

Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition

Governance Board

MINUTES

Meeting date | time 6/10/2020 2:00 PM | Meeting location via GoTo Meeting

<i>Type of meeting</i>	Regular Meeting	
<i>Attendees</i>	<p><i>Michael Stultz, Chair</i></p> <p><i>Sarah Johnson, ForKids</i></p> <p><i>Brett Sierra, Bon Secours</i></p> <p><i>Tracy Fick, CCEVA</i></p> <p><i>Marti Chick-Ebey, VAMC</i></p> <p><i>Sharon Blackwell, CRH</i></p> <p><i>Angela Kellam, TPC</i></p> <p><i>Vivian Washington, Chesapeake Libraries</i></p>	<p><i>Sharon Waters, Vice Chair</i></p> <p><i>Kim Lombart, Norfolk DHS</i></p> <p><i>Mary Riley, Chesapeake DHS</i></p> <p><i>Stacie Walls, LGBT Life Center</i></p> <p><i>John Guglielmino, NCSB</i></p> <p><i>Julie Dixon, TPC</i></p> <p><i>Amanda Brandenburg, TPC</i></p>

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM(S)
Minutes	February and March minutes were approved by Michael Stultz and Mary Riley	
Old Business	N/A	
New Business	<p>VHSP Funding Awards for FY2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board members reviewed the award made by DHCD for the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program, which includes Coordinated Entry, Emergency Shelter, Outreach, Prevention and Rapid Rehousing., as well as Planning, HMIS and Admin. The final award is \$1,363,898, a 9% increase from the previous two years. The application scored an 87 and was tied for third place. DHCD also provided feedback on areas to improve the application in the future. <p>COVID Funding Updates:</p> <p>Amanda Brandenburg reviewed the funds that have been awarded to-date for COVID relief.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DHCD has extended contracts with current grantees to provide COVID funds from the state that support Emergency Shelter operations. ForKids and The Planning Council are recipients of these funds. TPC subcontracts to the City of Chesapeake and Genieve Shelter in Suffolk to ensure geographic 	

coverage throughout the CoC. Two waves of these funds have been offered.

- Additional requests were submitted to DHCD at their request through September 30, 2022 to support shelter, Prevention and Rapid Rehousing. Awards for Prevention and RRH have not yet been made.
- ESG Funding – the City of Norfolk received two waves of ESG Funding that went to support several homeless service agencies with emergency shelter and rehousing. Both waves totaled over \$3.6 million.
- CDBG Funding – the City of Norfolk put out an application for the \$2.6 million received for COVID relief, which will support rental & utilities assistance. Chesapeake and Suffolk also received smaller amounts of CDBG funds but they were largely directed to areas other than homelessness programs. However, Chesapeake did utilize some for supplies for programs feeding the homeless. Sarah Johnson stated that she was speaking with a representative of the City of Suffolk and there was perhaps a chance some of their funds would support homelessness.
- VHDA put out an application to support operating costs for service providers. SVHC was allotted \$75,000 and 4 agencies applied and were fully awarded – LGBT Life Center, ForKids, YWCA and TPC.
- All COVID funds are provided WITHOUT any required match funding.

SEE ATTACHED COVID FUNDING CHART FOR SVHC

CoC/HMIS Lead Evaluation RFP:

- Board members reviewed the proposed Request for Proposals and Timeline recommended by TPC in order to distribute it nationally by the end of June in order to receive responses back by July 31 so that the August GB meeting can select an applicant. Proposals will be sent to TPC to share with the Board, and the Final report from the consultant will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the GB.

Elections for GB vacancies:

Marti Chick-Ebey was elected by all members to serve as the Second Vice Chair.

Lisa Dixon's application to return to the GB was reviewed.

	She was voted unanimously to return.	
Updates	<p>Stacie Walls provided updates on the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act that provides funding for hoteling, permanent housing and Short-term Rent Mortgage and Utilities program, which was extended due to COVID.</p> <p>Stacie also asked that the Board members advocate with local jurisdictions and large funders to provide organizations with cash upfront due to the limitations surrounding governmental funding and match funds.</p> <p>Angela Kellam updated the Board on the newly announced Rent and Mortgage Relief Program that DHCD would be managing for the state. It is being put together very quickly to roll out on June 29th when the eviction moratorium ends to help prevent evictions. Each CoC will get \$450,000 and no staff will be supported with these funds, they are for direct assistance plus up to 10% Administration only. The Housing Crisis Hotline has offered to be the lead agency to manage this for SVHC and Virginia Beach. Portsmouth DSS will manage its own and the Peninsula is still selecting their agency.</p> <p>Michael Stultz offered a collaboration with Legal Aid on this effort as they are aware of thousands of write of evictions waiting at the courts to be reviewed and potentially approved. Legal Aid also collects the demographic information required by DHCD. A follow up meeting is set for later in the week.</p> <p>Sharon Waters offered to help work with Stacie on advocating around issues named during this meeting. Michael S suggested letters to delegates, Congress and Senators signed by Executive Officers would be most powerful. Marti also offered to help, as well.</p>	
Next Meeting	Wednesday, October 14 th , 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Meeting details to be provided later.	