

# Leadership Team Meeting GVPHC GoTo Meeting, August 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

## Meeting Attendees

<p><b>3e Restoration –</b>  <b>Ezer Initiative –</b>  <b>Five Loaves Pantry –</b>  <b>ForKids –</b> S. Brackett, J. Dowdy  <b>Four Oaks Day Center –</b>  <b>Hampton DHS –</b> M. Jones, A. Hill, A. Nelson  <b>HELP –</b> R. Mejia  <b>HNNCSB –</b> J. Small  <b>HRCAP –</b>  <b>HVAMC –</b> M. Chick-Ebey, G. Hilberger  <b>HUD VASH –</b>  <b>James City County –</b> K. Denny, L. Tolley, L. Lopez  <b>JCC DSS-</b>  <b>LINK –</b> A. Ruffin, E. Parker, V. Cossitt, T. Prince  <b>LGBT Life Center –</b> J. Snell</p>	<p><b>Menchville House –</b> J. Peekins, S Fitchett  <b>Newport News DHS –</b> T. Snell  <b>The Heart of Giving –</b> J. Christian  <b>The Planning Council –</b> K. Griffith, A. Brandenburg, J. Dixon  <b>Transitions –</b>  <b>TSA - Hampton –</b>  <b>United Way VA Peninsula –</b> C. West  <b>VEC –</b>  <b>WHOM –</b> K. Magnusson  <b>York County –</b>  <b>Community Representatives –</b></p>
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### I. Welcome and Introductions

### II. Minutes

- The July 13, 2023, meeting minutes were motioned for approval as written by J. Snell and unanimously approved.

### III. Balance Report –

- Scholarships – there were 12 applicants. Recommend Angel to use a random generator.

### IV. Upcoming Grants –

- CoC Program –
  - HNNCSB Safe Harbors. Base score of 73 with no conditions. Not requesting any considerations.
    - The Leadership Team voted unanimously for the project to proceed for funding. HNNCSB abstains.
  - NNRHA/HNNCSB Shelter Plus Care. Base score of 113 with no conditions. Not requesting any considerations. HNNCSB is also working to transition the grant from NNRHA to HNNCSB.
    - The Leadership Team voted unanimously for the project to proceed for funding. HNNCSB abstains.
  - LINK of HR CANLINK I Consolidated. Base score of 91 no conditions.
    - Mainstream Benefits - LINK is requesting a return of 5 points due to an internal miscommunication. This led to the scorecard rerun being requested before all the data fixes were complete. Juanita motions to approve the return of the points contingent of the submission of the APR that would reflect the measure met. LINK of abstain. Motion approved. Pending return 5 points.
    - Health Insurance - LINK is requesting a return of 5 points due to an internal miscommunication. This led to the scorecard rerun being requested before all the data fixes were complete. Juanita motions to approve the return of the points contingent of the submission of the APR that would reflect the measure met. LINK of abstain. Motion approved. Pending return 5 points.

- Final score 101 with no conditions pending submission of the APR with data that would support the return of these points. The Leadership Team voted unanimously for the project to proceed for funding. LINK abstains.
  - LGBT Life Center CHAP Peninsula. Base score of 103 with no conditions
    - Coordinated Entry Referrals. LGBT Life Center is requesting 5 points back as there was not opportunity to make fixes and the threshold was 100% which did not allow for any error. There were steps in the process that were not understood. Charvalla motions not to approve the consideration due to accountability. LGBT Life Abstains. Motion approved. Points not returned.
    - Coordinated Entry Move-Ins Reflected. LGBT Life Center is requesting 5 points back as there was not opportunity to make fixes and the threshold was 100% which did not allow for any error. There were steps in the process that were not understood. Charvalla motions not to approve the consideration due to accountability. LGBT Life Abstains. Motion approved. Points not returned.
    - Final score of 103 with no conditions. The Leadership Team voted unanimously for the project to proceed for funding. LGBT Life Center abstains.

## V. Current Grants –

- VHSP – The contract was received but not in time for the August City Council meeting. The Hampton City Attorney has approved the MOU. All have been distributed and require a wet signature. FY 2023 VHSP funds were spent down 100%. CHERP was spent to 93%. Angel will be scheduling routine meetings with sub-grantees to ensure timely expenditure and remittances.
- BRAC funds – the Fort Monroe authority responded that the CoC’s recommendation has been reviewed and approved. HDHS now must get a request for the funds to be withdrawn from Fort Monroe approved by the City Council to amend the City budget.

## VI. Strategic Plan –

- Advocacy – the Leadership Team discussed topics that impact the CoC and homelessness.
  - Recommend creating a tool to follow CoC goal – i.e., make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.
  - Affordable housing
    - “The will of local gov’t to address affordable housing.”
    - Where are people working to support a local economy versus where they can afford to live?
    - Tailor message around note above.
      - Based on where you live, that is where services are accessed – benefits, emergency services, housing subsidy
      - Do communities look at their employees and where they travel to and from?
      - Mixed use communities
  - Housing First practices. Some agencies are asking to go back to Housing Plus, which places preconditions on people before they can be served, which contradicts the improvements and benefits of Housing First. The message should include the benefits of HF in our programs and the region.
    - How to clarify the definition of HF, esp. to support in votes.
    - Use data to drive messages, easy explanations.
    - Presentations on Housing First, invite legislators and local universities and housing developers.
    - Ability to follow is difficult due to conflicting laws and landlords that are high barrier.
    - Not fight against Housing Plus but continue to express Housing First successes.
  - Rental housing
    - Improve stock, more livable, and affordable housing.
  - Review what should be advocated at each level, some may not be able to make an impact on some topics.
  - Need for ongoing emergency shelter outside of winter shelter months.

- Objective, concise, quantitative measures to cut through the noise.
- Helping people afford housing better.
- ALICE population.

## **VII. Roundtable Updates –**

- Meeting with Congressman Whitman – 3e requested to meet with the Congressman. The CoC was invited to participate and discuss housing first, community needs, data, and lessons learned. The congressman signed a bill that supports Housing Plus, a new bill from Kentucky that would require CoC's to set aside 30% of funding for programs that do require preconditions (i.e., sobriety or medical treatments) for program enrollment.
- HNNCSB and VSH were selected for the Permanent Supportive Housing Institute with the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH). This program will provide permanent housing with SMI on the peninsula. There were 6 projects selected in the Greater HR area. Bay Aging was also selected to provide housing in JCC. The selected project will participate in 90 days of training, conference, and sessions to develop housing programs.
- John Skirven will provide training on benefits for Homeless Older Adults at UWVP on Friday, September 22 from 10 – 11:30 AM.
- Newport News Townhall August 22 @ 6 pm at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center.
- LGBT Life Center is holding a Groundbreaking at 10 AM on August 16 for the Peninsula Center.
- James City County is partnering with the Workforce Council to host a trade show on September 12 at the JCC Rec Center, which will include 10+ employers with job openings and applications may be available day of.
- Mike Taylor has transitioned from NNHBT to NNRHA HCV. Please contact Traci regarding anything HBT. NNHBT is hiring for the position.
- VAMC is glad to have XX join the CoC Coordinator side from HUD VASH.
- JCC has a housing specialist position open.
- WHOM is hiring a part-time person for HMIS data entry.

**Next meeting:** September 14, 2023, 9:00 AM *in person at United Way Virginia Peninsula (101 York Crossing, Yorktown)*