



Community Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024, 10:00 – 11:30AM
Portsmouth DSS
1701 High St
Portsmouth, VA 23704
State Classroom, 4th Floor

Members Present:

Darlene Washington (PVH, Co-Chair)
Pat Chambers (PCOM)
Barbara Wagner (VSH)
Jacqueline Miles (HAMVAMC)
Lucretia Chapman (VSH)
Sherry Johnson (PDBHS)
Jean Jones (P&P Co-Chair)
Madison Gray (EMS)
Michelle Sudderth (HER)
Jordan Crouthamel (ForKids)
Gladys Baker (STOP)
Kathie Moore (PDBHS)

Fatima Tomlin (SSSEVA)
Thomas Sasso (EMS)
Annie White-Guertin (PARC)
Gladys Baker (STOP)
Consuela Knight (PRHA)
Valzenia Jenkins (PRHA)
Olisha Sawyer (VBCDC)
Ursula Murphy (PSO, HMIS, CES Co-Chair)
Vantoria Clay (ECI)
Melissa Peele (Firm Foundation)

Other Attendee's:

Mawiyah Mason (Legal Aid)
Marie Kirk -Clunan (Legal Aid)
Taequan Kates (Legal Aid)
Nicol Perry (Licensed Realtor)
Christopher Cushnap (OTAM)
Isiah Joseph (Lightbeam Solutions)
Emily Fisher (UWSHR)
Karen Joyner (TPC)

Excused Absences:

DeAnna Valentine (PDSS, Co-Chair)

Members Absent:

Portsmouth Probation & Parole
Hendricks Living

Meeting Called to Order: 10:05AM.

Review of 01.18.24 Minutes

Attendees reviewed the January 18, 2024, minutes. Ursula Murphy (PSO, CES, HMIS Co-Chair) motioned to approve the minutes, Gladys Baker (STOP) 2nd the motion. However, there was an additional review of the minutes, and it was noted by Melissa Peele (Firm Foundation) on page 3 that the information should read: services were suspended in lieu of discontinued. Ursula Murphy motioned to amend and approve the minutes with the noted corrections and Annie White – Guertin (PARC) 2nd the motion. There were no abstentions or objections. The minutes were approved, with the noted corrections.

Agency Spotlights:

Marie Kirk – Clunan, Mawiyah Mason & Taequan Kates from the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia shared information about their range of legal services and advocacy they provide to homeless individuals under 25 in South Hampton Roads. They outlined the various services available, including aid with civil legal matters such as housing matters, support with public benefits and social security applications, and assistance with accessing housing.

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Agency Operational and Service Delivery Updates:

PVH

Darlene Sparks - Washington (PVH) reported there are no agency or operational updates at this time.

PDBHS

Sherry Johnson (PDBHS) reported their agency is advertising the need for a PATH outreach worker.

Shelter Plus Care

Kathie Moore (Shelter Plus Care) reported their program will have two (2) vacancies for singles at the next PCAN meeting. Additionally, Kathie reported that Shelter Plus Care is in need of a part time case manager.

SSSEVA

Fatima Tomlin (SSSEVA) reported there are no updates at this time.

ForKids

Jordan Crouthamel (ForKids) reported there are no updates at this time.

VSH

Barbara Wagner (VSH) reported their agency will not be renewing the Portsmouth Outreach grant once the current grant cycle ends. VSH will work with the CoC to accommodate the clients they currently have enrolled.

HER

Michelle Sudderth (HER) reported their agency will be having two (2) upcoming fundraisers and she will share the flyers via email for additional information.

EMS

Madison Gray (EMS) reported there are no updates at this time.

STOP

Gladys Baker (STOP) reported there are no updates at this time.

VBCDC

Olisha Sawyer (VBCDC) reported their agency is seeking a full-time housing navigator.

PCOM

Pat Chambers (PCOM) reported their agency has two (2) transitional housing vacancies for singles.

PSO

Ursula Murphy (PSO) reported that project Zero returns is continuing to work with justice involved individuals who report as homeless upon entry to establish needs upon release.

PARC

Annie White – Guertin reported there are no updates at this time.

PRHA

Consuela Kight & Valzenia Jenkins (PRHA) reported there are no updates at this time.

Endeppendence Center

Vantoria Clay (ECI) reported the agency will host an open house workshop targeting community/public health services providers, assisted living and homelessness/shelter providers, and others. No registration required and a flyer will be shared via email for additional information.

HAMVAMC

Jacqueline Miles (HAMVAMC) reported there are no updates at this time.

Firm Foundation

Melissa Peele (Firm Foundation) reported that the Firm Foundation will be hosting a Women's Empowerment Brunch fundraiser on March 23rd.

Committee Reports

Policy & Planning Committee

Jean Jones (P&P Co-Chair) reported the Point in time Count Committee will meet virtually March 22nd at 11am. A key point of the discussion will be surrounded on data. Jean also noted during the next Policy & Planning Committee Meeting for March 27th members will review and discuss the applications that were submitted for state funding.

Coordinated Entry Committee

Ursula Murphy (PSO, CES Co-Chair) reported the CES committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10am. The committee is in the final stages of evaluating of how individuals are moved from their crisis, identifying what their needs are and finding a housing solution.

PCAN

Karen Joyner (TPC, PCAN Co-Chair) reported the case conferencing sessions are closed meetings and are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 1pm. If anyone is interested in attending, please reach out to Ursula Murphy for additional information.

Veteran Update

Olisha Sawyer (VBCDC) reported their agency does have bi-weekly meetings with the HUD VASH team to discuss additional business.

HMIS Committee

Ursula Murphy (PSO, HMIS Co-Chair) reported that the committee meets on the odd months of the year. Data is reviewed to help agencies identify any challenges and ensure data quality.

Items from the floor:

Fatima Tomlin (SSSEVA) and Karen Joyner (TPC) shared their **experience** on their attendance at the [2024 Innovations & Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness conference](#) in San Francisco, California.

Darlene Sparks-Washington (PVH-Co-Chair) encouraged attendees and committee members to stay engaged and to continue to work on the mission of reducing homelessness in Portsmouth.

With no other business to discuss Ursula Murphy (PSO, HMIS, CES Co-Chair)) motioned to adjourn the meeting and Lucretia Chapman (VSH) 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Prepared by: Karen Joyner (TPC)