

**Greater Virginia Peninsula Continuum of Care Council
Task Force on Homelessness Meeting, Mary Immaculate Hospital
March 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Attendees

<p>ACCESS –A Bradshaw, D Myles Avalon – S Meacham Hampton DHS- A Hill, D Riter Hampton MAC-B Peters HNNCSB – D Schwartz HELP – C Dillow HDC-HR-Sr. D Niski JCC Housing & Comm Develop – A Taylor LINK of HR – K Cunningham, R Bagley NNDD-T Wilson NNDHS – T Rankins, W Harrison</p>	<p>OHA- B Lester PHIR, Inc.- H Holmes PICH – E Lemon The Planning Council – J Dixon, J Cohen, J Park The Salvation Army, Peninsula –T Satchell Transitions – M Wright U.S. Census Bureau- P Zando VAMC – E Woods VEC-C Preston York/Poquoson DSS – E Chambers</p>
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Welcome – Sarah Meacham

Approval of Minutes: February 16, 2010 meeting minutes approved

Community Alternative Management Group, Inc: George Davies, guest, presented the following opportunity:

- CAMG, Inc. has a 5 bedroom house located in Newport News and they are looking to collaborate with an agency or agencies to fill these units by sponsoring clients and providing supportive services/case management where CAMG, Inc. will in essence be the landlord
- Co-ed, group home setting
- No length of stay limitations unless issues with conduct, safety, health/wellbeing, or property destruction
- Eligible applicants must have a documented disability, be stable, and self sufficient
- Application process includes a disability form from doctor and background check (no sex offenders)
- Rent is 30% of income with utilities included/no income no rent due
- Task Force decided that this opportunity should be brought to the next SCAT meeting (possibly expanding SCAT to single adults) and Joel Kirsch’s attention

Census Efforts to Reach the Homeless: Peter Zando, Group Quarters Supervisor for the U.S. Census Bureau, provided:

- An overview of census importance and informational package
- Confirmed that the following dates for homeless enumeration:
 - 3/29/10=shelters, 3/30/10=service based (soup kitchens/food vans), 3/31/10=outdoor enumeration from 12AM-7AM
- It became known that many shelter/service providers have not been contacted by a census official to confirm count coverage. Those agencies/providers must see Peter Zando after TF meeting to ensure coverage.
- Special arrangements are made for DV shelters for census count
- Dee Schwartz will be attending the Complete Count Committee meeting this Friday, 3/12/10, and will forward information as requested

Coordinated Services Committee Report: Theora Rankins reported:

- February’s meeting cancelled
- Corrections/updates on deliverables are ongoing
- Identifying other committee action items and goals pending Task Force survey results

HMIS Committee Report: Angel Hill reported:

- Agency reports good

- 908 active clients
- Nulls for DOB <1%
- HMIS utilization for HPRP confusion and clarification needed on billing for applicant not approved for assistance
- HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual to be reviewed at next meeting

Program Monitoring Committee Report: Julie Dixon reported:

- No meeting in February
- Reminder that with upcoming changes committee will be evaluating projects based on performance
- No automatic renewals
- APR template live in March/April

2010 Point in Time (PIT) Final Report: Jessica Park reported:

- Revision to final report sent out on
- 4 items identified to improve upon for 2011 PIT count
 - Old forms used
 - Confusion with sheltered/unsheltered boxes
 - Increase HMIS participation (44 person captured in this count)
 - Ensuring coverage for unsheltered in WJCC, York, Poquoson

Spotlight on Peninsula Institute for Community Health (PICH) and Healthcare for the Homeless (HCH): Elizabeth Lemon provided overview of PICH and their HCH program:

- PICH, not a free clinic, has 5 locations
- HCH Mobile Unit operates every Tuesday from 930AM-230PM @ St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church-230 33rd Street and every Thursday from 930AM-230PM in Hampton at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church-94 Lincoln Street. Call the day of to confirm the Mobile Unit will be in operation
- Mobile Unit services include: TB tests, tetanus shots, common health assessments, referrals to specialists, basic primary care
- Prescription medication program/Pharmacy Assistance program application
- Labs
- Health education
- Dental: exams, x-rays, extractions, cleanings, fillings, referrals
- Pediatric and adult case management

City of Newport News 5 Year Consolidated Plan: Tricia Wilson reported:

- In process of drafting plan, which helps secure CDBG and HOME funds and addresses housing, homelessness, and non-housing issues (economic development)
- 4/6/10 @ 7PM community presentation on priorities and moving forward
- Public will have opportunity to submit comments and recommendations
- Feedback from service providers is a plus to be mentioned in the plan
- After 4/6/10, draft will be available
- 4/27/10 @7PM, City Council Meeting

Other Business:

- HUD CoC Training April 8th-Jessica will send information via e-mail it is advised that one person per agency attend
- Veterans Stand-Down on 3/27/10 from @ 9AM-5PM

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- HPRP Partner meeting 3/19/10 @ 10AM, City Hall 3rd floor in Development Department
- Care-A-Van, free mobile clinic for the uninsured. Routine evaluation and treatment of common illnesses and referrals to Project Care (specialist program). Locations and schedules:
 - First Baptist Church 3000 Jefferson Avenue on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month
 - Calvary Chapel Newport News 361 Beechmont Drive on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month
- PICH/HCH Cover the Uninsured Week 3/14-3/20/10. The focus is on prevention and encouraging individuals to obtain a primary care provider and the importance of dental care.
- VOAD Meeting Huntington Mennonite Church on Harpersville Road-3/13

Round Table Updates:

Bed Availability:

- Avalon: call
- Transitions: ES=7 beds
- H.E.L.P., Inc.=beds available, call
- A Night's Welcome last service date is: 3/27/10
- PORT's last service date is: 3/24/10

Program Updates:

- HNNCSB Project Onward will be up and running next week
- HNNCSB Homeless Services/Outreach expecting influx due to end of ES season
- HELP seeing 25 new patients a week on average and looking for dentists to volunteer their services. Please make referrals to Charlotte Dillow. HELP also announced Susan Wilson as a new staff member, Director of Community Development, who will perform fundraising and volunteer coordination.

Meeting Adjourned – 2:00 PM.

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