

Chesapeake Coalition for the Homeless

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2011

Attendees:

Alisa Winston - Chesapeake, Office of Housing
Alecia Gregg – Our House Families
Annie White-Guertin-PARC
Antoine Hines-Office of Housing/Libraries
Debbie Williams- The Planning Council
Joy Henn- H.O.P.E. Village
Karen Jackson – Dept. of Social Services
Amy Stephan – Chesapeake CSB
Diane Weymouth- United Way
Debbie Rippard – NEST

David Wall - VA Medical Center
Vikki Henderson - ForKids
Shea Stacy – H.O.P.E. Village
Sharon Wallace – The Resurrected Church
Kathy Hodges – Oak Grove United Methodist
Lynanne Gornto – SHR Regional Task Force
Robin Gawthmy – Samaritan House
Mary Aab – Virginia Supportive Housing
Tammy Loper – Dept. of Social Services

- I. **Welcome-** Amy Stephan began the meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves. Amy Stephan and Alisa Winston presented a certificate to Debbie Williams thanking her for her service to Chesapeake and the CCH. Annie White-Guertin also presented a gift on behalf of the non-profit community. Debbie Williams thanked CCH members and has enjoyed working with everyone over the last two years.
- II. **Secretary position** – Amy Stephan announced that Tammy Loper has resigned as secretary and asked if there were any volunteers for the position. Since Carsheena Montgomery at the Office of Housing acts as correspondence secretary and sends notices to the CCH this position is only responsible for the minutes at CCH meetings. Vikki Henderson volunteered for the position.

Alecia Gregg motioned that Vikki Henderson be secretary for CCH. Alisa Winston seconded the motion. All CCH members voted that Vikki Henderson would be secretary for the CCH.
- III. **Regional Workgroup** – Lynanne Gornto reported that the group met last month and voted unanimously that there should be a “Regional Decision Making Body” that would be responsible for the CoC application process. This group would have two representatives from each CoC. They also voted that renewals would be protected during applications.

The next meeting will be May 26th.

Vikki Henderson reported that the Norfolk Homeless Consortium and Continuum of Care Committee voted to issue an invitation to the other CoCs in the region to merge with Norfolk for this application. Operations and decisions would continue in the same manner as they are currently, but the region would submit one CoC application.

Amy Stephan said that CCH members needed the chance to have more discussion and that a vote would take place at the next meeting.
- IV. **SRO Update-** Alisa Winston reported that City Council voted to approve using unspent HOME and CDBG funds for the SRO. This funding equals \$1.7 million. They are now moving into the environmental review phase. Construction is set to begin this fall.

Alisa also announced that CCH needed to vote on the preference for veterans in this SRO as well as the number of chronic homeless beds. CCH members thought they needed more information on the Point in Time Count numbers and the number of units for other cities. They asked that this vote be delayed until next month.

Veterans will be given preference in this SRO meaning that if an applicant is a veteran they will be moved to the top of the list. CCH members need to approve this officially even though it has been discussed at previous meetings. Alisa motioned that veterans be given preference in the Chesapeake SRO. Annie White-Guertin seconded the motion and all CCH members voted that veterans should receive preference in the Chesapeake SRO.

- V. **Treasurer's Report** - Debbie Rippard reported that there are 16 CCH members. The balance for the Project Homeless Connect account is \$1,072.95 and the balance of the CCH dues account is \$773.44.
- VI. **Summer Point in Time Count** – Amy Stephan reported that the committee met prior to the CCH meeting to discuss the count which will take place July 27th- 28th. The question will be asked where did you sleep on July 27th. The group will meet again June 8th at 9:00am before the CCH meeting.
- VII. **Project Homeless Connect**- Antoine Hines reported that there had been generally positive feedback about the event. The committee will meet to debrief. Carsheena Montgomery will send a link to the photos to CCH members.
- VIII. **Minutes**- Members reviewed the April minutes handed out by Tammy Loper. Diane Weymouth thanked Tammy for her service as secretary and motioned that the minutes be approved. Karen Jackson seconded the motion and all voted to approve the amended minutes.
- IX. **Announcements**- Shea Stacey announced that Hope Village will have an opening soon because the first successful Chesapeake resident will be graduating.

Alecia Gregg thanked everyone for their support for Our House Families' Cinco de Mayo fundraiser. Their goal was to raise \$30,000 and they surpassed that goal. They will also be having a drop in at the emergency shelter to show the rehab work that's been done with the assistance of the Office of Housing.
- X. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be June 8, 2011.