



**SVHC General Membership
MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 09, 2022

Attendees:

Jessica Milloy, ForKids	Annette Myrick, YWCA
Nathan Ruckman, Virginia Supportive Housing	Michelle Waters, YWCA
Vantoria Clay, Endependence Center	Fatima Tomlin, Senior Services
Darla Johnson, The Salvation Army	Elizabeth Elliot, VBCDC
John Guglielmino, NCSB	Domonique Stewart, CDHS
Alicia Matthew, St. Columba	Carolyn Lopez, LGBT Life Center
Maddi Zingraff, Virginia Supportive Housing	Sybil Richardson, Resources Linked
Carol Wilson, Virginia Premier Health	Jan Pruden, CAPS
Douglas Preston, Union Mission	Cheryl Griffin, Governing Board Member
Regina Land, Union Mission	Julie Dixon, The Planning Council
Sophia Louis, Union Mission	Natalie Jackson, The Planning Council
Tina Crocco-Brown, HVAMC	Amanda Brandenburg, The Planning Council
Marti Chick-Ebey, HVAMC	

Welcome- Natalie Jackson called the meeting of the Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition (SVHC) to order at 12:32pm.

Approval of Minutes: John Guglielmino made a motion to approve the minutes with no noted corrections. Elizabeth Elliot seconded the motion. Minutes were approved for the September 14, 2022, General Membership meeting.

Program Highlight: The Union Mission Ministries

Douglas Preston (Men's Shelter Director) and Sophia Louis (Women's Shelter Director) provided an agency overview of the Union Mission's programs and services. The shelter program intake process remains 'first come first serve' and it has been updated to include COVID-19 related questions. The intake process is completed between 9am-2pm Monday – Friday, and guests must provide a photo ID or have a way to identify themselves. Shelter guests are connected to services and a case manager during the initial intake process. The Union Mission announced they intend to increase capacity in 2023.

Men's Shelter Intake Hours

Monday-Friday
9am-2pm

Women's Shelter Intake Hours

Monday-Friday
10am-6pm

It's recommended that guests call ahead to check shelter availability. The Union Mission's Women and Children's Shelter is closed, and the agency anticipates the shelter to reopen in 2023.

New Business

2022 Homeless Vigil

Homeless Systems of Care across the nation are preparing to remember those who have died while homeless. National Homeless Person's Memorial Day is recognized annually on the longest night of the year, December 21. This year's vigil will take place at Freemason Street Baptist Church at 5:30pm.

2023 Point in Time Count

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. The 2023 PIT Count is scheduled to take place between January 25-26, 2023. Each count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally. The data collected during the Point in Time Count is used by government agencies to plan funding for programs that are dedicated to ending homelessness. The CoC will begin seeking volunteers to assist with the unsheltered count on Thursday, January 26, 2023, to survey those experiencing homelessness. Training will be provided for volunteers prior to the count.

RoundTable Updates

- The VA Grant and Per Diem (GPD) published two grant funding opportunities, now available for review on the GPD website. The NOFO announcement and information has been sent out to the CoC. Per Diem Only grant applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. Eastern on Monday, February 6, 2023. Transition In Place grant applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. Eastern on Monday, January 30, 2023.
- Hospitality for the Homeless will conduct the next care kit distribution on December 13, 2022. This distribution also includes a holiday season gift of surplus soap and miscellaneous care-kit items available at no cost to your program. This is in addition to the regular care kits.
- Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk winter shelter will begin in January 2023. Plans for operations are being finalized, and a flyer will be sent out to the CoC upon completion.
- NCSB announced that there are community conversations surrounding winter shelter in Norfolk encouraging organizations who have the capacity to participate.

Next Meeting – March 8th, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. Virtual