

**Greater Virginia Peninsula Continuum of Care Council
Task Force on Homelessness Meeting, Mary Immaculate Hospital
April 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Attendees

ACCESS - S Walls-Beegle Avalon – A Smith Hampton DHS – E Chambers Hampton Military Affairs – B Peters H-NN CSB - S Armstrong, D Schwartz Housing Develop. HR - Sr. David Ann Niski LINK of HR – R Bagley Menchville House – S Jones Natasha House – D Borum, A Evans NN DHS - J Kirsch, T Rankins	Office of Human Affairs – B Lester PICH/Health Care - E Lemon The Planning Council - B Gooden, J Dixon The Salvation Army, Peninsula – T Satchell The Salvation Army, Williamsburg – R Hertzler Transitions FVS – J Jennings United Way, Williamsburg – S Whitley VAMC – D Wall VEC – C Preston
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Welcome – Joel Kirsch

Introductions of persons attending the meeting

Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2009 approved as presented.

Task Force Survey Results – Beverly Gooden

1. Which locality are you from?

Hampton - 38.9%
 Newport News - 22.2%
 James City County - 16.7%
 Other Virginia Locality - 11.1%
 Williamsburg - 5.6%
 York County - 5.6%
 Poquoson - 0.0%

No - 5.6%

2. On which committees do you/does your agency participate?

Housing Development Committee - 33.3%
 Coordinated Services Committee - 33.3%
 Program Monitoring Committee - 33.3%
 None - 22.2%
 Are there other committees you would like to see within the Task Force?
 • HMIS Committee
 • Health Care Committee
 • Project Homeless Connect Committee

4. Is the information presented at monthly Task Force meetings relevant and beneficial?

Yes - 55.6%
 Sometimes - 44.4%
 No - 0.0%
 If no, how could it be improved?

- Agency Presentations
- Bed Availability

3. Are you satisfied with the location of the Task Force meetings at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Newport News?

Yes - 94.4%

5. The Task Force website is www.vapeninsulahomeless.org. Do you find this website useful?

Yes - 83.3%
 No - 16.7%
 • Member Contact Information

6. The Task Force holds quarterly Brown Bag seminars for Case Managers. Which topics would you suggest that would provide continued professional development for case managers?

- Documentation skills
- Understanding disabilities

- Needs assessments
- Motivational interviewing
- Working w/ personality disorders
- Benefits & Eligibility
- Preventing burn out
- Comprehensive intake
- System-wide coordination & collaboration

7. Are there any activities or events you would like the Task Force to participate in?

- Hunger Banquet
- Project Homeless Connect

8. In your opinion, who else needs to be present at Task Force meetings?

- Clergy
- City government officials
- Homeless community rep
- Elected officials and policymakers
- Government agency staff
- More Program Directors
- Warwick SRO
- Housing Authority reps from every jurisdiction

9. Are there any other suggestions you would like to make to improve the work of the Task Force on Homelessness?

- More agency interaction

Other Business

1. HMIS Committee will meet April 28 at 10:00 AM, Northampton Library on Big Bethel Road. All license holders must attend. Those interested in obtaining a license are welcome to attend.
2. Beverly Gooden will create a brochure for Task Force guests.
3. The Housing Development Committee is working on several projects, such as inviting Virginia Supportive Housing to discuss options for the Peninsula, joining Housing Connect on the Southside, and initiating a Faith partnership to support persons who need short-term assistance with their rent. More details to come in the future.
4. More information regarding resources available through the Recovery Act can be found on www.usmayors.com/recovery.
5. Next month's meeting; all members are invited to bring a friend in an effort to increase attendance. Joel Kirsch will be sending out an invitation letter to those persons/organizations members indicated should be at the table.

Meeting Adjourned