



Prince William Area Continuum of Care (COC)

Date: April 13, 2017
Time: 1:30pm -3pm
Location: Powell’s Creek A/B, McCoart Building
Facilitator: Elijah Johnson

Meeting Minutes

Voting Member Attendees

1. Catholics for Housing, Inc. – Karen DeVito
2. City of Manassas Department of Social Services – Michelle Childs
3. Manassas Park Department of Social Services – Randi Knights
4. Neighbors Keepers – Thelma Balli
5. Northern Virginia Family Services – Lorena McDowell
6. Occoquan Magisterial District – Jacob Mosser
7. Operation Renewed Hope Foundation – April Ballard
8. Prince William Community Services – Lynn Fritts
9. Prince William County Office of Housing and Community Development – Joan Duckett
10. Prince William Department of Social Service – Courtney Tierney
11. St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional Housing – Misty Hardman
12. Streetlight Ministries Community Outreach Ministries – Rose Powers
13. Transitional Housing Barn Inc. – Edward Spall
14. Unsheltered Homeless Coalition- Dori Cooke
15. Virginia Cooperative Extension –Nancy Stegon
16. Virginia Employment Commission – Serena Bermudez

Organizations with Voting Members not present

1. Action in Community Through Services
2. Cooperative Council of Ministries
3. Elect Ladies Transitional Home
4. Good Shepherd Housing Foundation
5. Helping Neighbors in Need
6. Independence Empowerment Center
7. League of Women Voters
8. Mulligan Services
9. People Incorporated of Virginia
10. Project Mend- A-House
11. Saved Hands Foundation

12. Skill Source Group
13. St. Francis House, a Ministry of St. Francis of Assisi Parish
14. Unsheltered Homeless Coalition

Other Attendees

Anita Eggleton – Virginia Cooperative Extension
Cait Woodward – Prince William County Department of Social Services
Camille VanAntwap- PWC Police Department
Leotha Wilkes- Helping Neighbors in Need and Sister of Hope Inc.
Debra Rapone- Northern Virginia Family Service
Fadumo Ahmed – Transitional Housing BARN, Inc.
Gabriele Tibbs- Streetlight Community Outreach Ministries
Jeffrey Foy – Action in Community Through Services
Kofi Djunphie – Manassas Park Department of Social Services
Levi Bass – Prince William County Department of Social Services
LoToya Bass-Prince William County Department of Social Services
Nichele Carver – Department of Housing and Community Development
Wendy Atkinson – Sentara

Meeting called to order at 1:30pm

- Meeting called to order by PWC Deputy County Executive Elijah Johnson
- Introduction of meeting attendees

Minutes Approval:

- Minutes were accepted for March 9, 2017 – Minutes approval, Randi Knights 1st, Lynn Fritts 2nd.

Old Business:

Remaining VHSP Funds – DSS will be submitting request to DHCD.

Committee Reports and Name Changes- approved- 1) Karen DeVito 2) Serena Bermudez

- Governance Committee
 - No proposed name change.
- Program Evaluation, Service Ranking and Application Review Committee
 - Name Change: Program and Analysis Ranking (PAR)
- Service Continuum Committee
 - No proposed name change
- Special Events, Training, Education and Information Committee
 - Name Change: Community Outreach Relationship and Engagement (CORE)
- Data, Gap, Service Needs and Best Practices Committee
 - Data and Needs Analysis (DANA)
 - Point In Time Count Update:

Accept Rapid Rehousing Benchmarks- accepted by consensus

- The National Alliance to End Homelessness has given benchmarks to reduce make homelessness rare, brief and non-reoccurring. The performance measures will look at the length participants spend homeless, permanent housing success rates and returns to homelessness. Prince William County DSS is working with HMIS to retrieve this data and set specific and measurable goals for the county.

New Business:

- Committee reports were accepted, Jacob Mosser 1st, Randi Knights 2nd. Committee Reports were accepted by consensus.

Governance

- The Governance committee made recommendation to the Board of County Supervisors to appoint Brandi Day to represent the Continuum of Care on the Housing board – approved Randi Knights 1st, Rose Powers 2nd. Recommendation was accepted by consensus.

VHSP Funding Recommendation for FY 18 renewals:

- All applying agencies were funded for renewals. Operation Renewed Hope Foundation (ORHF) reduced its funding level by \$8,988. The funds were reallocated evenly to the remaining four applying organizations, giving an increase of \$2,247 to Action in Community Through Service, BARN, Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS) and Prince William County Department of Social Services. The Program and Analysis Ranking (PAR) committee will give feedback and regulations for future grant competitions and applications. -Lynn Fritts 1st, Karen DeVito 2nd. Funding recommendations approved.

Reallocation request for ORHF FY17 funds.

- ORHF requested to reduce its FY 17 budget by \$8,000.00. Prince William County Department of Social Services recommended that fund be reallocated to NVFS to serve clients at the SERVE and Hilda Barg Shelters. -Reallocation of funds accepted by consensus.

Special Guests

- Nichelle Carver and Kendall Cloeter from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development presented information on the state goals and performance measures that will take place in the upcoming year. They discussed that every CoC should be in the process of adopting and implementing the Rapid Re-Housing Benchmarks and fully adhere to them by July 1, 2017. Coordinated Assessment must be implemented by January 23, 2018. Additionally, they recommended local service providers attend an Emergency Shelter training from the National Alliance to End Homelessness on May 4, 2017 at George Mason University.

Announcements:

- There are no more transportation funds remaining for the year. All cab service funding ended on April 11, 2017 at 5pm. Prince William Department of Social Services will inform all service providers when more funding is available.
- The Bill Mehr Drop-In Center meet and greet event was very successful, with 29 vendors and 15 clients. The center will open for clients on April 17, 2017.
- Minerva Labrador is leaving Northern Virginia Family Services as the Hilda Barg Shelter Director. Andrea Sullivan will be the new director with a tentative start date of May 1, 2017.
- ACTS received funding from the Housing Trust Fund affordable housing production program.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:45pm.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2017, 1:30pm

Powell's Creek AB, McCoart Government Complex