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While waiting, please:

1. Share your name & org in the chat, and
2. Share about one thing you are excited about this summer

**GRCoC Quarterly
Membership Meeting**

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Tuesday, May 21, 2024

9:30 am

Zoom

Greater Richmond Continuum of Care (GRCoC)

GRCoC seeks to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness through effective and coordinated community-wide efforts and services across the City of Richmond, and the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover (including the town of Ashland), Henrico, New Kent, and Powhatan.

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and introductions**
- 2. GRCoC Business**
 - 1.Board proceedings report
 - 2.February membership meeting notes
- 3. GRCoC Updates**
 - 1.Coordinated Funding (YHDP, HUD CoC, VHSP)
 - 2.Advocacy Updates
- 4. Capacity Building**
 1. Housing Problem Solving
- 5. Membership Input**
 1. In- person membership meetings
- 6. Member/Partner Announcements**

Introductions/Ice breaker

In your breakout room: 1. Introduce yourself and your organization. 2. Share a proud moment either professional or personal that happened since we last met in February.

GRCoC Business: Board Proceeding Report

During the GRCoC Board on Feb.

- Approved Scott Andrews-Weckerly as GRCoC Board Vice Chair
- Approved Connection Points Description and Connection Points Application developed by SPP Committee
- Approved Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policy and Procedures (P&P) developed by SPP Committee
- Approved Funding Priorities developed by Ranking Committee

GRCoC Business: Membership summary

GRCoC Membership Meeting – February 2024

- Provided input on GRCoC Funding Priorities
- Provided input on GRCoC Strategic Priorities
- Provided input on GRCoC Website and voted on GRCoC logo

Full notes available at endhomelessnessrva.org/general-membership

GRCoC Updates

Updates on Coordinated Funding, Strategic Plan, and Upcoming Events

GRCoC Updates: Coordinated Funding

- HUD CoC Funding:
- We are expecting HUD to release their FY24 CoC Funding Competition in the coming months. Unlike previous years where funding was annual, this will be a competition for 2 years of funding. HUD CoC program funds currently support roughly 7.6 million in annual operations for coordinated homeless services across the greater Richmond region.
- In anticipation of this new, 2 year application, the CoC is currently working to improve the competitiveness of our collaborative application, including updated project performance measurements and competition materials. There will be a public comment period for updated project performance measurements, announced on the CoC Newsletter.
- All announcements of competition funding availability and CoC funding application support opportunities for new and renewing projects will be announced on the CoC Newsletter.
- VHSP: GRCoC submitted a full consolidated application to the state.
- YHDP: All projects have begun serving youth. The Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) workgroup began convening in January to review youth system outcomes. The Best Practices in Serving Youth Summit was held in late February with great success.

GRCoC Updates: [GRCoC Strategic Plan](#)

Federal:

Highlights about the final FY24 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development (THUD) spending bill related to our priorities:

The Housing Choice Voucher Program received \$2.1 billion more than in FY23, which is enough to renew all existing rental assistance contracts and expand assistance to 3,000 more households, targeted to veterans experiencing homelessness and youth aging out of foster care.

The Public Housing Operating Fund and Capital Fund increased by \$367 million and \$30 million, respectively.

The Native American Housing Block Grant Program was provided \$324 million more than in FY23, bringing total investments in the program to \$1.1 billion.

Funding for the Homeless Assistance Grants program increased by \$418 million to a total of \$4.05 billion. Of the amount allocated, \$2.5 million in technical assistance is provided to help homelessness service providers, housing programs, and state Medicaid agencies connect individuals experiencing homelessness to housing-related services and healthcare. In addition, \$100 million of these funds is set aside for the construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new permanent supportive housing units. Finally, the budget also directs \$25 million for “reasonable cost of living adjustments” for supportive service projects so that providers can hire and retain qualified personnel.

The Continuum of Care funding competition has been changed to a two-year process instead of an annual one.

The Eviction Prevention Grant Program was preserved, but funding remained at the same level as FY23 at \$20 million.

GRCoC Updates: [GRCoC Strategic Plan](#)

Federal:

Funding cuts to several key housing programs including:

- HOME Investment Partnerships Program,
- Choice Neighborhoods Initiative,
- the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes,
- Project-based rental assistance programs for older adults and people with disabilities (Section 811 and Section 202).

State:

Bills passed this session and will become law on July 1, 2024:

- Automatic Eviction Record Expungement (Del. Hope) HB 73 requires courts to automatically expunge eviction records for dismissed cases after 30 days and for nonsuited cases after 6 months
- Early Lease Termination for Survivors of Domestic Violence (Del. Delaney) HB 764 gives victims of domestic violence or sexual abuse the right to terminate a rental agreement early if they have a permanent protective order and give proper written notice of termination.
- Notification of Amendments to Amount Due in Eviction Cases (Del. Hope) HB 86 mandates that plaintiffs (landlords) in eviction cases notify defendants (tenants) if they intend to increase the amount of money requested and specify by how much they intend to increase it.

GRCoC Updates: Events and Trainings

- Coordinated Access 101
 - Tuesday, June 4 at 2:30 pm
- Coordinated Entry System MOU training
 - Tuesday, June 11 at 1:00 pm

Capacity Building

Housing Problem Solving

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<https://www.homewardva.org/>



WHAT IS HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVING?(OFFICIALLY)

Housing problem solving is a person-centered, housing-focused approach to explore creative, safe, and cost-effective solutions to quickly resolve a housing crisis (HUD, 2021).



THE GOAL OF HOUSING PROBLEM-SOLVING

The goal of housing problem-solving is to support households in identifying their strengths, resources, and natural supports while empowering families and individuals to help resolve their housing crisis.



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All professionals across the homeless services system at all levels can use the housing problem solving approach. This allows for consistency across programs which shared language and common goals.



PROBLEM SOLVING PARTNERSHIP



The housing problem-solver is entering a “problem solving partnership” with the family or individual, creating space to support the household in exploring safe, creative options to resolve their housing crisis and assist with linkages to other resources when appropriate.

EXPLORATORY CONVERSATION



The main work of the housing problem-solver is done through a “exploratory conversation” an empowering and person-centered discussion held with the household focused on identifying safe, alternative solutions aimed at resolving their housing crisis.

KEY COMPONENTS OF AN EXPLORATORY CONVERSATION

Ask open-ended questions

Create an individualized plan of action

Identify strengths and resources

Provide follow-up support as needed

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL EXPLORATORY CONVERSATION

- Avoid having set expectations for the outcome of the conversation
- “Success” can look different for each household
- In some situations it may be helpful to break down conversation down-
 - Focus on helping the family or individual identify a way to resolve their housing crisis in a time limited way (ex.-staying with a friend or family for a day or two) while creating a large housing plan



Member Input

In-person GRCoC Membership meetings

Would you be interested in having an in-person GRCoC meeting?

- If so do you have a suggestion for a location?
- Pros/Cons of in-person meetings?
- How would they differ from a virtual meeting- (more time to network, training, etc)

Member Announcements

Opportunity for agencies to share updates

Thank you!

Questions?

Email Vicki Wise at vwise@homewardva.org

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 20, 2024