



FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL
CONTINUUM OF CARE

Discharge Planning Meeting

Date: February 21, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: George Washington Regional Commission

MEETING CALLED BY	Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
TYPE OF MEETING	Initial Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Sam Shoukas
ATTENDEES	Kathy Anderson (Empowerhouse) David Cooper (Thurman Brisben Center) Timothy Gammel (Caroline DSS) Christa Holbrook (VADOC) Maryann Kane (Fredericksburg DSS) Anne Marie Kluempfen (University of Mary Washington) Leslie Martin (University of Mary Washington) Kim Mitowski (Mary Washington Hospital) Patricia Newman (Rappahannock Area Community Services Board) Christopher Perdue (Fredericksburg Police Department) Peg Phillips (Micah Ecumenical Ministries) Juanita Shanks (FailSafe-ERA) Samantha Stevens (Mary Washington Hospital/Spotsylvania DSS) Tammy Torres (Empowerhouse) Marshall Williams (VADOC) Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
ABSENT	

DISCUSSION	
Introduction	
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past Efforts

- CoC staff discussed past efforts of the group, which had been meeting on a regular basis up until fall of 2016. Past efforts included: the creation of MOUs between organizations, troubleshooting challenge areas and cases, and the FUSE project which aimed to provide permanent supportive housing to those individuals who cycle through incarceration, homelessness, and the healthcare system.
- Current Issues/ Concerns
 - There continues to be a need for discussion around homelessness and discharge needs as the homeless system has had instances of people being dropped off at their doors and the other systems feel like they have no other options for emergency housing when those that should no longer be staying in their services need to be discharged.

Identified Community Needs

- Additional emergency shelter beds- Many times providers feel that they are not able to get an immediate response or opening for those in need of services. All providers are aware of the one number, but feel that the lack of space after calling to actually access beds quickly makes the effectiveness of the line difficult.
- Lower barrier services- Ensure the hardest to serve have access to emergency services.
- Advocacy- Ensure that elected officials are aware of the reality of the homeless population and the need for additional resources to effectively deal with the needs.
- Housing- Lack of affordable housing makes it difficult to move people from homelessness or break the cycle through multiple systems. In addition, there are many that are not ready for housing, lacking the basic skills to stay in housing if obtained.
- Resources- Many partners identified not knowing all the resources and connections in the community. More awareness and cross training to know what resources may be available to someone would be helpful.

Next Meeting

- The working group decided to meet on a quarterly basis. Next meeting will be held May 16, 2019 at 1pm at GWRC.

CONCLUSION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE