



**SVHC General Membership  
MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 12, 2020**

**Attendees:**

Amanda Brandenburg, The Planning Council  
Shantelle Haggins, The Planning Council  
Alicia Mathews, St. Columba  
John Guglielmino, Norfolk Community Service Board  
Juanita Dowdy, ForKids Inc  
Mary Riley, City of Chesapeake  
Miesha Calloway, YWCA  
Tiffany McGee, Survivor Ventures  
Evie Woods, Hampton VAMC

Kim Lombart, HART  
Michael Coffman, Chesapeake  
Olivia Smithberger, HER  
Yatia Graves, VB Community Development Corp  
Carey Yates, Eggleston  
Cassie Straus, VB CDC  
Mary Clark, Eggleston  
Christina Drake, Chesapeake

**Welcome-** Michael Coffman called the meeting of the Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition (SVHC) to order. Amanda Brandenburg leads introductions and introduces presenters.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved for the June 10<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting.

**Program Spotlights**

- **Eggleston:** Presenter Carey Yates with Eggleston explains that in 2017 employment services were expanded to people experiencing homelessness. The C3 program is grant funded and is being used to assist people with finding employment. It has traditionally supported people in Portsmouth, however now the program has grown to the city of Norfolk. They have served 500 people in C3 and 200 have found employment. C3 helps with resume, sample job application, determining skills and skill levels, doing mock interviews, getting interview clothing and transportation for interviews. Support is provided for any further support that the client may need. The program helps clients retrieve their identification, birth certificate and ID cards. If you are unsure if someone qualifies, send to information to Cary with Eggleston, so that she can have assist. Client does not have to have a disability to qualify, primary goal is to assist homeless people with finding employment.
- **Survivor Venture:** Presenter Tiffany McGee explains that their mission is to support survivors of human trafficking in Hampton Roads. They have been looking for additional funding for housing program and they have received federal grants for a housing program with a mix of RRH and TSH. For the first 1-3 months, client will receive 100 % rental assistance. For months 4-6, 75% of rental assistance will be provided. For months 6-9, 50% of rental assistance will be provided and for months 9-12, 25% rental assistance will be provided. The program is tailored to the clients' needs and is only for confirmed human trafficking victims. No rental assistance will be given for longer than 12 months. This is an extensive community-based program, and it is working to empower economically through employment. Tiffany explains that it can be hard to screen for human trafficking and that some people in this category may present as Domestic Violence victim or Sexual Assault victims. Human Trafficking Screening and Assessment tool has been sent and can be used as a guide. Survivor Ventures works directly with human trafficking victims and ensures that they are getting the services that they need. Tiffany would not recommend tweaking the assessment, use the format. They are expected to serve 14 people in the first year, likely more. SV is using tracking information management system to track individuals.

**Business**

- The Coordinated Entry System (CES) will be revamped. New agency guidelines have been sent. Please submit the documents if you have not done so. HUD has changed mandates for data collections. New guideline will outline the new process. Once form is completed, TPC will reach out to each agency and follow up about HMIS in-user training. Due to staffing, the training will be set on specific dates and times. All trainings will be recorded for review. There will be office hours set aside with HMIS administrators to ask any questions that may arise. APR must be sent in October

2021; therefore, everything needs to be in place by October 2020. Goto Webinar information will be sent next week, for training time.

- **Governing Board Report: 4 applications were received. Governing Board will select the agency to move forward with the review.**

#### **RoundTable Updates**

- NCSB has placed over 160 people into COVID hotel program. Currently between 120-130. Full time staffing and full-time security are in place. Many single and younger people are waiting longer for hotel. No limitations are being placed on the program, they are sheltering as many as possible, for as long as possible. If rules are maintained, there are no limitations on the program. Working to get permanent housing for people.
- UM Is back adding new clients to the shelter with a reduced capacity. They need Virginia ID to enter shelter.
- As last reports, Salvation Army is not accepting new clients. However, the day program has been open. There is a time limit for how long clients can linger in the building

**Next Meeting** – Next Meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.  
Virtual