

Greater Virginia Peninsula Continuum of Care Council
Task Force on Homelessness Meeting, Mary Immaculate Hospital
May 18, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees

ACCESS –S Walls-Beegle Avalon – S Meacham HNNCSB – D Schwartz HELP – C Dillow HDC-HR-Sr. D Niski Individual- J O’Brien LINK of HR – N Vollette Menchville House- S Jones Natasha House- K Scott, A Evans NNDHS – T Rankins, W Harrison	OHA- T Francis PICH – E Lemon The Planning Council – J Dixon, J Park The Salvation Army, Peninsula –T Satchell, D Waldon The Salvation Army, Williamsburg – R Hertzler Transitions – J Jennings
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Welcome – Sarah Meacham

Approval of Minutes: **April 20,** 2010 meeting minutes were approved with the following correction: Under “Other Business/Round Table Updates” the corrected information about Natasha House should read: Occupancy permit will be submitted soon; tentatively opening in June

Items for Task Force Vote

- HMIS Policies and Procedures Manual-Approved
- Recognizing SCAT as an Official Task Force Subcommittee-Approved

Coordinated Services Subcommittee Report

Jessica Park reported:

- Members were briefed on proposal to officially recognize SCAT as an official Committee/Work Group of the GVPCCC Task Force on Homelessness.
- Discussed the interest and feasibility of integrating the Coordinated Services Committee (CSC) under SCAT. No decision was made as SCAT is still in discussions over whether or not integration would be beneficial
- Members reviewed the committee’s and Task Force’s work plans

Program Monitoring Committee Report

Julie Dixon reported:

- Standards of Care reviews may be completed in a peer review swap with Norfolk CoC
- APR reviews on hold until new format released
- The Supplemental Application form for renewal projects will be simplified
- New applicants can see Julie Dixon for guidance
- Regional (State) HPRP managed by the HNNCSB is doing great.
 - 90 households/200 individuals served, 68% of funding expended for 1st year, overall 28% expended
- Update needed on federal HPRP entitlement managed by Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority
- Next meeting Thursday, May 27, at 9:30AM
- Discussion ensued over the need to provide an educational training about our CoC system and process
 - Tools identified to assist those new to the CoC:
 - Acronym Resource
 - <http://www.hudhre.info>
 - Definition of CoC Participation (DHCD and HUD CoC funding)
 - Defined criteria for new applicants a
- A large portion of June’s Task Force meeting will be dedicated to educational training on the CoC
- Other suggestions included:

- educational trainings about the CoC be performed twice a year
- mentoring for new attendee and applicants

Mayors and Chairs Commission on Homelessness (COH) Report

Jessica Park reported to the COH:

- CoC Registration opened on 4/21/10
- Task Force work plan is in draft and will be worked on at a Strategic Planning workgroup meeting and will be finalized at the June Task Force meeting-those interested in participating please see Jessica Park

Other Information discussed at COH:

- Joy Cipriano provided HPRP program updates
- Reviewed/edited the Agreement between the VA Peninsula Localities on Homelessness, which is set to expire 6/30/10. An updated agreement will be drafted and forwarded to COH members
- Next meeting June 11, 1PM

Task Force Discussion:

- Question posed during Task Force meeting: Where does COH funding come from and where does it go? COH receives funding from each of the six jurisdictions and amounts are set by population. These funds are used to provide administrative and HMIS services/support.
- A request was made by a Task Force member to clarify York County’s position to not fund non-profits-phasing out over the next 3-years and its impact on the 10 year plan to end homelessness.
- Task Force members are interested in knowing the status with the implementation of the 10-Year Plan.

Newport News Housing Broker Team (NNHBT) Report (quarterly)

Wendy Harrison reported:

The NNHBT:

- Officially kicked off in mid-February
- Two member team:
 - Wendy Harrison, Housing Specialist: Recruits landlords and has seen positive responses
 - Private landlords work better with high barrier clients
 - Corporate companies are good at waiving fees
 - Brandy, Case Manager
- Currently assists those agencies receiving HPRP entitlement
- Serves as a liaison to assist in HPRP assessments
- HBT operates under local funding
- To date:
 - received approximately 50 referrals
 - issues with clients that have no income
 - assisted 5 families obtain permanent housing
 - approximately \$2,800 in fees waived
- Once HPRP funds have been expended HBT funds will assist Newport News residents-hopefully serve more people with looser income guidelines (80%)
- Income based housing is hard to find in the area

Member Spotlight: Housing Development Corporation of Hampton Roads (HDCofHR)

Sister David Ann Niski provided an overview of HDCofHR. Key information:

- 501 (c) (3)
- Provides quality, affordable housing opportunities (fair market rent/FMR) in safe neighborhoods for low-income and homeless clients of agencies throughout the peninsula

Minutes submitted by J. Park

- 501 (c) (3) ; no staff overhead; 13 volunteers
- Current inventory:
 - 13 apartments in Hampton
 - 1 house in Hampton
 - 3 houses in Newport News
- Under development:
 - (4) 2-BR units
 - (4) 1-BR (1) 2-BR
- Currently housing 30 people-majority CANLINK clients
- Recognized as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) in Newport News and Hampton
- Please pass information along regarding properties for sale that may be of interest to HDCofHR as they are always interested in acquisition.

Other Business/Round Table Updates

Bed Availability:

- Hampton Newport News Community Service Board (HNNCSB): full, 50 people during PATH walk-in hours one Wednesday-large percentage of them were new
- Project Onward is up and running-6 graduated Safe Harbors Program into Onward
- Transitions: 1 unit in shelter opening, new beds in June, 2 apts. Opening in TH-but must go through shelter program
- Natasha House: projected opening in June
- LINK-call for beds, HIP still going
- H.E.L.P., Inc.: full, currently planning for A Night's Welcome 2010-2011 and requested any feedback/input/suggestions be sent to Charlotte Dillow
- Malachi House: consistently full
- HUD/VASH: no referrals until possibly the summertime
- HVAMC Domiciliary-mostly full
- The Salvation Army-Wmbrg-full with waiting list
- Avalon: reports 100% utilization rate over the last 18 months and having to turn away local clients because accommodating clients from outside immediate/geographical service area. Avalon does not get any funding from Newport News or Hampton. Avalon is tracking turn-a-ways and the number of clients accepted into the program from outside of the immediate/geographical service area.

Announcements:

- City of Hampton: Thanked everyone for input on Consolidated Plan. Final copy of draft will be sent out.
- GVPCCC advocacy piece, now called "Peninsula Non-Profits United", is up and running. More information on the GVPCCC website.
- Seton Youth Shelters' van outreach program is on the peninsula. This mobile unit engages at risk/homeless youth and as of January engaged 500 youths in Hampton and Newport News.
- Fresh Start-reintegration from incarceration-looking for employers that will accept individuals with barriers
- www.peninsulavolunteer.org matches volunteers with professional skill sets to agencies that need short term assistance. The website will make the match based on the volunteer's search criteria and the volunteer initiates the match.
- GVPCCC dues 7/1/2010 due date, agencies/orgs still owe for 2009. Nan will look into posting invoices on the GVPCCC website
- Next TF meeting June 15th

Meeting Adjourned – 2:00 PM

Minutes submitted by J. Park