



Fredericksburg Regional CoC Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Location: George Washington Regional Commission

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

DISCUSSION	
<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was not a quorum present. Meeting minutes from October 2019 and January 2020, updated bylaws, and board nominations will be approved at the next meeting with quorum. <p>Strategic Planning Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultants Amy Nisenson and Susan Hallett provided an update on the strategic planning process for the CoC's new 10-year plan to end homelessness. Findings from the survey sent to the membership are informing the process, and Amy and Susan will continue to work with CoC staff and the Steering Committee and provide another update at the April CoC meeting. Lived 	

experience focus groups will be held at Empowerhouse, Hope House, Micah, and Thurman Brisben Center to ensure perspectives of people with lived experience of homelessness are included.

Virginia Organizing Presentation

- Bob Straight, volunteer with Virginia Organizing, presented on the Fredericksburg chapter's focus on affordable housing, including evictions data for the region.

Updates

- **CoC Bylaws Update**
 - CoC staff presented the summary of the draft revised bylaws. The group discussed the proposed changes to the statements on Board representation.
- **CoC Board Nominations**
 - CoC staff presented the draft 2020 CoC Board slate developed by the Nominating Committee. The slate included current board members whose terms expire in June 2020 and one new member. Although Marta Fuentes (RACSB Healthy Families) was included on the slate, she will not be continuing on the CoC Board due to the time commitment. Donna Krauss, representing Stafford County, was the one new board member included on the slate. The membership will vote on the nominations at the April 8th, 2020 meeting.
- **2020 Point-In-Time Count**
 - The 2020 PIT Count is scheduled for January 23, 2020. The CoC is continuing to recruit volunteers and identify survey locations, in particular for youth and unsheltered outreach.

Committee Updates

- The chairs of the Board and Funding and Performance Committee provided a brief overview of the work done in the past quarter and the committees' goals going forward. Anne Marie presented the overviews for the Discharge Planning Working Group and System Planning Committee.
 - The Board is continuing to actively participate in the Strategic Planning process and to engage the localities in support of the unsheltered homelessness initiative. Next quarter the Board will also approve the collaborative VHSP application and approve updates to community level program standards.
 - The Funding and Performance Committee has completed the letter of support process for the recent Housing Trust Fund funding round and has revised the funding policies and procedures, which have gone through public comment and will be approved by the Board. Next quarter the committee will develop an action plan, review applicant organizations and review and rank project applications for the VHSP funding round, and draft a monitoring and evaluation plan.
 - The System Planning Committee has reviewed and updated coordinated entry policies and procedures, developed standard policies for the prevention program, and begun strategizing around community housing location. Next quarter the committee will develop an action plan, plan for the VHSP funding round, develop program standards for the other program types, and assist in planning the Point in Time count.
 - The Discharge Planning Working Group has discussed best practices in discharge planning and collaborated with Mark Houghton, the CoC volunteer, and Linnea Albrycht, the Coordinated Entry and Diversion Specialist with the helpline, to give presentations on the CoC and connecting to homeless services to front line workers in relevant

agencies. Next quarter the working group will continue presentations to front line workers, continue to discuss and problem solve current discharge planning issues and build relationships between agencies, and engage the community and elected officials in the impact of homelessness on other community systems.

- The Nominating Committee met in the last quarter to develop the current draft CoC Board slate.

Agency Reports

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

Next Meeting

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