



MINUTES
IN- PERSON UNITED WAY OF THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Meeting Attendees

<p>3E Restorations Avalon – Bacon Street Youth – Benevolent Family Services – Community Members – Dream of Hope – Ezer – ForKids – S. Brackett Five Loaves Food Pantry – Four Oaks – HELP, Inc. – R. Mejia Hampton/NN CSB – J. Small HDHS – A. Hill, A. Taylor HDCHR – Sr. D Ann. JCC Housing – L. Tolly, K. Denny LGBT Life Center – K. Rogers LINK – S. Hastings, W. Cavanaugh, C. Jones, N. Smith Menchville House – D. Rogers, C. Durden</p>	<p>Natasha’s House – T. Lozada, W. Fulton NNHBT The Heart of Giving – The Planning Council – K. Griffith, A. Ofsonka, J, Dixon The Salvation Army Peninsula – T. Satchell The Salvation Army Williamsburg – Transitions – Thrive – United Way of the VA Peninsula – VAMC- VBCDC – VSH – VVFS – Williamsburg House of Mercy – York Poquoson Social Services – York County Housing – A. Woodall, J. Carter</p>
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Welcome Introductions of Members/Attendees

Lauren Tolly called the meeting to order and started introductions. The members shared shoutouts and highlights of other members that impacted their work this last month.

Review/Approval of Minutes

Approval of August 15, 2023, General Membership minutes at 9:43 am. Sr. David Ann motioned to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

Total: \$757.04

Amanda Ofsonka provided a report on the current balance. There are two outstanding reimbursements pending from the PIT breakfasts.

Attendance Standing – the attendance report will be circulated with the Dues Invoice. As a reminder, the By-Laws require agencies applying for funding to be up-to date on their dues payment and have attendance at 50% of total at both Leadership Team and General Membership meetings.

Presentations

Whitlee Cavanaugh from LINK of Hampton Roads provided an overview of their new Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF). Their coverage area includes Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, Williamsburg, James City County, and York County. The program has a goal to

serve 208 families annually. The program provides services for outreach, financial assistance, prevention, and other assistance.

Business

Housing Trust Fund – the announcement for the Housing Trust Fund application was announced last week. The Williamsburg House of Mercy and LINK of Hampton Roads applications were refunded. The applications from York County, James City County, HELP, and Transitions were not funded. The agencies are requesting the scoring sheets and a debrief meeting to understand the determination.

HUD Awards – The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the awards for the CoC applications. All the renewal projects were refunded and most received a slight increase for leasing and rental assistance.

VHSP – the State Department of Housing and Community Development opened their application for the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP). The local competition process is available on the CoC website. Supplemental applications are due on March 11, 2024.

Lower SCAAN

The committee has been busy. There have been an increasing number of veteran referrals moving through the process with the availability of the LINK SSVF program. Next meeting is February 28, 2024.

Upper SCAAN

There has been an average of 15 households per meeting at Upper SCAAN. There is an updated resource guide for the committees and on the CoC website. Next meeting is February 28, 2024.

Community Engagement Committee

Anita Taylor provided a report on the Point in Time Count. There was great energy with the volunteers. All the teams encountered people that were literally homeless.

Leadership/ Program Monitoring Committee

Lauren Tolly provided an update on the Leadership Team meeting.

CES Workgroup

Karen Griffith provided an update on the CES workgroup activities from October, November, and January 2023.

Virginia Homeless Solutions Program

Partners met on Friday to discuss the expenditure rates. The CoC is a little behind on spending. There is one agency that is voluntarily deobligating some funds and there were discussions on where funds could be shifted to ensure they are on target.

Roundtable Updates

A Night's Welcome and PORT end March 20, 2024.

There is a group out of Smithfield that offers bunk beds.

Housing Inventory and PIT count data clean up is underway. Please be on the lookout for emails from the HMIS administrators.

James City County is hosting a Budget 101 workshop that is open to the public.

SOAR Cohort will start in two weeks, reach out to Lauren if you are interested.

Karen Griffith provided a report on the upcoming meetings for the GVPHC.

CoC Blog – there is a blog now on the CoC website, if you would like to submit an article please reach out to Karen Griffith or Amanda Ofsonka.