

# Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition

## Governance Board

### MINUTES

**Meeting date | time 2/12/2020 2:00 PM | Meeting location Greenbrier Library  
1214 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake**

Type of meeting      Regular Meeting  
Attendees

<p><i>Michael Stultz, Chair</i>  <i>Sarah Johnson, ForKids</i>  <i>Brett Sierra, Bon Secours</i>  <i>Tracy Fick, CCEVA</i>  <i>Marti Chick-Ebey, VAMC</i>  <i>Carolsue Mcgehee, NCSB</i>  <i>Meghan Honan, NCSB</i>  <i>Sharon Blackwell, CRH</i>  <i>Vivian Washington, Chesapeake Libraries</i>  <i>Kristen Pine, YWCA</i></p>	<p><i>Sharon Waters, Vice Chair</i>  <i>Kim Lombart, Norfolk DHS</i>  <i>Mary Riley, Chesapeake DHS</i>  <i>Azeez Felder, Suffolk DHS</i>  <i>John Guglielmino, NCSB</i>  <i>Melissa Bonfiglio, Legal Aid</i>  <i>Julie Dixon, The Planning Council</i>  <i>Amanda Brandenburg, The Planning Council</i></p>
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<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>
<b>Minutes</b>	Will review the October Meeting Minutes in April.	Bring the minutes.
<b>Old Business</b>	Michael Stultz confirmed that the new schedule for the GB meetings will be every other month (6 per year) and they will follow the SVHC Membership meeting. This change to the Bylaws was voted on by the membership in December 2019.	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Mr. Azeez Felder was introduced as the new GB member, appointed by the City of Suffolk. Mr. Felder is the Director of Suffolk Department of Social Services.</p> <p>Sarah Johnson presented the Regional Housing Crisis Hotline for December 2019 as well as Calendar Year 2019. Members reviewed the data that demonstrates stated needs by jurisdiction, totaling 1,057 unduplicated callers in the last year.</p> <p>Mary Riley updated the members that the City of Chesapeake opened its Day Service Center at 1468 S. Military Highway, Suite 100, and it is open Mon – Fri 7 AM to 7 PM during the winter. Several vendors are located there to assist with</p>	<p>TPC to draft an RFP. GB will review and then vote to approve. Then the RFP will be published by the end of April.</p>

housing, food, showers, laundry, benefits and other services. Pick up and drop off for CAST Winter Shelter is also located there. The census has been higher than expected with both families and individuals coming in for help.

CoC/HMIS Lead Review – The GB is tasked with ensuring a review is performed on the Lead Agency. The Planning Council offered to solicit RFPs to seek out a qualified consultant and use planning funds to pay for the services. Michael agrees that a consultant is a great idea. The evaluation could include interviews with stakeholders (via phone or in-person) as well as a question survey. How should the questions be determined? HUD applications state all of the Lead Agency functions that could be used in the evaluation to create questions. Let the consultant make the final determination for the remaining questions. TPC will draft the RFP for the Board to review at the April meeting.

Amanda Brandenburg presented the timelines and details around the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program application that is due to DHCD by March 20<sup>th</sup>. The SVHC currently receives just over \$1.2 million for RRH, Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Planning, HMIS and Administration. No agency is currently funded for Outreach or Coordinated Assessment, which are also funded areas within this grant.

Commonwealth Catholic Charities issue – Michael Stultz introduced the issue facing the SVHC in which CCC has been asked to provide documentation/proof of how they were managing their RRH clients who were highlighted in two articles in the Virginia Pilot when it became known that CCC was facing financial issues surrounding the program. The NCSB met with CCC several times to develop plans for each individual and transferred several into programs operated by NCSB that were more appropriate. Michael asked that representatives from NCSB (John Guglielmino), CCC (Anita Wallen) and the Program Monitoring Committee (Kristen Pine) each take 5 minutes to summarize what has taken place and what is still unanswered from their perspective. Kristen also noted that a vote of no confidence was taken at the last PMC meeting where the members agreed that they did not support another application from CCC for VHSP funds due to the fact that they did provide documentation of what occurred, nor satisfied the other agencies that there is a housing stabilization plan for their RRH clients. It was also noted by John that there may not be another agency that applies for the RRH program,

	<p>leaving the SVHC with a big gap in housing options. Members asked questions as to the training of CCC staff and grants management process within the agency. CCC intends to apply for consideration under the VHSP application and will be part of the PMC Peer Review on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The Board will make the final decision about which applications are approved via a vote. A Doodle Poll will be sent out by Amanda Brandenburg to identify which date and time this meeting will be.</p> <p>(Further documentation provided by NCSB was submitted for members to refer to for more details. TPC will scan and send it out to Board members.)</p>	
<p><b>Updates</b></p>	<p>Julie Dixon reported out the February meeting of the Regional Task Force to End Homelessness and the information shared there by Pam Kestner, Deputy Director of DHCD, along with Christine Morris, Executive Director of LISC-Hampton Roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LISC and Sentara investments of \$50 million each were announced to address social determinants of health. Managed care and health systems have begun stepping up to explore partnerships.</li> <li>• Governor Northam initiated Executive Order 25 with 3 priorities – affordable housing, reducing evictions and increase PSH units.</li> <li>• State Level PSH Steering Committee creating more PSH for three populations (CH, SMI and IDD). The need is 5,000 PSH units across Virginia. PSH requirements for facilities (bricks and mortar), rental assistance and supportive services are the focuses of the Steering Committee. Another area of focus is for those who do not fit the PSH model but are homeless, have problems with employment and often with chronic health conditions. VDH is interested in building on the access to services and resources for this population. Medicaid expansion has helped.</li> <li>• Virginia was awarded 729 mainstream vouchers in November. DHCD is exploring if those discharged from state hospitals with SMI can be prioritized with some vouchers. Expect one more of this type of NOFA from HUD and hopeful that communities that did not receive awards will apply and get them. The real challenge is to pay for ongoing services for those who receive vouchers.</li> <li>• Housing Trust Fund – most flexible funding source we</li> </ul>	

	<p>have. 80% must be used to create or rehab affordable housing for 80% AMI or below. Up to 20% can be used for homeless reduction grants (RRH, PSH services for CH and pre-development). FY2020 - \$7m available for both efforts. The Governor is introducing an additional \$7m in this year, and then added \$23m for FY2021, and \$40m in FY2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the Governor's budget for DBHDS is approved, the additional funds will pay for individuals in state hospitals returning to communities. This would free up mainstream vouchers for CH with SMI. 350 new slots for IDD. \$8.5m for those leaving state hospitals. \$5m to acquire or develop housing for that population.</li> <li>• The State will conduct a housing study in the near future with stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p>Michael Stultz announced that he will no longer be Chair as of the April 2020 meeting due to the change in Bylaws made in October 2018 around the SVHC Annual Meeting and naming the new Chair. Michael can be extended as Chair for another term if the Board votes to approve that.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Greenbrier Library.</p>	