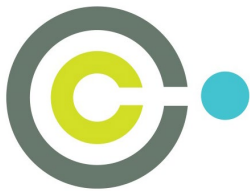




Lived Experience Committee Agenda
December 15, 2022

- Introductions
- Lived Experience Committee Schedule (ACTION ITEM)
 - Move to bi-monthly?
- CoC Updates
 - 2023 Point in Time Count
 - Cold Weather Shelter
 - Jurisdictional Application Results
- Member Updates

Next Meeting: TBD



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To: Tomeka Smith, Caroline County; Donna Leahy, City of Fredericksburg; Donna Hahn, King George County; Holly Dove, Spotsylvania County; Donna Krauss, Stafford County

RE: FY24 CoC Review of Homeless Service Jurisdiction Partner Applications

Background

A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a federally mandated local planning body that coordinates housing and services for homeless families and individuals. The Fredericksburg Regional CoC serves Planning District 16 (PD-16), which includes the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford. The CoC is responsible for the oversight of the region's efforts to prevent and end homelessness and brings many community partners together to discuss trends in homelessness and to design a system to provide services effectively and efficiently to address the needs of those experiencing homelessness. The CoC follows an established funding process to determine the allocation of state and federal funds for homeless services within the region. The CoC routinely administers approximately \$1.5 million dollars in state and federal homeless programs each year and, in 2020/2021, administered an additional \$4.5 million in COVID-19 assistance.

Each year, homeless service providers apply to PD-16 localities for partner agency funding using the community e-Cimpact portal. This year, PD-16 localities requested the CoC to assist in the review of partner agency applications requesting FY24 funding for homeless services, to provide information on how the proposed activities demonstrate the ability to meet community needs and are aligned with the priorities and direction of the region's strategic plan to end homelessness. This review is intended to provide regional context to help inform funding determinations, which are still to be made by the individual localities.

Process

Partner agencies applied for local homeless services funding using the community e-Cimpact portal, as normal. The CoC gathered a Review Committee, consisting of broad locality and subject matter representation, to review and score each application using CoC scoring sheets corresponding to the questions in the e-Cimpact application. The Committee members for the FY23 review were:

- Amy Swift – Director, Spotsylvania County Department of Social Services
- Christen Gallik - Director, Fredericksburg City Department of Social Services
- Christian Zammis – Formerly Homeless Individual; Chair, CoC Board
- Clay Mihoulides – Owner, Chris Marr Realty
- Emma Miller-Richards - Fund Development and Philanthropic Services, Community Foundation
- Joe Hargrove – Formerly Homeless Individual
- Jonathon Franklin – Director, King George Department of Social Services
- Karen McLaughlin – Family Services Specialist II, Stafford County Department of Social Services
- Kima Nieves – Formerly Homeless Individual
- Michelle Patton-Swisher – McKinney Vento Liaison, Spotsylvania County Public Schools
- Sarah Walsh – Chief Impact Officer, Rappahannock United Way

- Tameeka Heyward – Formerly Homeless Individual; Impact King George
- Wendy Sneed – Director, Caroline County Department of Social Services

The committee came together on November 29, 2022, to discuss each organization’s application and their individual reviewer scores. The committee then compiled individual scores into one overall scoring sheet for each application, provided as an attachment to this letter, and included a summary of key discussion points from the meeting. The committee reviewed and scored applications based on the following elements:

- Community Need
- Population Served
- Budget Appropriateness
- Community Collaboration
- Regional Impact
- Outcome Driven Goals and Objectives
- Program Success
- Use of Coordinated Entry
- Prior Experience

Results

Each of the completed scoring sheets are attached to this letter. The overall results were:

Applicant	Project	Score
Empowerhouse	Domestic Violence Housing Supports	17.5/19
Loisann’s Hope House	Loisann's Hope House Family Housing Program	17/19
Micah Ministries	Cold Weather Shelter	18/19
Thurman Brisben Center	Shelter Services	9.5/19

General comments on each application are provided below:

Empowerhouse

Empowerhouse is requesting funding for housing programing, which includes emergency shelter and housing support for households fleeing domestic violence. In review of the application, the committee commented that Empowerhouse’s program demonstrated a strong community need, regional impact, and strong and extensive collaboration with other community partners. The committee did not provide the project with full points as some of the program goals were not specific to ending homelessness, though the committee understands that this can be difficult given the dual goal of Empowerhouse between domestic violence services and homeless services.

Loisann’s Hope House

Loisann’s Hope House is requesting funding for their family housing program, including emergency shelter, housing, and homelessness prevention. In review of the application, the committee commented that Loisann’s Hope House’s program demonstrated a strong and extensive collaboration with other community partners, regional impact, and their connection to the coordinated entry system in the CoC. The committee did not provide the project with full points as some of the program goals were not met and the provided budget showed a deficit overall.

Micah Ministries

Micah is requesting funding for the Cold Weather Shelter to provide a shelter option for those living unsheltered during the cold winter season. In review of the application, the committee commented that Micah's program demonstrated a strong community need, regional impact, and strong and extensive collaboration with other community partners. The committee did not provide the project with full points as the project did not meet all proposed goals.

Thurman Brisben Center

Thurman Brisben Center is requesting funding for shelter services to support the implementation of emergency shelter and the accompanying services. In review of the application, the committee commented that Thurman Brisben Center's application did not adequately demonstrate a strong community need, regional impact, and strong collaboration with other community partners. The review committee was concerned with the decrease in persons served over the past few years as shown in the individuals served/projected in FY20-FY24 listed in their application.

Next Steps

With this letter and attachments, the CoC is providing information from the committee's review and scoring to the partner agency funding points of contact at each locality in order to inform local funding determinations. Any questions about this process can be directed to Samantha Shoukas, Housing and Community Health Program Director at Samantha.Shoukas@gwregion.org or 540-642-1578.

Thank you,



Christian Zammas
Chair of the Review Committee

CC: Review Committee Members; CoC Board Members; Kathy Anderson, Empowerhouse; Lisa Crittenden, Loisann's Hope House; Meghann Cotter, Micah Ministries; David Cooper, Thurman Brisben Center

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Summary

Applicant: Empowerhouse

Project: Domestic Violence Housing Supports

Project Review

Category	Scoring Factors	Available	Received	Comments
Community Need	2 points: Project meets or continues to meet a community need and/or fills a gap in services. 1 point: Project somewhat meets a need and/or fills a gap. 0 points: Project does not meet a need and/or fill a gap.	2	2	<i>Clear and specific target population, also the only provider who meets this need.</i>
Population Served	3 points: the project targets the following populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronically homeless population • Unsheltered homeless population • Highly vulnerable population (many barriers to housing) 	3	2	<i>The provider serves the unsheltered homeless & highly vulnerable population</i>
Budget Appropriateness	2 points: The project’s budget provided sufficient detail and made sense given the project description and target population. 1 point: The project’s budget left some questions on spending and was somewhat out of sync with project description and target population. 0 points: The Budget was not clear and was inappropriate for project description and target population.	2	2	
Community Collaboration	2 points: The project demonstrates strong collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area. 1 point: The project demonstrates some collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area. 0 points: The project does not demonstrate collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area.	2	2	<i>Very strong collaborators in the community.</i>
Regional Impact	2 points: Projects demonstrates strong regional impact. 1 point: Project demonstrates some regional impact 0 points: Project does not demonstrate a regional impact.	2	2	<i>Strong regional impact as the only Domestic Violence provider.</i>
Outcome Driven Goals and Objectives	2 Points: All goals and objectives are outcome driven with the intent to decrease regional homelessness. 1 point: Some goals and objectives are outcome driven with the intent to decrease regional homelessness. 0 Points: Project has not set outcome driven goals and objectives with the intent to decrease regional homelessness.	2	1.5	<i>Some goals do not relate to ending homelessness.</i>

Program Success	2 Points: Project has demonstrated success in meeting proposed goals and objectives. 1 Point: Project has demonstrated success in meeting SOME proposed goals and objectives. 0 Points: Project has not met proposed goals and objectives.	2	2	
Use of Coordinated Entry	2 points: The project utilizes the CoC's coordinated entry system or a comparable Domestic Violence system as the only source of referrals for program participants. 0 points: The project does not use the CoC's coordinated entry system or a comparable Domestic violence system as the only source of referrals for program participants.	2	2	<i>Empowerhouse successfully operates their own hotline and partners closely with the CoCs process.</i>
Prior Experience	2 points: Applicant/sub recipients have previous experience in effectively utilizing funds and performing proposed activities. 1 point: Applicant/sub recipients have experience with only one. 0 points: Applicant/sub recipients have experience with neither.	2	2	<i>Experts in their field of domestic violence.</i>
TOTAL PROJECT SCORE		19	17.5	

General/Additional Comments

This provider remains the only provider of domestic violence services in the region.

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Summary

Applicant: Loisann’s Hope House

Project: Loisann's Hope House Family Housing Program

Project Review

Category	Scoring Factors	Available	Received	Comments
Community Need	2 points: Project meets or continues to meet a community need and/or fills a gap in services. 1 point: Project somewhat meets a need and/or fills a gap. 0 points: Project does not meet a need and/or fill a gap.	2	2	<i>Clear and specific programing.</i>
Population Served	3 points: the project targets the following populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronically homeless population • Unsheltered homeless population • Highly vulnerable population (many barriers to housing) 	3	3	<i>Project targets all three populations.</i>
Budget Appropriateness	2 points: The project’s budget provided sufficient detail and made sense given the project description and target population. 1 point: The project’s budget left some questions on spending and was somewhat out of sync with project description and target population. 0 points: The Budget was not clear and was inappropriate for project description and target population.	2	1	<i>The committee has questions about where \$400,000 in expenses that do not have a source (deficiency shown in budget)</i>
Community Collaboration	2 points: The project demonstrates strong collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area. 1 point: The project demonstrates some collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area. 0 points: The project does not demonstrate collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area.	2	2	<i>Very strong collaborators in the community, always find a way to say “yes”.</i>
Regional Impact	2 points: Projects demonstrates strong regional impact. 1 point: Project demonstrates some regional impact 0 points: Project does not demonstrate a regional impact.	2	2	
Outcome Driven Goals and Objectives	2 Points: All goals and objectives are outcome driven with the intent to decrease regional homelessness. 1 point: Some goals and objectives are outcome driven with the intent to decrease regional homelessness. 0 Points: Project has not set outcome driven goals and objectives with the intent to decrease regional homelessness.	2	2	

Program Success	2 Points: Project has demonstrated success in meeting proposed goals and objectives. 1 Point: Project has demonstrated success in meeting SOME proposed goals and objectives. 0 Points: Project has not met proposed goals and objectives.	2	1	<i>The increasing income objectives were not met.</i>
Use of Coordinated Entry	2 points: The project utilizes the CoC's coordinated entry system or a comparable Domestic Violence system as the only source of referrals for program participants. 0 points: The project does not use the CoC's coordinated entry system or a comparable Domestic violence system as the only source of referrals for program participants.	2	2	<i>Hope House operates the community's helpline and works closely with other partners in the community.</i>
Prior Experience	2 points: Applicant/sub recipients have previous experience in effectively utilizing funds and performing proposed activities. 1 point: Applicant/sub recipients have experience with only one. 0 points: Applicant/sub recipients have experience with neither.	2	2	<i>Strong history of effectively utilizing funds and performing proposed activities.</i>
TOTAL PROJECT SCORE		19	17	

General/Additional Comments

This provider's success stories were especially impactful for the committee. The committee also recognizes how the provider has stepped forward to meet community need as other providers in the system have stepped back, not only meeting the already-existing gaps in service needs, but meeting those newly created as well. The committee would also like to bring attention to this provider's strong ability to collaborate with the community, and their assistance during the Madonna House Fire. This provider is the operator of the community helpline, a vital service to the region's efforts to end homelessness. This provider always finds a way to say "yes" to community asks.

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Applicant: Micah Ecumenical Ministries

Project: Cold Weather Shelter

Project Review

Category	Scoring Factors	Available	Received	Comments
Community Need	2 points: Project meets or continues to meet a community need and/or fills a gap in services. 1 point: Project somewhat meets a need and/or fills a gap. 0 points: Project does not meet a need and/or fill a gap.	2	2	<i>Project clearly meets a community need.</i>
Population Served	3 points: the project targets the following populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronically homeless population • Unsheltered homeless population • Highly vulnerable population (many barriers to housing) 	3	3	<i>Project targets all three populations.</i>
Budget Appropriateness	2 points: The project’s budget provided sufficient detail and made sense given the project description and target population. 1 point: The project’s budget left some questions on spending and was somewhat out of sync with project description and target population. 0 points: The Budget was not clear and was inappropriate for project description and target population.	2	2	
Community Collaboration	2 points: The project demonstrates strong collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area. 1 point: The project demonstrates some collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area. 0 points: The project does not demonstrate collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area.	2	2	<i>The provider is a strong collaborator in the community with other programs and agencies.</i>
Regional Impact	2 points: Projects demonstrates strong regional impact. 1 point: Project demonstrates some regional impact 0 points: Project does not demonstrate a regional impact.	2	2	
Outcome Driven Goals and Objectives	2 Points: All goals and objectives are outcome driven with the intent to decrease regional homelessness. 1 point: Some goals and objectives are outcome driven with the intent to decrease regional homelessness. 0 Points: Project has not set outcome driven goals and objectives with the intent to decrease regional homelessness.	2	2	

Program Success	2 Points: Project has demonstrated success in meeting proposed goals and objectives. 1 Point: Project has demonstrated success in meeting SOME proposed goals and objectives. 0 Points: Project has not met proposed goals and objectives.	2	1	<i>By the organization's own admission, some goals were not met.</i>
Use of Coordinated Entry	2 points: The project utilizes the CoC's coordinated entry system or a comparable Domestic Violence system as the only source of referrals for program participants. 0 points: The project does not use the CoC's coordinated entry system or a comparable Domestic violence system as the only source of referrals for program participants.	2	2	
Prior Experience	2 points: Applicant/sub recipients have previous experience in effectively utilizing funds and performing proposed activities. 1 point: Applicant/sub recipients have experience with only one. 0 points: Applicant/sub recipients have experience with neither.	2	2	<i>Strong history of effectively utilizing funds and performing proposed activities.</i>
TOTAL PROJECT SCORE		19	18	

General/Additional Comments

This provider remains the only provider of low-barrier shelter in the region. The committee also recognizes how the provider has stepped forward to meet community need as other providers in the system have stepped back, not only meeting the already-existing gaps in service needs, but meeting those newly created as well.

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Applicant: Thurman Brisben Center

Project: Shelter Services

Project Review

Category	Scoring Factors	Available	Received	Comments
Community Need	2 points: Project meets or continues to meet a community need and/or fills a gap in services. 1 point: Project somewhat meets a need and/or fills a gap. 0 points: Project does not meet a need and/or fill a gap.	2	1	<i>Low shelter usage; remain higher barrier</i>
Population Served	3 points: the project targets the following populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronically homeless population • Unsheltered homeless population • Highly vulnerable population (many barriers to housing) 	3	2	<i>The provider serves children (highly vulnerable) and the unsheltered homeless.</i>
Budget Appropriateness	2 points: The project’s budget provided sufficient detail and made sense given the project description and target population. 1 point: The project’s budget left some questions on spending and was somewhat out of sync with project description and target population. 0 points: The Budget was not clear and was inappropriate for project description and target population.	2	1	<i>The committee has questions about the need for more funding while not serving more people.</i>
Community Collaboration	2 points: The project demonstrates strong collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area. 1 point: The project demonstrates some collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area. 0 points: The project does not demonstrate collaborative efforts and key partnerships between the program and other programs and agencies in the area.	2	1	<i>The provider collaborates with a few agencies.</i>
Regional Impact	2 points: Projects demonstrates strong regional impact. 1 point: Project demonstrates some regional impact 0 points: Project does not demonstrate a regional impact.	2	1	<i>The provider has some regional impact.</i>
Outcome Driven Goals and Objectives	2 Points: All goals and objectives are outcome driven with the intent to decrease regional homelessness. 1 point: Some goals and objectives are outcome driven with the intent to decrease regional homelessness. 0 Points: Project has not set outcome driven goals and objectives with the intent to decrease regional homelessness.	2	1.5	<i>Majority of goals pertain to decreasing regional homelessness.</i>

Program Success	2 Points: Project has demonstrated success in meeting proposed goals and objectives. 1 Point: Project has demonstrated success in meeting SOME proposed goals and objectives. 0 Points: Project has not met proposed goals and objectives.	2	1	<i>Some goals and objectives have not been accomplished.</i>
Use of Coordinated Entry	2 points: The project utilizes the CoC's coordinated entry system or a comparable Domestic Violence system as the only source of referrals for program participants. 0 points: The project does not use the CoC's coordinated entry system or a comparable Domestic violence system as the only source of referrals for program participants.	2	0	<i>The provider reports that they do not use the CoC process.</i>
Prior Experience	2 points: Applicant/sub recipients have previous experience in effectively utilizing funds and performing proposed activities. 1 point: Applicant/sub recipients have experience with only one. 0 points: Applicant/sub recipients have experience with neither.	2	1	<i>Data does not completely suggest effective utilization of programming.</i>
TOTAL PROJECT SCORE		19	9.5	

General/Additional Comments

This provider has historically been an integral part of the region's system to end homelessness. TBC has gone through changes to how they operate individually and how they operate within the CoC system. Though there continues to be a place for them in the community, the lack of clarity as to who this provider accepts and how those who need these services may access them has made limited coordination and collaboration. In addition, the provider's data demonstrates a significant decrease in the number of individuals served, yet the provider requests additional funding without justification.