

**Leadership Team Meeting  
GVPHC  
GoTo Meeting, December 14, 2023  
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Attendees**

<p><b>3e Restoration –</b>  <b>Ezer Initiative –</b> K. St. Clair  <b>Five Loaves Pantry –</b>  <b>ForKids –</b> S. Brackett  <b>Hampton DHS –</b> A. Taylor  <b>HELP –</b>  <b>HNNCSB –</b> J. Small  <b>HVAMC –</b>G. Hilburger  <b>HUD VASH –</b>  <b>James City County –</b> L. Tolly  <b>LINK –</b> S. Hastings, W. Cavanaugh  <b>LGBT Life Center –</b> L. Pratt  <b>Menchville House –</b> J. Perkins, L. Scott, S. Fitchett</p>	<p><b>Newport News DHS –</b> Q. White  <b>The Heart of Giving –</b>  <b>The Planning Council –</b> K. Griffith, J. Dixon, A. Ofsonka  <b>Transitions –</b> S. Dieng  <b>TSA Hampton –</b>  <b>United Way VA Peninsula –</b> C. West  <b>VBCDC –</b>  <b>VEC –</b>  <b>VSH –</b> M. Zingraff  <b>WHOM –</b>  <b>York County –</b>  <b>Community Representatives –</b></p>
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**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**II. Minutes**

- The November 9, 2023, meeting minutes were motioned for approval as written by Sanu Dieng and unanimously approved.

**III. Balance Report –**

- No changes to the balance as previously reported.

**IV. Upcoming Grants –**

- HNNCSB State PATH – Jennifer reported that the agency set aside 15 beds funded through DBHDS. HMIS is no longer required. HNNCSB is applying for more beds to expand the program and a Memorandum of Understanding is required. If funded for the additional 40 beds, 10 will be set aside for the GVPHC. They will be for literally homeless with a preference for Chronic and must have a SMI. HNNCSB provides case management while they're in the program. It's a scattered site program and the lease is in the tenant's name. Shirley Brackett moved to approve, and it was approved unanimously.
- HOME ARP TBRA – DHCD has announced a competitive application for these funds. DHCD requires a CoC letter of support and the CES is utilized for referrals. There is a preference for McKinney-Vento population for literal and at-risk. Other preferences are for DV and Veterans. The deadline is January 16 and there is no match. Amanda will send out a template for a Letter of Intent (due January 5<sup>th</sup>) so that applicants can share this information during the January 11 meeting.
- VHSP – the 2024 application will be the next competitive application. Amand reviewed the funding allocations for the past 6 years, highlighting the recent loss of the Outreach position that sits with Hampton DHS. The group discussed the existing outreach capacity, which includes the HNNCSB PATH outreach that can only serve persons with SMI within Hampton and Newport News. JCC also conducts outreach as part of their work but does not have a dedicated worker. Virginia Supportive

Housing reviewed the opportunity but didn't find an individual outreach worker to be a successful model. They would require more funding to support at least two people if the application funding allows.

The funding amount will be known once the application is announced in early 2024.

The group also discussed the news that The Planning Council recently learned that a CoC Lead Agency can be Lead for more than one Continuum. This was previously not allowed, and the group discussed what that would mean if the Lead Agency changed to TPC. A big difference is that TPC is not willing to subgrant funds to other agencies, like HDHS currently does. This would mean that agencies would have direct grants with DHCD and expend funds for reimbursement from DHCD. They would also be subject to monitoring from DHCD. This information was also discussed at the Commission on Homelessness and Ginger from NNDHS said she would reach out to Dr. T at HDHS to discuss this option.

## **V. Current Grants –**

- Quarterly Reports
  - i. ForKids – VHSP, HUD – on track with spending and drawdowns.
  - ii. HDHS – VHSP, HUD – no report
  - iii. HNNCSB – VHSP - served 8 out of 42 total in quarter 1. Working to move individuals out faster. Every person has been through CES. HUD – for S+C, served 19 in quarter 1. NNRHA has not yet completed a drawdown. working to take over this grant to manage completely by HNNCSB. for safe harbor, served 31 in quarter 1. Have had a hard time finding landlords who agree to all the program needs but have signed 7 leases recently.
  - iv. HELP – VHSP – no report
  - v. JCC – VHSP - on track for spending and serving clients except for prevention, which should catch up after the winter shelter ends.
  - vi. LGBT Life Center – HUD – on track for spending and serving more than original goal.
  - vii. LINK of HR – VHSP – port served 312 people as of December 10<sup>th</sup>. A new challenge is people having dogs who cannot go into shelter. many older and frail adults. HTF – up and running but started late due to the contract. plan to request an extension. HUD – monthly draw downs. CANLINK is at capacity and challenges of additional spending with increased rates and double security deposits.
  - viii. Menchville – VHSP – two drawdowns. most clients have permanent solutions for housing. challenges with clients destroying property. Their expansion has increased the number of beds to approximately 77.
  - ix. NNHBT – VHSP – no funds were spent in q 1 due to contract delays.
  - x. The Planning Council – HUD – 20% expended in quarter 1. Thank you to ForKids for data cleanup projects for COFM and HELP.
  - xi. Transitions – VHSP – expended 35% and awaiting reimbursement. challenges with longer stays at emergency shelter.
- BRAC Funding – no update.

## **VI. Roundtable Updates –**

- A SOAR meeting garnered interest from many people to be certified and can do this individually or as a cohort. Lauren Tolley is the regional lead for this and can be contacted for more information. Bi-monthly meetings (50%) and annual training courses are required to maintain certification.
- The Vigil for Lower Peninsula is Thursday, December 21 at Four Oaks at 4:00 PM. The Upper Peninsula Vigil will be at Williamsburg Community Chapel at 6:00 PM. Please send any names of people who passed while homeless in the past year to Karen Griffith.

- The PIT Count is scheduled for January 24 (Sheltered) and 25 (Unsheltered). Recruiting volunteers and everyone can register through the flyer. Planning to break down teams to smaller sizes.
- A spotlight session is coming up in January by ForKids that will demonstrate Resources757.
- Quincy updated the group that NNDHS is interviewing for new positions within the Housing Broker Team. Families are currently placed on the RRH Waiting List.
- Maddi reported that the PSH project plan developed by VSH and HNNCSB was approved through the Supportive Housing Institute and the agencies are seeking a site.
- Transitions Client Services building will be closed during the holidays for a break, but Hotline and Emergency Shelter will be open.
- United Way VP was awarded another round of funding for VERP. The program will continue functioning the same with partners and subgrantees.
- LINK received the SSVF award this year and they are fully staffed up and taking referrals now.
- VA is working to better streamline referrals with their challenges of less staff and multiple CoCs.

**Next meeting:** January 11, 2024, 9:00 AM *in person at United Way Virginia Peninsula (101 York Crossing, Yorktown)*