



FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL
CONTINUUM OF CARE

Discharge Planning Meeting

Date: August 20, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: GoToMeeting

MEETING CALLED BY	Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Sam Shoukas
ATTENDEES	Maryann Kane (Fredericksburg DSS) David Cooper; Kim Lally (Thurman Brisben Center) Amy Swift (Spotsylvania DSS) Marshall Williams (VADOC) Clifford Hagen (VADOC) Juanita Shanks (FailSafe-ERA) Kim Mitkowski (Mary Washington Hospital) Timothy Gammel (Caroline DSS) Anne Marie Kluempfen (GWRC) Sam Shoukas; Aisha Balogun (GWRC)
ABSENT	Tricia Jackson (RACSB/RRJ) Portia Bennett (RACSB/RRJ) Lisa Crittenden (Loisann's Hope House) Tara Best (Loisann's Hope House) Cait Woodward (Loisann's Hope House) Kathy Anderson (Empowerhouse) Tammy Torres (Empowerhouse) Patricia Newman (Rappahannock Area Community Services Board) Peg Phillips (Micah Ecumenical Ministries) Pam Harris (FailSafe-ERA) Leslie Martin (University of Mary Washington) Meghann Cotter (Micah Ministries) Mark Houghton (CoC Volunteer) Christopher Perdue (Fredericksburg Police Department)

DISCUSSION	
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Introduction**Approve June 18, 2020 Minutes**

- Amy Swift motioned to approve the minutes and Marshall Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COVID-19 Updates

- CoC staff provided an update on homeless services since the COVID emergency began.
 - The helpline is still running, and partners are making a concerted effort to get as many people off the street as possible. The CoC has submitted an initial request to the state for additional funding and are waiting for funding allocations, particularly for housing program funds to ensure no one will be put back on to the street.
 - The state is implementing a rent and mortgage assistance program to be ready for when the current moratorium on evictions ends. The Rappahannock United Way is confirmed to administer the funding for the planning district.
 - The CoC and other partners have met to develop a solution for those people who are discharging from the hospital and have no safe place to isolate. CoC staff are finalizing the MOU and Mary Washington Healthcare has confirmed they will release funding as needed if referrals to the program come in.
- The group discussed early releases from prison and jail. Portia Bennett explained how RRJ was instructed to discharge as many inmates as possible, and the issues experienced with the short time frame not allowing for sufficient development of home plans and connecting to other supports. Organizations are also seeing people released with home plans that may not last long.
- The group discussed decreases in jail population and delays in scheduled court cases. CoC and Coordinated Assessment staff clarified that clients can and should call the line before they are literally homeless if possible, to be connected to other resources and possibly Prevention services, as well as to ensure that those that need shelter are reaching the shelter referral list. CoC staff will send out Cait Woodward's contact information in case of further questions about the helpline, as well as the helpline flyers.
- Juanita shared about FailSafe's recent advocacy efforts and the group discussed advocacy and funding needs and other ideas for meeting housing and shelter needs, particularly for returning citizens.
- CoC staff will share information about the types of underlying health conditions for COVID vulnerability with Portia, Juanita, and Marshall. CoC staff will connect with Juanita about what support may be needed for continued advocacy.

Agency Check-ins & Troubleshooting Current Issues

- The committee discussed the possibility of monthly meetings and will revisit at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2020 at 1PM through GoToMeeting

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