



POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 26, 2023

Minutes:

Attendees:

Jean Jones (P&P Co-Chair)

Sharonita Cousin (P&P Co-Chair, VSH)

Sarah Johnson (ForKids)

Michelle Sudderth (HER, PHAC Secretary)

Annie White-Guertin (PARC)

Pat Chambers (PCOM)

Dean Burgess (PDBHS)

Kathie White (PDBHS)

Darlene Washington (PVH)

Ursula Murphy (PSO, HMIS Chair, CE Co-Chair)

Maddi Zingraff (VSH)

Nathan Ruckman (VSH)

Jamar Blyther (Safe Harbor)

Amanda Brandenburg (TPC)

Karen Joyner (TPC)

Julie Dixon (TPC)

Jordan Schaller (TPC)

Missing: Eggleston, STOP, VBCDC, Endependence, Oasis, & PRHA

Excused Absences:

The meeting was called to order by Jean Jones (P&P Co-Chair) at 10:03 am.

I. Minutes –

- Dean Burgess motions to approve the minutes from March 29, 2023 with the edit to fix the date at the bottom of the minutes. Annie White-Guertin seconds. Motion carries.

II. PIT/HIC –

- Jordan Schaller provided an overview of the confirmed data for the Point In Time Count.
- Ursula Murphy motions that the PIT & HIC be submitted to HUD. Michelle Sudderth seconds.

III. VHSP Renewal

- DHCD has notified the CoC's that the renewal application is now available in CAMS. The application is due May 12, 2023.
- The committee will hold a special meeting after the quarter 3 call to discuss renewal applications, process, and timeline. A survey will be sent out to all Executive Committee members and Policy & Planning members to determine the best available time.

IV. HUD Debrief

- HUD provided the scores for the CoC Program Competition. The Planning Council provided an overview of the points awarded or missed. The Portsmouth CoC scored a total of 148.75 points of the available 200.

V. CoC Scorecard–

- The Planning Council presented a recommendation to add additional fields to the CoC program scorecard. This would increase the number of measures included for Coordinated Entry. The current measure determines if the project receives all referrals through the CES process. The two new measures would confirm housing programs are dispositioning referrals and CE Events appropriately and confirm that programs are closing out clients and updating data appropriately.
- Jean Jones noted that these would be changes and even if added to the scorecard, programs should not lose points on the new measures. The committee was reminded that while this would be a new measure on the scorecard, the requirement to fulfill the actions to satisfy the measures have been in place since October 2022.
- The recommendation is to discuss the measures further at the May Coordinated Entry Committee and potentially apply these or other measures in 2024.

VI. Quarterly Reports

- Grantees with Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP), CoC Program funding, Housing Trust Fund (HTF), and Community Block Development Grants (CDBG) reported on their current spending and services.

VII. Updates

- VHSP Quarter 3 call is May 27, 2023 at 2 pm.
- United Way Emergency Food Program is back. There are multiple levels. \$236,000 available in Portsmouth. The application should be available soon. This pays for one time rental or utility assistance. It can also pay for mass feeding in shelters. Sarah Johnson will share the announcement when it is made available.
- There are some Fair Housing and tenant law training courses available. See Karen Joyner's emails for more information.
- Oasis is holding a poverty simulation on May 19. They are looking for volunteers. It is a full day commitment.

- There are two Trauma Informed Care training courses available in May, one at ForKids and one at the United Way of the Virginia Peninsula.
- SAMHSA has announced training with a funding opportunity. Ursula Murphy will share the information.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Next meeting is May 31, 2023 – 10:00 AM