



FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL
CONTINUUM OF CARE

Discharge Planning Meeting

Date: August 15, 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) Maryann Kane (Fredericksburg DSS) Leslie Martin (University of Mary Washington) Kim Mitowski (Mary Washington Hospital)- on phone Christopher Perdue (Fredericksburg Police Department) Juanita Shanks (FailSafe-ERA) Tricia Simms – (RACSB/RRJ) Linnea Albrycht – Loisann’s Hope House Meghann Cotter – Micah Ministries Mark Houghton – CoC Volunteer Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
ABSENT	Christa Holbrook (VADOC) Patricia Newman (Rappahannock Area Community Services Board) Samantha Stevens (Spotsylvania DSS) Peg Phillips (Micah Ecumenical Ministries) Tammy Torres (Empowerhouse) Marshall Williams (VADOC)
DISCUSSION	
Introduction	

Approval of February 21, 2019 Minutes

- Leslie Martin motioned to approved minutes and Christopher Perdue seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.

Approval of May 16, 2019 minutes

- Leslie Martin motioned to approved minutes and Christopher Perdue seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.

Community Partner Presentations

- Mark Houghton introduced himself to the group. Mark will be working with the CoC to provide presentation to front line staff on the Coordinated Entry and how to best be able to connect folks with homeless services in the district. Mark will be reaching out to committee members following this meeting to set up those trainings.
- Trainings will focus on the Homelessness Helpline. Committee members also suggested some information on how to have diversions conversations and mainstream resources to assist the person in the moment when immediate access to homelessness services may not be possible. Linnea Albrycht will assist Mark at these presentations to support these conversations and assist in detailing the process for the line.

Unsheltered Homelessness Initiative

- CoC staff provided update on the unsheltered homelessness pilot that has been occurring over 1.5 years. The CoC will be trying to continue this effort into the next year by requesting funding from the jurisdictions as part of the jurisdictional application. Funding targets those living unsheltered move back to permanent housing.

Troubleshooting Current Issues

- CoC staff brought current issue of how to connect with folks that are incarcerated to be able to best connect to services prior to coming out:
 - RACSB/RRJ staff is able to sit with clients and make necessary calls for assistance.
 - Need for outreach in jails/hospitals to better connect with folks in these situations was seen as needed. Ideas about how homeless services providers could coordinate with these entities were discussed.
 - Fail Safe is starting a Ready, Set, Release that provides training to those in jail 90 days prior to release to prepare them.
 - Law enforcement discussed that it was difficult to provide info at arrest or magistrate as folks are upset, but resources may be able to be provided at jail intake.
 - More about trying to get the resources in the jail to persons coming up for release and making sure that they know the best ways to connect prior to release.
- **Unsheltered in the City**
 - Continues to be a point of discussion at the City level and different possible solutions are being discussed in how to address these, some of which may

involve law enforcement. No concrete policies or decisions have been made yet.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2019 at 1pm at GWRC. This may be rescheduled to try and accommodate CoC staff maternity leave.

CONCLUSION		
ACTION ITEMS		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	