

GRCoC Board Meeting

Minutes

November 29, 2021, virtual

Participants: Annette Cousins, Janna Wiener, Matthew Leslie, Sheneé McCray, Beth Vann-Turnbull, Eric Leabough, Jovan Burton, Kiva Rogers, Sherrill Hampton, Patricia Cook

Staff: Kelly King Horne, Michael Rogers

- I. 3:03 p.m. Meeting called to order.
- II. 3:05. September minutes approved.
- III. Staff and chair reminder members of the opportunity of Vice Chair and Quality Improvement Leadership (QIL) Committee Liaison
- IV. Members reviewed the proposed 2022-24 board slate which is pending Governance endorsement. The slate included Brian Davis: Executive Director, Capital Region Workforce, Mica Morgan: Director of EmpowerNet Collaborative Services, Empowernet; Erika Schmale: C-FIT Family Liaison, Richmond Public Schools, and Matt Scaparro: Vice President – Property Management, Better Housing Coalition.
- V. Staff reviewed the GRCoC's HUD CoC funding request submitted on November 10, 2021. The application includes a funding request for 15 projects (12 renewal and 3 new projects) totaling \$5,546,829 to support Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-housing, Coordinated Entry, and Planning. One provider representative member expressed the need to clarify the scoring process for renewal applications. Staff offered to develop a guidance document to include with performance measurements, as well as host a performance measurements information session at the beginning of each coordinated funding competition. Staff also offered to invite the Ranking and Review Committee chair to the session.
- VI. The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development determined that RUMI is not currently eligible to receive federal funding. The remaining \$1,300,000 in CDBG-CV is still available to our community. On 11/17 the Ranking Committee endorsed allocating the remaining funding to CCC.
 - a. 3:40 The board voted to approve allocating the remaining funding to CCC's NCS program
- VII. Staff provided a report of several current initiatives
 - a. HUD TA providers are currently working with staff and partners to develop a shelter COVID protocol. The homeless response system should have multiple pathways available for COVID+ individuals and work collectively to ensure that all COVID+ individuals experiencing homelessness have access to safe and sanitary space, coupled with easy access to medical care. The homeless response system should have multiple pathways available for COVID+ individuals and work collectively to ensure that all COVID+ individuals

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- b. Day one funding planning process: Homeward has been selected to receive a \$2.5 million grant from the Bezos Day 1 Families Fund—the largest grant in Homeward's history. Funding supports families with children experiencing homelessness by immediately expanding outreach capacity and rapid intervention. The grant will also go towards launching an open and inclusive process to identify community needs and strategies to address homelessness. Homeward has engaged a racial equity and inclusive planning consultant to help develop and implement this strategy.
- c. Emergency Housing Vouchers update:
 - RRHA: 26 approved (3 leased up)
 - CVRC: 19 approved (1 leased up)
 - Henrico: 10 approved
 - DV: 7 referrals (3 approved)
 - Lease Ups: 4 leased up and 3 waiting to be leased up
- d. Racial equity analysis and next steps: Homeward conducted analyses in 2019 and 2021. Homeward has engaged a consultant and is working on developing a proposal for:
 - Two “How to be an ally” trainings (one of Homeward staff, one for CoC providers)
 - Reviewing and refining Day 1 inclusive planning process
 - Developing cohort leadership develop program for people currently experiencing or with past lived experience of homelessness

VIII. Review of proposed 2022 board meeting dates:

All Mondays, 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.:

- January 31
- April 18
- July 18
- October 10
- December 12

VIX. 4:23 The meeting adjourned.

System Policy and Process Committee:

Topics covered in training (2 hours with a break included):

- HEARTH Act
- Data/HMIS
- Role of CES Coordinator
- How local CE policy is developed
- CES flow
- Access
- Assessment
- Referral
- Prioritization
 - Function and current policies
- Reporting
- Program standards
 - Highlights and where to find them
- Where to find other relevant docs
- Review of MoU
 - Instructions
 - Purpose
 - Services
 - Expectations
 - Review of CES P&P (high-level)
 - Due date