



**SVHC General Membership
MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 12, 2022

Attendees:

Shantelle Haggins, The Planning Council
Darla Johnson, Salvation Army Hope Village
Barbara Wagner; Virginia Supportive Housing
Marti Chick-Ebey, Hampton VAMC
Rebecca Brown, Senior Services
Mary Riley, City of Chesapeake
Olivia Smithberger, HER Shelter
Alicia Matthews, St. Columba
Nathan Ruckman: LGBT Life Center

Sharon Blackwell, Chesapeake Regional Medical
April Freeman, VBCDC
Taleshia Howard, ForKids Inc
Vantoria Clay, Endependence Center
John Guglielmino, NCSB
Christina Drake, City of Chesapeake
Charnitta Waters, STOP Inc.
Georgene Moravec, YWCA

Welcome- Shantelle Haggins called the meeting of the Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition (SVHC) to order.

Approval of Minutes: Alicia Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes. Darla Johnson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved for the August 11th, 2021, General Membership meeting.

Program Spotlights

2021 Year in Review: Presenter Shantelle Haggins with The Planning Council. There was a total of 6 Project Spotlights Presentations during the General Membership Meetings in 2021. The Project Spotlights focused on the Virginia Eviction Reduction Pilot (VERP), Homeless Older Adults (HOA) Coalition, Compassion Advocacy Network, Project HOPE-VA and Virginia Veteran and Family Support. The Regional Training included, Race, Racism and Racial Equity Training, Domestic Violence Training, and a Gender Affirming Workshop. SVHC Received 63 Emergency Housing Vouchers in 2021. In 2021, there was a decrease in homeless persons identified. In 2020, there were 709 people identified. In 2021, there were 564 people identified. In 2021, SVHC saw the lowest PIT Count in 8 years, however the number of chronically homeless person drastically increased.

Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center: Presenter Lorna Slaughter with Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center. Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center is an outreach center located in Suffolk. Center has been in operation for 20 years. Programs and services are utilized to end food insecurity in Western Tidewater. The Center has partnered with The Food Bank of Southeast Virginia. Grocery stores provide rescued food to the Center and the community members are allowed to “shop” for free items that fit their lifestyle and food

choices. Suffolk Christian Fellowship is the sub-recipient of the grant that covers the Suffolk Winter Shelter Program. The center has 27 rooms filled with approximately 35 people.

Business

Governing Board Slate of Nominees: SVHC received a Governance Board Membership Application from Kawanna Ward. Kawanna is the Executive Director of Blakey Weaver Counseling Center in Suffolk, Virginia. The committee approved for the application to be submitted to our Governing Board.

Governing Board Report

- In December, The Governing Board voted to change the dates of the Governing Board Meeting. There are consultants working to assist with priority setting within SVHC. The Governing Board is reviewing the NOFA and funding requests.

RoundTable Updates

Next Meeting – Next Meeting on March 9th, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. Virtual