

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

**Board Members in Attendance:** Jovan Burton, Fred Karnas, Christine Elwell, Kiva Rogers, Celesete Anderson, Hana Yun, Brian Davis, Shawntee Wynn, Matt Scaparro, Janna Wiener, Kathleen Kramer

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

**9:32am Welcome:** Meeting had quorum. Jovan Burton welcomed the board members.

**9:33am Mission Moment:**

- Kelly King Horne presented data on homelessness in the region, highlighting that over 2,600 people sought assistance through the Homeless Connection Line and street outreach programs in the quarter from July to September.
- Kelly King Horne shared a frequently asked question document about the shelter referral and intake process. Kelly emphasized the importance of providing accurate information to policymakers and funders to ensure strategic investments.

**9:43am Consent Agenda:**

- Jovan Burton led the meeting, and the Board approved September 2024 Minutes and the 2025 meeting dates and times for the GRCoC Board meetings and the meetings for Active Members (motioned by Christine Elwell and second by Matt Scaparro).

**9:47am GRCoC Business:**

- The Board voted on the Youth Action Board Charter and Request for Proposal (motioned by Kiva Rogers).
- The Board voted on the 2025 Methodology for the Point-in-Time Count (motioned by Brain Davis and second by Kathleen Kramer)
- Jovan Burton recognized and thanked the GRCoC Board members whose terms were ending:
  - o Christine Elwell, Commonwealth Catholic Charities
  - o Fred Karnas, Mental Health Strategic Impact Initiative
  - o Janna Wiener, Virginia DBHDS
  - o Dr. Patricia Cook, Daily Planet Health Services
  - o Kiva Rogers, Chesterfield DSS

**10:02am Homeward HMIS Lead Report:**

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- Kelly King Horne discussed the use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in the community, highlighting its role in coordinating services, tracking progress, and ensuring accountability and compliance for public funding. Kelly further explained the regulatory framework and the impact of data entered in HMIS for the Inclement Weather Shelter.

**10:14am Discussion Regional Unsheltered Task Force Update:**

- Jen Johnson shared the initiative by outreach providers called "Homecoming." The Homecoming initiative aims to house as many people as possible during the cold weather months and celebrate their success at the end of January.
- Kelly King Horne shared a resource card for helping homeless families, which is still being edited. The card includes links to various organizations and resources, such as the Homeless Connection Line, Housing Resource Line, and the Street Outreach link. Kelly emphasized the need to differentiate between homeless families and unsheltered individuals, as the issues they face are different.

**10:25am Adjournment**