



Fredericksburg Regional CoC Meeting Minutes

Date: October 09, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Location: Rappahannock United Way

MEETING CALLED BY	Samantha Shoukas
TYPE OF MEETING	Full CoC
NOTE TAKER	Samantha Shoukas
ATTENDEES	Caroline County DSS; CVHC; Couponing for a Cause; Empowerhouse; FAHASS; Fredericksburg Counseling Services; Fredericksburg City Schools; Fredericksburg DSS; Gemanna Community College; GWRC; Havens for Hero's; Legal Aid Works; Loisann's Hope House; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; New Post Apartments; Office on Youth; Rappahannock Area Community Services Board (RACSB); Rappahannock Goodwill Industries; Rappahannock United Way; Spotsylvania County DSS; Spotsylvania County Public Schools; Stafford County DSS; Stafford County Public Schools; Thurman Brisben Center; Virginia Employment Commission; The Community Foundation
ABSENT	Bragg Hill Family Life Center; disAbility Resource Center; Dollars for Doorbells; FailSafe- ERA; Fredericksburg Area Food Bank; Fredericksburg Planning Department; GF Habitat for Humanity; Habitat for Humanity of Caroline; Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic; Mary Washington Healthcare; McGuire VA Medical Center; New Directions; North Stafford Farmer's Market; Northern Virginia Family Service; Open Hand Fredericksburg; Project Faith, Inc.; Quin Rivers; Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging; RACSB (RRJ); Recovery In Motion; Rhema Christian Ministries; Salvation Army; SERVE; University of Mary Washington; Warfighters Refuge Project; Clay Mihoulides; Joe Hargrove; John C. Lafley; Caryn Prasse; Christian Zamas

DISCUSSION	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Approval of April 10, 2019 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micah Ministries moved to approve the minutes and Loisann's Hope House seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. <p>Approval of the July 10, 2019 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAHASS moved to approve the minutes and Fredericksburg DSS seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 	

Updates

- **HUD continuum of Care Program Grant Application**
 - The CoC submitted the HUD application for CoC Program funding on September 27, 2019. The full application and ranking is available on the website.
- **Unsheltered Homelessness Initiative**
 - The CoC has housed 9 households including 10 people through the Unsheltered Homelessness Initiative received from the City and Mary Washington Hospital. The CoC will be presenting to the GWRC Board and the other localities regarding the pilot success to apply in local application process toward end of year. CoC staff will send out dates for those presentations to the full membership so they can attend if they would like to.
- **CoC Strategic Planning**
 - The CoC has been awarded \$20,000 to update the 10- year plan to end homelessness and will be working with Amy Nissenson throughout this process. The membership will be asked for feedback throughout the process and should receive a survey by the end of the month on the CoC and where they would like to see the direction go.
- **2020 Point-In-Time Count**
 - The 2020 PIT Count is scheduled for January 22, 2019 and the CoC is currently seeking volunteers for the event. Throughout the next few months the CoC will continue to recruit volunteers and ask the community for support in identifying locations for outreach to best cover known locations of homeless folks in the community.

Committee Updates

- The chair or vice chair from each of the CoC committees provided a brief overview of the work being done in the past quarter and where the committee is going forward.
 - The Board has approved the HUD CoC Application, selected a consultant for the Strategic Planning Process, and developed an unsheltered homelessness initiative presentation for solicitation to the jurisdictions. Next quarter the Board will be working on selecting a consultant to administer the VHDA grant if awarded, develop regional homelessness proposal for region, and submit the HUD CoC program application starting the strategic planning process, approving community level policies and procedures, and continuing to work on the unsheltered homelessness initiative.
 - Funding and Performance Committee has reviewed and ranked applications for inclusion in the HUD CoC Program application and begun editing the funding policies and procedures, which will be released shortly for public comment. In the next quarter the committee will be reviewing requests for letters of support for Housing Trust Fund, drafting an evaluation/monitoring plan, and completing organizational review of grantees.
 - System planning committee has reviewed and updated coordinated entry policies and procedures, which will be posted for public comment shortly, and began developing standard policies for the prevention program with the assistance of the CoC AmeriCorps VISTA. Next quarter the committee will be working on developing standard policies for all other CoC project types, assist in planning the PIT count, and provide training on data analysis for providers and staff.
 - The nominating committee will be meeting in the next quarter to talk about filling vacancies on the CoC Board from those rolling off. Any interested members should contact CoC Coordinator regarding interest.

Agency Reports

- Agencies in attendance reported on major updates and upcoming events.

Next Meeting

- The next CoC meeting will be held January 8, 2020.