



FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL
CONTINUUM OF CARE

SOAR Meeting

Date: January 23, 2019

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: George Washington Regional Commission

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

DISCUSSION	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Approve October 24, 2018 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgi Fisher moved to approve the minutes and Bonnie Newcomb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. <p>Approve November 28, 2018 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgi Fisher moved to approve the minutes and Bonnie Newcomb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 	

SOAR Lead Updates

- Lauren Dracoules (Local Lead) - Lauren recently completed the SOAR leadership academy, making her an official SOAR lead for the area. Lauren will focus on assisting with the SOAR application process in the community. She is able to review MSRs and applications and assist with trouble shooting and technical assistance.
- Georgi Fisher (State Lead) – OAT is being tracked to make sure that workers are staying on top of it. All cases that are currently being worked and those that have been completed since July should be entered into OAT ASAP. Virginia was in the top 10 states for SOAR in the country. Georgi is currently working on outreaching to partners in the community to increase the number of SOAR trained workers in the area. Georgi will continue these efforts and to make them aware that referrals to other SOAR workers cannot continue. Georgi will also offer to provide a cohort training near the beginning of March to get a lot of people through the training together by offering 3 day training.
- Sam Shoukas (Local Lead) - Sam will be attending the SOAR leadership academy in June 2019. In the meantime, Sam is working with Coordinated Entry staff to add some questions into the coordinated assessment through diversion conversations to know if there are people that may be in need of SOAR applications. This will assist with getting a better understanding of what the need for SOAR is in the community.

RACSB Partnership

- Patricia Newman with the RACSB reached out to Lauren Dracoules regarding RACSB requests for documents. She would like to assist in making the request process easier and more streamlined. Lauren and Sam will follow up with her to discuss current process and potential issues.

Troubleshooting Current Cases

- The team discussed current issues.
 - Sam will send out rep contact list and remind them that any issues with SSA that are not resolved within 10 days should tie in Georgi and the SSA rep for assistance.
 - Changes to income amount take up to 60 days. Therefore, agencies that may be providing a rental subsidy (which is counted as income for the clients) to clients receiving SSI should take into account the time needed for the change and act accordingly.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be held March 27, 2019 at 11AM at GWRC

CONCLUSION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE