

**Greater Richmond Continuum of Care (GRCoC) Board**  
**Monday, July 18, 2022; 3:30pm; Zoom**

**Participants:** Tyler Agee, Jovan Burton, Annette Cousins, Brian Davis, Christine Elwell, Kenyatta Green, Vanessa Johnson, Fred Karnas, Eric Leabough, Matthew Leslie, Mica Morgan, Michelle Peters, Kiva Rogers, Matt Scaparro, Beth Vann-Turnbull, Janna Wiener, Irene Zolotorofe

**Staff:** Kelly King Horne, Michael Rogers, Erika Schmale

**Minutes:**

**3:34:** Annette Cousins, GRCoC Board Chair, welcomed the board members to this meeting.

**3:35:** Annette Cousins, introduced the consent agenda. The board voted to approve the consent agenda, including GRCoC Board Minutes from April, the slate for 2022-2024 GRCoC SPP Committee Members, adding Scott Andrews-Weckerly and Shiloh Tillman as GRCoC Ranking Committee members, and having Vanessa Johnson, C-FIT Coordinator at Richmond Public Schools fill the unexpired GRCoC Board term of Erika Schmale.

**3:36:** Christine Elwell, past SPP chair, gave GRCoC System Policies and Process (SPP) Committee report. GRCoC System Policies and Process (SPP) Committee revised and endorsed the program standards after receiving feedback from the Quality Improvement Leadership (QIL) committee. GRCoC providers sign an MOU with the CoC each year. A part of this MOU includes agreeing to the provider standards. GRCoC has provider standards to guide the operation of GRCoC's grant funded programs – diversion, outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing. The board voted to approve the GRCoC provider standards.

**3:45:** Michael Rogers, Homeward, gave Ranking Committee report. GRCoC Ranking Committee endorsed the FY 2022 system performance measures and FY 2022 project performance measures on July 13, 2022 after reviewing baseline data from Homeward's HMIS team and feedback from Quality Improvement Leadership (QIL) Committee. Brian asked if they scoring points come from community or a higher level. Kelly clarified that points come from community. Beth commented that she appreciated the process this year and that QIL was able to go line-by-line through the performance measures. Annette asked about Youth related system performance measures. These are included in order for us to have a place to review youth data, and to be proactive to get metrics in place if GRCoC is funded by HUD YHDP. GRCoC Board voted to approve the GRCoC system performance measures and project performance measures.

Michael Rogers reviewed the GRCoC ranking process and discussed an overview of the HUD CoC Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness. Fred asked if this was a one-time grant. Michael clarified that was a one-time need. Christine asked how competitive is GRCoC. Michael noted that Greater Richmond has lower unsheltered count than other communities. Larger cities may be more competitive. Beth asked about what needs may come up in the service plan. Michael noted PSH and outreach as possible needs. Christine asked about how to continue to fund PSH. Kelly and Michael believe these funds would be rolled into the CoC application. The ranking committee met on 7/13 to endorse three ranking

documents: 1. timeline and Process, 2. Supplemental Project Applications and Instructions, and 3. Scoring Forms for the HUD CoC Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness. The GRCoC Board votes to approve the three ranking documents.

**4:26:** Annette welcomed new board member, Vanessa Johnson. Vanessa Johnson introduced herself

**4:30:** Kelly King Horne, Homeward, provided an update on upcoming data quality improvements identified in the evaluation plan. Homeward HCIS Staff is working with the HMIS Policy Committee and HUD technical assistance providers to implement changes to our policies and practices that will lead to improved data quality and more robust community governance of HCIS. Developing and implementing modifications and recommendations related to user documents, user support, HMIS data quality plan, role of agency administrator, training requirements, License management, and privacy and reporting will take several months to allow for user and other stakeholder input and committee review. The board discussed possible board action. Board voted to delegate the responsibility for these actions to the HMIS Policy Committee; provisionally approve all recommendations of the Committee; and ratify all committee actions at the Dec. 2022 meeting. Board approved vote.

Michael provided a Homeward staff report. Homeward's France Marie Pugh, submitted HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Grant on time.

The Summer Point-in-Time Count is on the night of Wednesday, July 20. Most activities will take place on Thursday, July 21. GRCoC providers will be conducting outreach throughout the region to conduct surveys with individuals experiencing homelessness.

Homeward is hosting an Optional Gaps Analysis Review on M 8/15 at 3:30. Invitation to follow.

The Strategic Plan Steering Committee has met twice. The Steering Committee members are currently Mica Morgan, Annette Cousins, Brian Davis, Matt Scaparro, and Eric Leabough. The committee has recruited two new members with lived experience of homelessness. HDAdvisors are conducting an on-boarding for the new members before the next steering committee meeting in early August. Part of the strategic planning process will include topic-focused focus groups aimed at developing strategies and action steps to reach our shared goal of increasing accessible affordable housing inventory. The Steering Committee is planning to hold three focus groups focused on strategies for the GRCoC to move the needle on deeply affordable housing, based on input from survey. Timeline for final report has been pushed back to November.

**4:46:** Meeting adjourned by Annette Cousins.