

Greater Richmond Continuum of Care (GRCoC) Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16th, 2026; 3:00pm; Zoom

Board Members in Attendance: Fletcher Johnson, Clara Stokes, Adrienne Cole, Beth Vann-Turnbull, Jessica Sagara, Robert Baez, Katie Chlan, Celeste Anderson, Reggie Gordon, Rev Gwynn Crichton, Amy Popovich, Shawntee Wynn, Matt Leslie, Kathleen Kramer, and Hana Yun.

Homeward Staff in Attendance: Kelly King Horne and Jen Johnson

3:03pm: The GRCoC Board was at quorum and began the meeting.

3:04pm Welcome and Consent Agenda:

The meeting began with Reggie facilitating in place of Jovan. The group reviewed and approved the January 2026 board meeting minutes without corrections.

3:05pm Update on Federal Funding and Policy

Kelly shared updates on federal and state policy, noting that although the General Assembly adjourned without passing the budget, several Continuum of Care organizations received Housing Trust Fund grants, including Homeward, St. Joseph's Villa, Housing Families First, Commonwealth Catholic Charities, Support Works Housing, and potentially YWCA. Shawntee also provided updates on the continuation of the housing program and ongoing challenges related to UPI access.

The group discussed Housing Trust Fund timelines and proposed legislation that would require grantees to be notified within 90 days. Kelly also reviewed federal funding updates, explaining that the Continuum of Care program funds approximately 30% of coordinated homeless services in the region, totaling about \$10 million annually. Additional updates included FY25 and FY26 funding timelines, legal challenges involving HUD, and Congressional direction for HUD to release grants non-competitively based on expiration quarters, with a June 1 deadline for the FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Kelly further explained that YHDP funds initially jeopardized by a new federal addendum were successfully reallocated from Virginia Home for Boys and Girls to Catholic Charities through the efforts of the ranking committee. The discussion also highlighted ongoing uncertainty around HUD funding stability, particularly concerning lease commitments with community landlords. Lastly, Kelly shared that a National Continuum of Care Lead Agency Association has been formed, with Virginia Housing covering the first year of dues for all 16

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Virginia continuums of care, and noted that a ruling on the preliminary injunction is expected later this month.

3:25pm GRCoC Strategic Planning

The meeting focused on approving a strategic planning document and establishing a steering committee for the CoC strategic plan. Kelly outlined two primary action items: approving the scoping process document and setting up the strategic planning steering committee, with a goal to complete the plan by October for release at the Regional Summit on Homelessness. Kelly also presented a draft communications and engagement plan outlining how different stakeholders would be engaged through various mechanisms, noting that the general public would not be a target audience for the strategic plan.

The group discussed a proposed stakeholder map and decision-making matrix for a strategic planning process. Kelly explained that the planning scope, timeline, and goals would be approved by the Continuum of Care Board, while the steering committee charter also needs board approval. The steering committee would be responsible for reviewing and recommending various planning components, with a proposed membership of 8-15 people including board members, service providers, government representatives, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

The board approved two key action items: the planning process and scope with local government alignment, and the Steering Committee charter. Jessica Sagara motioned to approve the planning process and scope, which was seconded by Fletcher Johnson. Beth Vann-Turnbull motioned to approve the Steering Committee charter, and Katie Chlan seconded the motion. Kelly explained that the Steering Committee will include up to 15 members representing various categories, including CoC board members, service providers, local government representatives, and individuals with lived experience. The Governance Committee will develop a process for recommending Steering Committee members.

4:07pm Upcoming Dates

The board discussed holding the June 8th meeting in person at the New Housing Success Center at St. Joseph's Villa.

4:10pm Adjournment

Next Board Meeting: TBD

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