

Norfolk Homeless Consortium

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2007

Attendees

Linda Williams, Larry Ryan, Clara Smith, Stacie Walls-Beegle, Marge House, Alisa Berry, Katie Kitchin, Sari Freidman-Rosner, Heather Barker, David Wall, Marti Chick-Ebey, Vikki Henderson, Martha Gorman, Alicia Matthews, Manuel Valejo, Jr, Bruce Johnson, Mark Owens, Barbara Gaddy, Cheryl Moore, Angel Pimienta, Trish Manthey, Claudia Gooch, Pat Vedomske, Debbie Williams, Thaler McCormick

I. Welcome and Introductions

Thaler McCormick called to order the regular meeting of the Norfolk Homeless Consortium and asked everyone to introduce themselves and give a brief description of the services their agency provides.

II. Point in Time Count

Claudia Gooch gave a report on the 2007 Point in Time Count and a draft of the 2007 report was handed out. 542 homeless persons were counted and 436 were sheltered while 106 unsheltered homeless persons were counted.

III. Project Connect

Katie Kitchin gave a report on Project Homeless Connect. 560 homeless individuals attended the event and received a variety of serves. She reported that 37 individuals were approved for Permanent Housing as a result of the event.

IV. Homeless Vigil

The Norfolk Homeless Vigil will be on February 28, 2007 at 5:00pm. We will meet at Queen Street Baptist Church.

A \$50 permit is needed for the event and a motion was made by Martha Gorman, seconded by Claudia Gooch to purchase the permit. 13 NHC members were in favor of the motion and none were opposed.

V. Pathways Model Presentation

Katie Kitchin gave a presentation on Pathways to Housing which is a nationally recognized best practice for ending chronic homelessness for individuals with SMI. This is a zero barrier housing first model with scattered site apartments and intensive services available 24/7 through and ACT team.

A pilot program, My Own Place, began in Norfolk in April 2006 with 12 individuals and 1 case manager funded through CDBG, Sentara and CSB support. Six more units were awarded in February 2007 with the announcement of 2006 CoC award announcements.

VI. Housing Committee

Claudia Gooch gave a report for the Housing Committee on how many individuals and families were provided with through the 2006 Continuum of Care versus the number of singles and families that were counted during the PIT count.

There was discussion of whether the money available for new projects through the 2007 Continuum of Care should be used for projects for singles or split between families and singles. Stacie Walls-Beegle also made the point that for scoring for the CoC all projects are measured together for the housing ration and outcomes.

VII. Single Adults Committee Report

Martha Gorman gave the report for the committee and announced that they were no longer calling themselves the Homeless Individuals Committee instead they will be the Single Adults Committee.

One of their key objectives is to support low-barrier housing for single adult mentally ill homeless. They are also working on an updated street sheet.

Their next meeting will be March 21st following the NHC meeting.

VIII. Continuum of Care Committee Report

The 2006 CoC awards were announced yesterday and Norfolk was funded!!

Stacie Walls-Beegle reported that the Letters of Intent for renewal projects have been sent out and will be due February 26, by 5:00pm. Then the committee will be issuing the LOI for new projects based on presentations and the rules are in the 2007 SuperNOFA.

IX. HMIS Committee Report

Debbie Williams reported for the committee that all CoC funded agencies have signed their Agency Agreements. The Advanced Reporting Tool (ART) software is being purchased and the training for the users has been scheduled.

X. Treasurer's Report

Debbie Williams reported that the Norfolk Homeless Consortium balance is \$988.38 as of February 21, 2007.

XI. Adjournment

Thaler McCormick adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm.

The next meeting of the Norfolk Homeless Consortium will be **March 21st, 2007.**

Minutes submitted by Debbie Williams.