

**Greater Richmond Continuum of Care (GRCoC) Board**  
**Monday, September 9, 2024; 9:30am; Zoom**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Jovan Burton, Patricia Cook, Traci DeShazor, Hana Yun, Scott Andrews-Weckerly, Matt Scaparro, Christine Elwell, Fred Karnas, Beth Van-Turnbull, Brian Davis, Janna Wiener, Kiva Rogers, Celeste Anderson, and Kathleen Kramer

**Homeward Staff in Attendance:** Kelly King Horne and Jen Johnson

**Notes:**

**9:32am Welcome and Consent Agenda:** Meeting had quorum. Jovan welcomed the board members. Board approved June 2024 Minutes (motioned by Beth Van-Turnbull and second by Matt Scaparro).

**9:34am** Kelly King Horne gave an update on coordinated entry by reviewing the current Access Points and Connection Points that exist within the GRCoC. Kelly also highlighted a new resource of information cards with initial resources on one side with housing search tips from the Key Hunters Program by Housing Families Search.

**(9:46am) GRCoC Board Business:**

Kelly King Horne gave an overview of the federal funding application, the HUD Continuum of Care funding, which is the largest single source of funding for homeless assistance. To increase the amount of funding we receive we must increase our competitiveness – France Marie Pugh, Director of Community Funding, identified a few specific policies that will increase our competitiveness.

1. How to reduce the length of homelessness and who is responsible
2. How to increase income from employment

Provisional approval from the board was given for both positional papers (motioned by Scott Andrews-Weckerly and second by Kiva Rogers).

Kelly King Horne gave an overview of the Statewide Homeless Data Integration Project and the connection to mainstream systems. The board approved to participate which includes Jovan's signature (motioned by Christine Elwell and second by Brian Davis).

Jen Johnson gave an update on the GRCoC Housing First surveys, which are a way for our community to demonstrate how we are practicing the Housing First model which will help us score well on the HUD Continuum of Care funding application. The surveys are in two parts, where staff are surveyed along with people with lived experience of homelessness (program participants). All Continuum of Care funded agencies will participate. Completion is set to wrap up early October 2024.

Approved by GRCoC Board  
12/09/2024

**(10:15am) Presentation:**

Traci DeShazor gave an update on the City of Richmond's Community Resource and Training Center, a Connection Point of the GRCoC. Opening Day will occur in mid-late September 2024.

**(10:35am) GRCoC Report:**

Kelly King Horne gave a review on the HUD Continuum of Care funding application and mentioned preparing for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund application that does not come through the Continuum of Care but requires a letter of support from the Continuum of Care.

Kelly shared that the results of the Summer Point-in-Time Count are posted on Homeward's website.

Jen Johnson shared an overview of the Coordinated Entry System Partner Group.

Jen Johnson shared an update on the Youth Action Board (YAB) Task Force. An in-person workshop will occur next week to drive the next steps for a new YAB.

**(10:49am) Adjournment: 12/9 next board meeting**