



## SOAR Meeting

**Date:** August 22, 2018

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Location:** George Washington Regional Commission

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Sam Shoukas
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Lauren Dracoules (Micah Ministries) Evelyn Garcia (Child Support Enforcement) Georgi Fisher (DBHDS) Jessica Martien (TBC) Alvin Gritz (DDS) Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
<b>ABSENT</b>	Bonnie Newcomb (Fredericksburg DSS) Samantha Stevens (Spotsylvania DSS) Meghann Cotter (Micah Ministries) Felicia Taylor (Spotsylvania DSS) Hillary Wakefield (RACSB) Melissa Aylor (Stafford DSS) Rhonda Mial (FAHASS)

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>Introduction</b>	
<b>Approve July 18, 2018 Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georgi Fisher moved to approve the minutes and Alvin Gritz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</li> </ul>
<b>Gaps in SOAR coverage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From last meetings conversation, the group discussed the need for additional SOAR coverage throughout the area. In particular, there are requests that are outside of the county/city that can make it difficult for SOAR workers here to assist. In</li> </ul>

addition, there are often too many SOAR requests for the current SOAR worker capacity to handle.

- Areas of referrals in the past that may have been difficult to serve included Northumberland, Charlottesville, and King George
- The group also brainstormed providers that may benefit from having SOAR trained staff. Providers suggested were:
  - Loisann’s Hope House
  - Empowerhouse
  - Volunteers of America- Chesapeake
  - DSS offices in all counties
  - RACSB
- Georgie and Sam will work on outreaching to potential providers to try and get additional SOAR workers in the community.

**New SOAR Process**

- A new SOAR process has been developed by the state and all SOAR applications will now have to follow the steps outlined for all SOAR applications. Any issues with the steps should be brought to Georgie for assistance.

**Troubleshooting Current Cases**

- The group has experienced issues with getting consent from clients with SMI to consent or sign needed forms for the SOAR process. The group discussed possible solution. Sam will contact local DSS to learn about guardianship process in order to troubleshoot severe cases in the future.

**Next Meeting**

- The next SOAR meeting is set for September 26, 2018 at 11AM at GWRC

<b>CONCLUSION</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>