

Greater Richmond Continuum of Care

General Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2021, virtual

Minutes

Participants: Katie Chlan (RBHA), Felecia Motteler (Virginia Supportive Housing, (VSH)), Karen Swansey (Virginia Home for Boys and Girls (VHBG)), Denise Bavaro (VSH), Alecia Venable (Venable Community Services), Robbie Franklin (Southside Community Development Corporation, Robert Linkonis (Credit Restoration Institute), Phyllis Grooms-Gordon (RDSS), Anita Wallen (Commonwealth Catholic Charities), Rochelle Smith (RDSS), Andrea Makriyianis (C/CHDSS), Sarah Ferk (Thrive RVA), Sarah Tunner (Daily Planet Health Services) Beth Vann-Turnbull (Housing Families First), Jennifer Patterson (CARITAS), Amanda Browder (St. Joseph's Villa), Paul Murphy (The Salvation Army) Cindy Chambers (Commonwealth Catholic Charities), Cory Richardson-Lauve (VHGB), Catherine Jones, Sharonita Cousin (VSH), Tenelle Walker (RDSS), Christina Wray (Different Solutions), Meredith Nusbaum (Hanover DSS)

Staff: Michael Rogers, Frances Marie Pugh

- I. Staff welcomed participants and introduced the agenda. The registration for an upcoming input session by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Homeless and Special Needs Housing was shared in the chat.
- II. Staff provided an overview of the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care (GRCoC), and the role of Homeward, the designated Collaborative Applicant, Homelessness Management Information System Lead, and Coordinated Entry System Coordinator for the GRCoC. The presentation included current activities fulfilling these rolls undertaken by Homeward during October 2021.
- III. Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) provided an update of their non-congregate shelter (NCS) operations. CCC began NCS operations on August 1. They are staffed and focused on connecting shelter guests with case management and next steps in their service plan.
CCC is also operating an isolation unit program for clients who are COVID-positive. Lastly, on October 11, CCC's proposal to operate an inclement weather shelter goes before Richmond City Council for approval.

The first component will be to operate an Inclement Weather Shelter at the ballroom of the Quality Inn on Arthur Ashe Blvd.

- Guests would come in at 7pm and leave in the morning.
- CCC would use the cots purchased in 2020 to meet the needs for shelter expansion during the pandemic.
- This component would start in mid-October or November.

The second component includes renovations at the Housing Resource Center at 809 Oliver Hill Way to develop a congregate shelter for up to 185 single adults.

- There would be an isolation option on site.

CCC expects to apply for permits in mid-November.

- IV. Staff provided a training on HUD's Equal Access and Gender Identity Final Rules.
- V. Staff provided an update on the current FY21 HUD Continuum of Care Program funding process. Project applications were due Friday, October 1. The GRCoC Ranking Committee is scheduled to review and score applications on Wednesday, October 13. Applicants will be notified of Ranking's decisions on Thursday, October 14.
- VI. The GRCoC Annual Member Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 6 at 3pm. It will be held virtually. Active Members will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed board slate and Active Members for calendar year 2022 will be announced.
- VII. The meeting adjourned.