



FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL
CONTINUUM OF CARE

System Planning Committee Meeting

Date: June 17, 2020

Time: 3PM

Location: Virtual - GoToMeeting

MEETING CALLED BY	Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
ATTENDEES	Empowerhouse – Kathy Anderson; Tammy Torres Micah Ecumenical Ministries – Meghann Cotter; Lori Yelverton Loisann’s Hope House - Lisa Crittenden; Tara Best; Cait Woodward Thurman Brisben Center - Kim Lally, Dave Cooper Spotsylvania County Schools - Michelle Patton Swisher Rappahannock Area Community Services Board - Nancy Price, Betty Davis George Washington Regional Commission - Sam Shoukas; Anne Marie Kluempfen
ABSENT	Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center Individual - Christian Zammas

DISCUSSION	
<p>Introductions</p> <p>Approval of May 20, 2020 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Swisher moved to approve the minutes and Lisa Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. <p>Approval of May 27, 2020 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa Crittenden moved to approve the minutes and Tara Best seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. 	

Action Plan

- Kim Lally moved to approve the action plan and Michelle Swisher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COVID-19 Updates

- **VHSP COVID-19 Funding** – The Fredericksburg Regional CoC received an additional \$210,222 in emergency shelter funding from DHCD.
- **FEMA Funding** – State FEMA funding has been extended through July 12, 2020. Agencies providing hotel shelter to eligible FEMA households should continue to submit weekly FEMA reports and charge expenses to FEMA line item in CAMS.
- **COVID-19 Discharge Planning** – The hospital foundation has reviewed the CoC application for hotel funding to support COVID-19 positive discharges. Funding is available but will wait to distribute funds to GWRC until a referral from the hospital is received.
- **VHDA operations funding** – The CoC was awarded the full \$75,000 request from VHDA for agency operations support. GWRC is drafting MOUs for the awarded agencies and once funding is received, awards will be distributed.
- **Rent and Mortgage Assistance** – The state is funding an eviction assistance program to assist many facing eviction by assisting with rent and mortgage payments. The Rappahannock United Way has agreed to administer the program on behalf of the planning district. The program is set to roll out June 29, 2020.

Emergency Shelter Inflow

- Committee discussed prioritization needs for emergency shelter beds. The group recommends approval of a temporary prioritization of those at risk of COVID-19 for emergency shelter beds, including those that are over 65 years of age, have an underlying health conditions, and are pregnant or breastfeeding. CoC Board will approve this prioritization at their next meeting
- Committee discussed moving people from emergency shelter hotels to congregate shelter spaces. As vacancies come available, congregate shelters pull from hotel stays to fill vacancies, unless extenuating circumstances require households to remain in hotel.
- Committee discussed new folks seeking shelter and available temporary shelter options. Members addressed concerns around some current shelter policies and limitations on the community’s ability to serve all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

VISTA Interviews

- GWRC staff would like the providers to participate in the selection of next year’s VISTA member. CoC staff will reach out to reps from each participating agency.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020 at 3 PM.

CONCLUSION	
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