

Norfolk Homeless Consortium

Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2007

Attendees:

Cheryl Moore, Habitat for Humanity
Alicia Matthews, St. Columba
Larry Ryan, Salvation Army
Sylvia Powell, Eastside CDC
Brian O'Dell, TACT
Sue Baynes, Portsmouth Community Health Center
Mike Taylor, The Planning Council
Thaler McCormick, ForKids
Katie Kitchin, Office to End Homelessness
Martha Gorman, Ghent Area Ministry
David Wall, V.A. Medical Center – Hampton
Haisezetter Hines, Park Place Medical Center
Calvin Durham, New Hope Ministry
Linda Williams, Park Place Medical Center
Duane Miller, NCSB
Stacie Walls- Beegle, ACCESS

Karen Martin, NCSB
Debbie Williams, The Planning Council
Kathy Nious, Eastside CDC
Linda Jones, Union Mission
Barbara Gaddy, Barrett Haven
Clara Smith, VSH-Gosnold
Julie Dixon, The Planning Council
Bill Groom, Sacred Heart
Alisa Berry, OTEH
Claudia Gooch, The Planning Council
Subir Vij, Park Place Medical Center
Trish Manthey, The Dwelling Place
Bruce Johnson, Love Unlimited
Roxie Hoven, YWCA – SHR
Pamela Davis, NCSB

I. Welcome

Thaler McCormick called to order the regular meeting of the Norfolk Homeless Consortium and announced that introductions would take place after the program presentation.

II. Crisis Stabilization Program Presentation

The meeting began with Shelby Gorham's presentation on Norfolk Community Services Board's Crisis Stabilization program. Ms. Gorham described the program and discussed the program requirements.

For admission the client must have a major mental illness diagnosis for Crisis Stabilization. The client may have a history of substance abuse as well.

To refer a client to the program, service providers should call the Emergency Services number, which is 664-7690.

III. Treasurer's Report

Martha Gorman reported that there are 26 members and the NHC account balance is \$1,127.97.

IV. Homeless Vigil Committee Report

Martha Gorman reported that the Homeless Vigil will be December 19th at 5:30pm. We will meet at Queen Street Baptist Church, walk to TCC Park for the program, and end at St. Paul's Church for a short reception.

The Committee needed \$150 for printing of the flyers and supplies that had been purchased. Stacie Walls-Beegle made a motion that the Committee be allowed to spend \$150 for the

Vigil, and Clara Smith second the motion. The group voted unanimously that the Homeless Vigil Committee could be reimbursed for \$150 for supplies for the Vigil.

Thaler McCormick reminded the group that when the date for the Vigil was chosen several months ago, the group agreed that the Vigil should be held in December and that we should show our support by attending the Vigil.

V. Continuum of Care Committee Report

Stacie Walls-Beegle reported that the second round Standard of Care reviews have been scheduled and 3 new agencies were scheduled for reviews. The Committee also finished the revisions of the Supplemental Application for renewal projects. The committee also discussed how much funding will be available in 2008 for new projects. Finally, the group prepared recommendations for the priorities session which will be following the NHC meeting.

The CoC Committee will meet again on January 9th, at 12:30pm at Workforce Development.

VI. Central Intake Report

Katie Kitchin reported that Central Intake meetings are now being held monthly and the call volume seems to have stabilized.

VII. Healthcare Committee

Julie Dixon reported that Park Place Medical does have same day appointments available Monday-Saturday and case workers should call at 8am to schedule one of those appointments. The Clinic also has extended hours on Tuesday and Thursdays until 8pm and the 1st and 3rd Saturday from 8am-12:30pm. The goal is for patients to be seen within one week.

The Committee will meet again in January but they are still working on a date for that meeting.

VIII. Healthcare Committee

The Healthcare Committee will meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at Gosnold Apartments. The Committee held their first meeting yesterday.

Julie Dixon reported that the Committee discussed frustration with the Healthcare for the Homeless grant and the difficulties in setting appointments for clients. The Director of Park Place was there to hear the discussion and said that she would go back and discuss the appointments to see if any changes could be made.

The transportation system will continue with pick-ups rotating between Union Mission and St. Columba each week. Pamela Davis had asked if a pick-up in Ocean View could be scheduled. There are 3 patient openings during the Thursday van pick-up.

Also, at the Healthcare meeting Barbara Willis reported that there are 2 slots each morning and afternoon for same day appointments. Providers can call first thing in the morning to try and schedule these appointments. However, they are for all patients so they go very quickly.

Park Place is also going to work with their front desk staff on providing better customer support. The Committee also asked for a funding and clients served report from the HCH grant.

IX. Single Adults Committee

Clara Smith reported that the Single Adults Committee met on November 14th and spent time talking about the Homeless Vigil. The Committee recommends that in 2008, the NHC should work with the other cities to have a regional Vigil since homelessness is a regional issue and so many of the agencies work in additional cities.

X. Employment Taskforce

Katie Kitchin reported that the Employment Taskforce is currently collecting data and the committee will have more to report in January.

XI. Upcoming Meetings

The next NHC meeting is **January 16th**.