

**Greater Virginia Peninsula Continuum of Care Council  
Task Force on Homelessness  
Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2008**

**Meeting Attendees**

AVALON	N. Franklin	ACCESS	S. Walls-Beegle
H.E.L.P.	C. Dillow	Hampton DHS	E. Chambers
James City Housing	A. Gerwitz	LINK	N. Vollette
Menchville House	S. Jones	Natasha House	S. Cooper
NN Redev & Housing	B. Lee	PICH	E. Lemon
Transitions	M. Wright	VEC	C. Preston
VAMC-Hampton	M. Chick-Ebey	CORE	S.L. Bridges
Emmanuel House	S. Cook	New Beech Grove	B. Phillips
			R. Dawson
NNDHS	J. Kirsch, T. Rankins	H-NNCSB	D. Schwartz
Hpt. Military Affairs	P. Mentz, A. Soltys	The Salvation Army	B. Anderson
The Salvation Army	R. Dugan		
The Planning Council	J. Dixon, P. Vedomske		

**Welcome and Introduction** were made by Joel Kirsch

**Meeting Minutes** were reviewed and approved as presented.

**SuperNofa** should be out for review the first week in July and due in Richmond in September. Each project will have to be electronically transmitted. All projects must be registered in ESNAPS. Letters of intent for Samaritan projects are to be emailed to Ella Chambers. The money can be used to fund permanent supportive housing for people who are disabled and homeless. Funding is limited to 15% of \$766,000.

The July GVPCCC general meeting will deal with the last legislative session. Our guest speaker is a lobbyist who will provide general information on some of the bills that passed and failed and his overall view of the last session.

The next Task Force Meeting will be moved to July 22, 2008 at 2 pm. Committee meetings will begin at 1pm at Mary Immaculate. ESNAPS training is July 15, 2008.

**Committee Reorganization** – Committees met last month after the regular meeting and came up with a new structure. The point-in-time count will be added as an AdHoc committee each year. It is suggested that each committee meet to set goals so everyone will know what they represent and track attendance to determine percentage of participation.

Question and explanation of GVPCCC from the floor - Is an overarching organization with dues of \$20 per year. Only paid members can vote on items.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Standards of Care – Marcy Wright**

The committee recommended adopting Norfolk’s Standard of Care modifying it to meet our needs. She discussed the purpose stated on page 3. The document was reviewed and discussed. The committee recommended that the document be applicable to all COC funded agencies. They also recommended that DHCD funded agencies come on board since they already have standards that must be met. This move would strengthen the COC statement.

**Suggestion** – page 15, E38 should read: Residents are expected to pay rent for their units based on HUD standards. Page 13, E24 Strike “Good Neighbor Agreement”.

**Plan after adoption** – Recommend agencies have a peer assessment with David Wall and a COC member from the Southside. This will allow time for the agency to say what worked and what needs to be modified. Charlotte Dillow moved the adoption of the Standard of Care with the two corrections. Stacie Walls-Beegle seconded the motion. The Task Force voted unanimously to adopt The Standards of Care.

#### **Mayors and Chairs Commission – Joy Cipriano & Stacie Walls-Beegle**

The Mayors and Chairs want to provide funds for additional HMIS licenses and for a staff person to support the Task Force. Stacie noted that we are one of the last COC that does not have an administrative support person. Five of the six localities in the GVPCCC area have agreed to fund a staff position to assist with projects, the task force, etc. and to pay for additional licenses. Groups are encouraged to provide feedback to say what they work on. The commission is reviewing information from the community and looking at “change” topics. The next meeting of the Mayors and Chairs Commission is at the end of June.

#### **Fort Monroe/BRAC – Stacie Walls-Beegle**

There are 2 proposed projects – a trust fund and an emergency shelter/drop in center. The amount offered for the trust fund and center is inadequate. We want to make sure COC continues to have some say in the use of the trust fund. The trust fund would provide monies for various services and projects to meet the need of the homeless. The committee has agreed to share the funds and allow ongoing representation on the review board of the trust.

#### **Permanent Housing & Other Shelter – Dee Schwartz**

Plans are being made to put the street sheet on the website so that any provider can use it. They also want to make a quick reference document for the homeless population.

#### **Coordinated Services – Theora Rankins**

The COC service inventory chart is 90% completed. Contact will be made with the remaining providers to gather or update service information. The project will be completed by the end of July prior to the SuperNofa deadline.

**HMIS – Pat Vedomske**

The security privacy information chart was distributed to be updated by users. Everyone is putting good information in the system. Approximately 1800 cases have been entered in the system. Not all clients in the system are homeless. Marcy Wright will enter non-DV homeless data into the HMIS.

**Ranking & Review – Ella Chambers**

The group is in the process of scheduling visits. Joyce and Trisha are scheduled to visit CANLINK. Ella noted she has received two letters of intent. The committee is in the process of adapting the documents Norfolk used for submission of the new and renewal projects. The supplemental applications will be reviewed by a smaller group than in the past for the review and rank process. Feedback will be provided.

**VMAC – Marti Chick-Ebey & Deborah Lee, Network Homeless Coordinator from Salisbury NC**  
A nationally mandated needs survey, CHALENG, was distributed to determine the unmet needs of homeless veterans in the area. Homeless and formerly homeless veterans will also be surveyed. Funding to expand permanent housing for homeless veterans has been allocated.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Minutes submitted by T. Rankins

**The next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2008.  
Committees meet at 1pm and Task Force will meet at 2pm.**