Training slides are available upon request
- Next meeting Thursday, April 22, at 9:30AM

### **Mayors and Chairs Commission on Homelessness (COH) Report**

Jessica Park reported:

- Providers are seeing an influx of clients with the closing of PORT and ANW
- Where the Task Force (TF) is with setting priorities (survey completed, results to be reviewed)
- Overview of CoC training and South Hampton Roads needs assessment
- Josh provided HMIS update of entries and exits and a housing outcomes report
- Harlan Homes and Barbara Harvey from PHIR presented their program
- York County reported their share of COH funding was approved
- Next meeting May 14, 1PM

### **Priorities Setting Session-Continuation**

- Objectives were to provide guidance for new projects and help guide the TF in developing a work plan
- Revised mission statement was reviewed, grammatical correction made, and approved
- Reviewed survey results and work plan developed from survey
- Suggestions and feedback regarding the work plan were solicited from attendees
- Work plan will be updated with recommendations made
- Task Force may have to consider additional committees in order to carry out objectives in the plan

### **Other Business/Round Table Updates**

#### Bed Availability:

- Avalon: 3 beds ES
- Transitions: 3 units TH
- Menchville: 2 units TH
- H.E.L.P., Inc.: 1 TH 2 family shelter
- Natasha House: occupancy permit will be submit soon; tentatively opening in June

#### Announcements:

- GVPCCC Speaker slides available on website
- HELP Fashion Show May 1 tickets on sale
- ACCESS Dining Out For Life April 29<sup>th</sup>
- HPRP regional and city partners meeting @ CSB, 300 Medical Drive, April 23rd
- PICH 48<sup>th</sup> Street Annual Health Fair this Saturday, April 24th
- Next TF meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting Adjourned – 2:00 PM**

Minutes submitted by J. Park