



FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL
CONTINUUM OF CARE

SOAR Meeting

Date: September 23, 2020

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: GoToConnect – Virtual Meeting

MEETING CALLED BY	Samantha Shoukas
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Samantha Shoukas
ATTENDEES	Cait Woodward (Loisann’s Hope House) Peg Phillips (Micah) Tessa Branham (Micah) Lori Weresnick (Rappahannock Area Community Services Board) Evelyn Garcia (Child Support Enforcement) Samantha Stevens (Spotsylvania DSS) Lashona Abernathy (Empowerhouse) Lexy Maratellos (Micah) Natasha Reidenbach (Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Board) Julie Tuthill (Micah) Felicia Taylor (Spotsylvania DSS) Georgi Fisher (DBHDS) Jackie Weisgarber (SSA) Zach Reynolds (DDS) Lauren Dracoules (Micah) Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
ABSENT	Erica Dutcher (Micah) Nancy Price (Rappahannock Area Community Services Board) Erienne Dodson (Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Board)

DISCUSSION	
Introduction	

Approval of the July 22, 2020 Minutes

- Georgi Fisher motioned to approve the July minutes and Lashonda Abernathy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SOAR Lead Updates:

- Lauren (local SOAR): Cases are still getting approved COVID and Lauren can continue to help people needing assistance submitting their first cases, so please reach out.
- Georgi (State SOAR): Workers should continue to mail in applications if they are not able to get them through the online SSA account. Once an application is submitted, be sure to email letting them know. Updated checklists for applications will be out shortly.
- Jackie (Social Security) – Workers are should continue to in 3288 via fax or encrypted email to make sure that they are connected to a SOAR case.
- Zach (Disability Determination Services) – Zach is still helping to make sure that cases are processing smoothly, please reach out with any questions or issues. Exam backlog is being addressed and they are looking at including mental health exams in the future.

Community Data

- Virginia will most likely be in the top 10 again this year as state approvals have increase. There was a slight lengthen in the number of days to but was to be expected with COVID.

Troubleshooting Cases

- The group discussed trouble areas in cases that they were working on. Some tips provided:
 - On the medical Release Request, be sure to write coordination of care to avoid a bill.
 - If there are any cases involving child support, please reach out to Evelyn Garcia at Child support enforcement. She is available for technical assistance for ensuring checks are not garnished if getting SSI/SSA.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be held November 18, 2020 at 11AM over GoToMeeting.

CONCLUSION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE