

Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition

Governance Board

MINUTES

Meeting date | time 10/14/2020 2:00 PM | Meeting location via GoTo Meeting

Type of meeting Regular Meeting

Attendees:

Michael Coffman, Chair

Kim Lombart, Norfolk DHS

Stacie Walls, LGBT Life Center

Azeez Felder, City of Suffolk

Sharon Blackwell, Chesapeake Regional

Sharon Waters, Chesapeake Citizen

Brett Sierra, Bon Secours Health

John Guglielmino, Norfolk CSB

Marti Chick-Ebey, VA Medical Center

Melissa Bonfiglio, Legal Aid

Tracy Fick, Catholic Charities EVA

Amanda Brandenburg, The Planning Council

Julie Dixon, The Planning Council

Angela Kellam, The Planning Council

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM(S)
Minutes	August 12, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as written by Marti Chick Ebey and Stacie Walls.	
Old Business	N/A	
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CoC Strategic Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Housing offers a grant to support up to \$20,000 to pay consultant fees to conduct a strategic planning exercise for CoCs in Virginia. The purpose is to maximize resources and efficiency, as well as identify best housing practices and resources for each community. TPC will write the grant in early 2021 if CoC agencies and the GB agree to support this effort. The GB discussion concluded that this would be beneficial to the CoC. 2. Winter Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norfolk, Chesapeake and Suffolk are operating non-congregate shelters at hotel sites for homeless individuals in place of traditional winter shelters. NEST in Norfolk is still hoping to operate at a limited capacity for individuals and CAPS in Suffolk is still discussing their options and capacity. CAST in 	<p>Ranking, Review, Reallocation Policy – GB members will review the policy between now and the December meeting. At the December meeting, GB members can ask any questions and will vote on the policy.</p> <p>GB Applications – Julie will resend the GB applications to the GB.</p>

Chesapeake will not operate a church-based winter shelter this year.

3. Funding Updates

- HUD – Still no word on what is happening with the annual competitive grant application. HUD has applied to Congress to not hold a competitive process this year and have only renewals apply. Originally, we learned that DV Bonus funds would be available, but we have learned the latest request is to only renew existing applications.
- The latest announcement from HUD regarding the January 2021 Point in Time Count has not yet determined if there will be a requirement for an Unsheltered Street Count in addition to the Sheltered Count. Angela asked if the hoteling programs would be included as Sheltered and Amanda said that HUD has not yet made these final announcements. We expect more information soon.
- DHCD – Since August, the SVHC received additional funding for Emergency Shelter Operations, just over \$600,000, to continue the hotel programs that have been conducted. Another \$74K for Prevention and over \$400K for RRH.
- The Rent Mortgage and Relief Program operated by ForKids has granted \$900K since June, with a recent addition of \$1 million. Close to serving 300 households and at least 800 with pending applications across the SVHC and Virginia Beach. As of October 15th, the program can pay rent past due since April through December 2020. DHCD is asking to make this a long-term program that will continue in January. A webinar is planned on Friday that will outline the new program in 2021. ForKids is hiring additional staff for this, as well.
- Melissa Bonfiglio added that Legal Aid is still trying some unlawful evictions and seeing a big difference in outcomes for those who go to court with a lawyer, as opposed to those without a lawyer.

4. City of Origin

- This conversation has been ongoing about how best to serve clients who were switching benefits in our jurisdictions since Intake asked, "In Which City Do You Receive Benefits?" SVHC members determined that clients should be served where

	<p>they are currently located. The Coordinated Entry System also had changes with updated standards that were to begin in October. The updated process allows for clients to keep their benefits based on the guidance in the SNAPs program. This process was presented to neighboring jurisdictions so that those clients are not left in a gap. Waiting to hear back from Virginia Beach still. The goal is to get this piloted to ensure equitable access across the region.</p> <p>5. Review, Ranking, and Reallocation Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda reviewed the updates added to what was originally the policy for Ranking and Review. The Reallocation guidelines came from Connecticut and we've used the majority of what they had developed with only minor adjustments for the SVHC. • The group agreed to hold off on voting until the December 2020 meeting so that everyone has time to read it and absorb it. <p>6. CoC Lead Evaluation Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation between the Governing Board and the General Membership has become more duplicative. <p>7. GB Terms and Election for Vice-Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group voted in Marti Chick Ebey as First Vice Chair and Lisa Dixon as Second Vice Chair • Recruitment for new members will be ongoing as Kim Lombart retires from the City of Norfolk and other seats are still vacant. 	
Updates	Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.	
Next Meeting	New Date: Tuesday, December 1st, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Meeting details to be provided later.	