



FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL
CONTINUUM OF CARE

SOAR Meeting

Date: March 27 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	Meghann Cotter (Micah Ministries) Lauren Dracoules (Micah Ministries) Georgi Fisher (DBHDS) Evelyn Garcia (Child Support Enforcement) Alvin Gritz (DDS) Bonnie Newcomb (Fredericksburg DSS) Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
ABSENT	Samantha Stevens (Spotsylvania DSS) Felicia Taylor (Spotsylvania DSS)

DISCUSSION	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Approve January 23, 2019 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgi Fisher moved to approve the minutes and Evelyn Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. <p>SOAR Lead Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgi Fisher (State Lead) – Georgi will be offering an in-person training needed for those that have finished the online training or those that need a refresher training. There will be training available in Richmond in the beginning of April and another in Charlottesville at the end of April. Sam Shoukas (Local Lead) - Sam has been working with the CoC System Planning Committee to build capacity for SOAR in the homelessness services realm and to 	

think about how to get some more folks at the other agencies trained as a temporary capacity improvement while working toward community funding for SOAR position. Sam will send out a survey to the partners to see what training option they would be most interested in and go forward with planning something for the community.

My Social Security Accounts

- Early in the year, SSA started to require MySSA accounts in order to file online, which at times, has not been easy for some folks who are transient and do not know their history well. If SOAR workers run into an issue with this, workers are to submit paper applications while working to still get the MySSA account set up at some time. Reminder that with paper applications, protective filing date will be the date that the paperwork is submitted.

SOAR referrals

- Last month, Georgi wrote to the community partners that SOAR workers would no longer be taking SOAR applications outside of their individual caseloads. Since then, Evelyn states that she has not received any new referrals, but instead has been working through the older referrals that she has received. If there continue to be issues with referrals workers are to reach out to CoC staff to let them know.

Troubleshooting Current Cases

- The team discussed current issues and cases.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be held May 29, 2019 at 11AM at GWRC.

CONCLUSION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE