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**GRCoC Quarterly
Membership Meeting**

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Tuesday, August 20, 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. May membership meeting notes
- 3. GRCoC Updates**
 1. Coordinated Funding
 2. Advocacy Updates
- 4. Capacity Building**
 1. Housing Problem Solving part 2
- 5. Membership Input**
 1. In- person membership meeting- GRCoC Annual Membership Meeting
- 6. Member/Partner Announcements**

Introductions/Ice breaker

1. Introduce yourself and your organization. 2. Share your favorite fall activity

GRCoC Business: Board Proceeding Report

During the GRCoC Board on June 10:

- Approved Program Standard Updates developed by SPP Committee
- Approved Emergency Transfer Plan workflow developed by SPP Committee
- Approved System Policy and Process Committee slate and chair developed by Governance Committee
- Approved policy updates developed by HMIS Committee
- Approved suspension of Youth Action Board and approved community planning and governance process

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GRCoC Business: Membership summary

GRCoC Membership Meeting – May 2024

- Provided input on in-person membership meetings

GRCoC Updates

Updates on Coordinated Funding, Strategic Plan, and Upcoming Events

GRCoC Updates: Coordinated Funding

- The GRCoC FY24, FY25 HUD Funding Competition opened on August 9th, 2024. Local applications are due to the WizeHive portal on Monday, September 9th at 2pm. More information is available at [Current Funding \(endhomelessnessrva.org\)](https://endhomelessnessrva.org)

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GRCoC Updates: [GRCoC Strategic Plan](#)

Advocacy

For those looking for advocacy opportunities, here are a few options compiled from NLHC, NAEH, and NLIHC:

- Join us Monday at 1 PM for a [Mass Organizing Zoom](#). The Law Center is hosting a mass organizing call on Monday at 1 PM EST. Join us to discuss this decision and learn about our next steps to ensure that everybody has a safe place to call home. [Click here to RSVP](#).
- Join the [Housing not Handcuffs campaign](#) to stay up to date about the next steps in our fight for housing and other proven solutions to homelessness.
- [Urge your elected officials](#) to support real solutions to homelessness, not cruel and counterproductive measures – like arrests and fines – that make homelessness worse. Use the Advocacy Toolkit linked above.
 - Sign onto NLIHC's [Organizational Sign on Letter](#)

GRCoC Updates: Events and Trainings

- Gratitude Gathering
 - Thursday, August 22 from 3-5 pm at Virginia Home for Boys and Girls
 - 8716 W Broad Street, Henrico, VA 23294
 - Dinning Hall

Capacity Building

Housing Problem Solving part 2

Housing Problem Solving

<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.



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

CASE STUDY #1

A 23-year old mother of 2 has been asked to leave her grandmother's house after conflict about the young mother's new boyfriend staying over. The grandmother is frustrated about the couple arguing as well as the couple smoking cannabis in the house. The mother shares that she is unable to stay with her boyfriend as he is unstably housed as well. The mother is currently working at a job she has been at for 2 years and shares that she had a good relationship with her grandmother prior to dating her new boyfriend.



CASE STUDY #1

- What follow up questions would you ask?
- What strengths and resources does the household have?
- What is a creative solution that could be suggested to possibly resolve the household's housing crisis?



CASE STUDY #2

A single woman with no dependents contacts your agency sharing that she has received an eviction notice and will be evicted in 2 days and is looking for financial assistance. After gathering additional information about her situation, she shares she has a good-paying job, but struggles with money management and impulsive shopping, which intensifies during times of stress. She needs to stay in the area for work, but has no family in the area, other than an aunt that she does not have a close relationship with.



CASE STUDY #2

- What is an example of an open-ended question you would ask the individual?
- What are some possible resources the household could be connected with?



WRAP-UP QUESTIONS

- What is one skill of a successful problem-solver that you would like to bring into your current work?
- What additional practice or resources would you need to feel confident as a housing problem-solver?



Member Input

In-person GRCoC Annual Membership meeting

Would you be interested in having the GRCoC Annual Membership Meeting in-person?

- Meeting is December 17 at 9:30
- If so do you have a suggestion for a location?
- Breakfast meeting?

Member Announcements

Opportunity for agencies to share updates

Thank you!

Questions?

Email Vicki Wise at vwise@homewardva.org

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 22, 2024