

Norfolk Homeless Consortium

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2007

Attendees:

Stacie Walls-Beegle, ACCESS	Barbara Gaddy, Barrett Haven, Inc
George Davies, CAMG	Trish Manthey, The Dwelling Place
Vikki Henderson, ForKids	Angel Pimienta, Habitat for Humanity
Pamela Davis, NCSB	Peggy Crutchfield, NCSB
Alisa Berry, OTEH	Linda Williams, Park Place Medical Center
Mary Mann, Salvation Army	Alicia Matthews, St. Columba
Claudia Gooch, The Planning Council	Julie Dixon, The Planning Council
Debbie Williams, The Planning Council	Pat Vedomske, The Planning Council
David Wall, VA Medical Center	Marti Chick-Ebey, VA Medical Center
Clara Smith, VSH- Gosnold	Roxie Hoven, YWCA
Sari Friedman-Rosner, NDHS-HART	Darlene Griffith, NDHS – HART
Kurt Clemons, VEC	Tracey Clark, National Counseling Group
Charles Peek, Second Chances	Kate Bahr, ForKids
Betsy Duerheimer, The Planning Council	Manuel Vallejo, TACT

I. Welcome and Introductions

Trish Manthey called to order the regular meeting of the Norfolk Homeless Consortium. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and give a brief description of the services their agency provides.

II. Homeless Prevention/Intervention Program Update

Julie Dixon and Betsy Duerheimer from The Planning Council gave a presentation on guidelines and upcoming changes to the Homeless Prevention Program. Funding for the program comes from State HIP funds, TANF, ESG and HSG. There is a possibility that the TANF funds may be cut for next year and this would be a loss of \$75,000.

Currently the program uses a direct screening line for clients; however, in July The Planning Council will be switching to a direct referral system. The goal is to reduce the processing time for cases. Currently there is a 14 day processing period, but with a direct referral system the processing time may be reduced. There will be training for Norfolk agencies at the July Brown Bag Series.

Julie and Betsy went over the procedure for case processing and a series of frequently asked questions. Stacie Walls-Beegle stated that ACCESS had used the HIP program to help with security deposits for their PSH clients. For more information or copies of the handouts, contact Betsy Duerheimer at bduerheimer@theplanningcouncil.org.

III. Healthcare for the Homeless Update

The discussion centered on the goal of Park Place Medical Center to provide physicals for every homeless person and the necessary steps to make this goal possible.

Multiple suggestions were made as to how to best serve the homeless population. First, there need to be some walk-in hours available for physicals. Also, the question was asked that if a van went to Salvation Army or Union Mission to pick up clients would they go and receive services and the answer from providers was yes. Another suggestion was that outreach workers go out with a van and take individuals to Park Place on a specific day. Each of these options requires walk-in hours though.

If a patient needs a referral to a specialist Healthcare for the Homeless pays for those services as well. Also, patients are eligible for care up to 12 months after they are housed.

Linda Williams announced that the dedicated line for Healthcare for the Homeless is 533-9119, and they need to identify themselves as homeless. One requirement of the program is that clients must be referred from an agency and they must have a referral letter with them. Patients also need a photo id and contact information. Pamela Davis said that she had been writing a letter but Linda Williams stressed that patients needed an ID. Martha Gorman stated that Ghent Area Ministries has been issuing temporary id's that are accepted by HCH.

IV. NHC Priorities

Target based surveys were due on March 30th; however, no surveys were submitted to the Office to End Homelessness. The surveys are being redrafted as Point in Time Surveys. The forms will look at the needs of the clients presented on the chosen day. The results will be applied to the number of clients served during 2006. The survey will be sent out in the next two weeks.

V. CoC Committee Report

The application is due to HUD on June 8th. A timeline has been developed for the CoC process. There is approximately \$650,000 available for new projects. Several new projects have been proposed and the Ranking Committee will meet on May 21st. The CoC Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the threshold applications which will be used to rank the renewal projects.

The first round of site visits for the Standards of Care review process has been completed. There has been great feed back from participating organizations. This is a two-year process and the reviewer will complete a second round of visits in the fall/winter. This summer the CoC Committee will revisit the Standards to make adjustments based on suggestions of the reviewer and participating agencies.

The HUD debrief for the 2006 CoC was reviewed. Norfolk scored very well. Knowing that we scored well helped in the discussion of whether or not additional service funding cuts were needed. The decision was made not to cut service funding because we scored so well and that based on the APR's for this year the Norfolk CoC has performed even better.

The Committee has recommended that the May NHC meeting be moved to May 23rd so that the rankings can be ratified for the CoC application. The next Committee meeting will be April 19th at the Salvation Army.

VI. HMIS Committee Report

The Advanced Reporting Tool (ART) software has been purchased. Reports will be available by April 30th and distributed at the May HMIS Committee meeting. The reports will include a client list, an exception report and a missing data elements report.

VII. Treasurer Report

There are 29 members and a balance of \$988.38.

VIII. Announcements

Central Intake has been launched and the phones have been very active. A lot of calls have been from singles and families who do not live in Norfolk.

Martha Gorman reported that the Singles Committee has been working on updating the Street Sheet. She has to update the YWCA's information and then she will send out the new form.

Kurt Clemons announced that there are going to be public hearings on the potential closing of the VEC offices. He urged NHC members to please attend these hearings.

CSB and Office to End Homelessness are looking for housing partners for their proposed 28 unit Housing First project that is part of the 2007 CoC application.

The ForKids Art Auction is May 18th at the Half Moon Cruise Terminal.

HMIS Training will be May 3rd. Contact Pat Vedomske for more information.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

The next NHC meeting is **May 23rd**.