

Greater Richmond Continuum of Care Board Meeting

Monday, June 28 3pm-5pm

Minutes

- I. Participants: Annette Cousins, Matt Leslie, Beth Vann-Turnbull, Tabitha Taylor, Kiva Rogers, Jovan Burton, Christine Elwell, Janna Wiener, Eric Leabough, Irene Zolotorofe, Hana Yun, Melissa Canaday, Kenyatta Green
Staff: Kelly King Horne, Michael Rogers
- II. The board welcomed Tabitha Taylor and Sherrill Hampton as newest members of GRCoC board. The March minutes were approved.
 - a. The American Rescue Plan included up to 70,000 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) to be distributed nationwide. These vouchers must come through the Coordinated Entry System. These vouchers are targeted to support households experiencing homelessness to connect to permanent housing. Our coordinated network of homeless service providers will have access to at least 104 vouchers, with direct referrals coming from our Coordinated Entry System (which includes the Homeless Connection Line, coordinated outreach, and the Empowernet Helpline.) The board reviewed the draft prioritization policy that identifies targeted populations. The board voted to approve the EHV prioritization.

CoC's are required to establish an MoU with each partnering Public Housing Authority (PHA). This document establishes the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and PHA in connecting eligible households with EHV's. The board reviewed a draft MoU template developed by staff. The board voted to approve the MoU template in concept.
- III. Staff shared an update on the current HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program. Earlier this year, Homeward hired a consultant to assess our CoC's competitiveness for YHDP funding. The consultant concluded that our community lacked critical components to be competitive, including a dedicated staff member at Homeward. In response, Homeward has hired a Special Project Manager to lead this

initiative, which includes developing a Youth Action Board. The board reviewed and endorsed a Youth and Young Adult Workgroup charter .

- IV. The board reviewed updates to the GRCoC bylaws that the General Membership will vote on at the July 12 General Meeting.
- V. The board voted to approve the proposed HCIS Committee membership slate.
- VI. Staff shared that the Summer PIT Count will be held on Wednesday, 7/21 & Thursday, 7/22.
- VII. The meeting adjourned.