

Norfolk Homeless Consortium
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2007

Attendees:

Irma Hinkle, ACCESS
Crystal Bonneville, Barrett Haven
Trish Manthey, The Dwelling Place
Martha Gorman, Ghent Area Ministries
Pat Vedomske, The Planning Council
Sari Friedman-Rosner, NDHS-HART
Katie Kitchin, OTEH
Bill Groom, Sacred Heart
Cynthia Thompson, Second Chances
Brian O'Dell, TACT
Julie Dixon, The Planning Council
Marge House, FOR Kids
Charles Winslow, Urban League

Stacie Walls-Beegle, ACCESS
Kathy Taylor Gaubatz, VSV
Thaler McCormick, ForKids, Inc.
Calvin Durham, New Hope C.O.G.I.C.
Claudia Gooch, The Planning Council
Linda Williams, Park Place Medical
Stephanie Piper, YWCA
Larry Ryan, Salvation Army
Alicia Matthews, St. Columba
Betsy Duerheimer, The Planning Council
Crystal Copeland, Urban League
Rasheedahs McCray, FOR Kids, Inc.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Thaler McCormick called to order the regular meeting of the Norfolk Homeless Consortium and asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

II. Point in Time Count

Count will be conducted January 24, 2008. Method used for count will be the same as the one used in previous years.

III. CoC Committee Report

- A. Standards of Care – Vote on ratification of Standards of Care. Eleven members voted to approve revisions. A motion to addend was made and passed.
- B. For November NHC meeting a mini session was suggested to discuss “priorities setting” Information to be presented to rankers. All priorities to be posted on the website.
- C. Future “Brown Bags” will have topics included in the Standards of Care.

IV. HMIS Committee Report

Data quality continues to improve. Certificate required to log onto HMIS system. Committee considering pulling together data that tells what a successful client looks like, [e.g., using information from exit data]. Central intake is “Live.” Service assessment could determine if client needs are being met. Agencies asked to list clients’ unmet needs.

V. Central Intake/Families Committee Report

Committee now meeting 1x per month. Committee's data will be available for viewing on the website. Approximately 1100 calls per month and 800 walk-ins. Site Visits=42 and Landlords = 66. Over \$2,000 saved in late fees.

VI. Healthcare Committee Report

Current structure does not work. Healthcare Committee [Katie Kitchin] to draft a letter addressing the service delivery issues and problems homeless clients face with attempting to obtain medical treatment at the Park Place Medical Center. Meeting minutes to be posted on website.

VII. Single Adults Committee Report

Online support available for housing first. Committee to look into chronic alcohol and addiction issues among singles.

VIII. Employment Taskforce Report

Within the next 60 days, the committee will provide a list of employment resources on the NHC website. Currently, the committee has located 13 employment agencies in the area.

IX. Homeless Vigil Committee Report

Vigil will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007. Beginning at Queen Street Baptist Church and ending at St. Paul's Episcopal. Program will be held at TCC Park. Homeless persons names will be written on black ribbons with white ink. Event permit has been submitted to the City for approval. Next committee meeting will be October 31, 2007 at 12:15pm at Ghent Area Ministries office.

X. Regional Taskforce Update

Planning homeless conference will be held at the Renaissance Hotel details to be announced. Third SRO slated for Portsmouth; site to be determined. Virginia Beach SRO construction has begun; targeted opening date is September 30, 2008.

XI. Treasurer's Report

Account balance: \$1,103.97

XII. Guidestar Compensation Subscription

This publication was suggested as something non-profit agencies may want to consider purchasing. If purchased by several agencies collectively, the cost would be a close to \$200 per agency. Individually, it would cost several thousand dollars. One of its uses: to provide comparable salaries data for various jobs within the non-profit workplace.

III. Upcoming Meetings

The next NHC meeting is **November 28, 2007.**