Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition

Homelessness will be Rare, Brief, and Non-Recurring.

AGENDA
GoTo Meeting
May 10, 2023
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Attendees:

John Guglielmino, Norfolk Community Services Board
Alicia Hensley, ForKids Inc.
Michelle Plaster, ForKids Inc.
Maddie Zingraff, Virginia Supportive Housing
Kim Wasserburg, Virginia Veteran & Family Support
Melissa Peele, Firm Foundation
Angela Gaskins, South Norfolk Memorial Library
Vantoria Clay, Endependence Center
Elizabeth Elliot, Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation

Alicia Matthew; St. Columba
Michelle Walters, YWCA
Nathan Ruckman, Virginia Supportive Housing
Brad Lazernick, Senior Services
Melissa Peele, Firm Foundation
Cheryl Griffin, Beacon of Hope
Natalie Jackson, The Planning Council
Lynne Carruth, Project Hope

Welcome and Introductions- Natalie Jackson called the meeting of the Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition (SVHC) to order at 12:35pm..

Approval of the Minutes – March 08, 2023 – John Guglielmino made a motion to approve the minutes with no noted corrections. Alicia Matthews seconded the motion. The minutes were approved for the March 08, 2023 meeting.

Project Hope Overview

Lynne Carruth, Project Analyst with Project Hope, provided an overview of the program. Project HOPE-Virginia is Virginia's program for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. William & Mary administers the program for the Virginia Department of Education. Funding is authorized under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95). Every Virginia K-12 school division has a school liaison who will ensure the enrollment, attendance, and school success of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Project HOPE provides regular subgrants of state/federal funding to local school divisions as well as training, oversight, and technical assistance. School divisions use funds to develop customized programs to meet the student's needs. Services can include emergency assistance, referrals for health services, transportation, school supplies and obtaining school records.

American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children & Youth (Arp-Hcy) Funding
In 2021, Virginia received $13,000,000 in ARP-HCY funding to assist K-12 students and their families, experiencing homelessness. The grant expires September 30, 2024.

- Purpose of the ARP-HCY grant: To support the identification, enrollment, and school participation of students experiencing homelessness, including through wrap-around services.
- Funds may be used for any expense listed in the original McKinney-Vento legislation. Each school division has developed a plan for expending these funds.

SVHC School Liaisons

- Listed below are the current liaisons for the SVHC region, also available at:
  Homeless Liaison Directory | W&M School of Education (wm.edu)

  - Norfolk: Ta-Tanisha Walton   twalton@nps.k12.va.us
  - Chesapeake: Sandy Brooks Cassandra.Brooks@cpschools.com
  - Suffolk: Randolph Boone ranboone@spsk12.net
  - Franklin: Vernita Elliott   velliott@fcpsva.org
  - Isle of Wight: Laura Cummings lcumming@iwcs.k12.va.us
  - Southampton: Dr. Shonda Harris-Muhammed smuhammed@southampton.k12.va.us

Funding Updates

Federal - Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Awards – Hampton Roads
Natalie Jackson provided an overview of the cumulative $9,143,388 in homeless assistance awarded to Continuums of Care within the Hampton Roads geographical area from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) FY2022 CoC competition. HUD expects to announce the FY2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the FY23 CoC Program Competition within the coming weeks, in which the SVHC CoC will apply.

State -Department of Housing and Community Development – Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP) and Housing Trust Fund Homeless Reduction Grant (HTF)
Natalie Jackson provided an overview of the funds awarded to the CoC through the VHSP and HTF programs for FY2023. The CoC was awarded $1,363,898 through VHSP. Additionally, five agencies within the CoC were awarded funds through the HTF grant to include: ForKids Inc., Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, S.T.A.R. Haven, Virginia Supportive Housing, and YWCA South Hampton Roads for a cumulative of $1,008,958 within the CoC.

Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count Update

Data from the 2023 Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count is now available to the CoC. During the sheltered count 523 persons were identified in Emergency Shelter and 20 persons were identified as sheltered in Transitional Housing. In addition, 110 people were identified as unsheltered during this year's count which was an increase from the previous year.

Roundtable Updates and Resources

- Senior Services will be hiring an outreach worker. The posting will be announced on the agency's website. Additionally, Fatima Tomlin, Homeless Older Adults Program Manager, will be doing office hours at PrimePlus Norfolk twice a month for seniors at risk of homelessness to ensure they are connected to the appropriate services.
- South Norfolk Memorial Library - The first Thursday of each month is Community Services Day where agencies come to connect those in need with benefits and services.
- SVHC General Membership Meetings have transitioned to a quarterly meeting schedule.

- **NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING**:   **August 10, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.**
  MEETING LOCATION: **TBD**

For any follow up information, or if you would like to be included on future agendas,
please contact Natalie Jackson (Njackson@theplanningcouncil.org).

SVHC Committee Guide

Committee	Leadership	Description
Executive Committee	Chair: Lisa Dixon 1st Vice-Chair: Sharonita Cousin 2nd Vice Chair: VACANT	Conducts the business of the Coalition, proposes general policies and guidance, including adaptation of Bylaws, and ensures subcommittees are meeting project requirements. **Meeting Schedule**: Bimonthly, 2nd Wednesday @ 2:00 pm **Location**: TBD
Program Monitoring Committee	Chair: Stacie Walls Co-Chair: Kristen Pine	Provides year-round monitoring of funded homeless projects and ensures all adhere to funding requirements, informs providers of submission requirements, coordinates an unbiased review panel to prioritize annual projects and funding, and ensures that providers meet the established Standards of Care. **Meeting Schedule**: Monthly, 3rd Wednesday @ 12:30 noon **Location**: ForKids, 1001 Poindexter Street, Chesapeake, VA
HMIS User Group		Provides oversight and guidance on issues related to the implementation of the Homeless Management Information System, ensures HMIS users meet the established Standards of Care. **Meeting Schedule**: Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m. **Location**: TBD
Service Coordination Committee - Singles	Chairs: Rebecca Brown and Fatima Tomlin	Works to address the needs of homeless individuals requiring a multitude of services through increasing coordination among housing providers and systems of care, focuses on shelter exits and securing permanent housing placements for clients, provides wrap around services for clients who cannot immediately access housing. **Meeting Schedule**: Every other Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. **Location**: TBD
Service Coordination Committee – Families	Chairs: Michelle Plaster and Nathan Ruckman	Works to address the needs of homeless families requiring a multitude of services through increasing coordination among housing providers and systems of care, monitors and facilitates the movement of families off of the shelter waiting list and into shelter or permanent housing placements by utilizing targeted referrals **Meeting Schedule**: Every Tuesday at 12:00 noon **Location**: TBD
Homeless Elders Coalition	Chairs: Rebecca Brown and Fatima Tomlin	**Meeting Schedule**: Monthly, 2nd Thursday @ 2:00 pm **Location**: