

Norfolk Homeless Consortium

Single Adults Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2007

Attendees:

Barbara Gaddy, Barrett Haven, Inc
Debbie Williams, The Planning Council
Martha Gorman, Ghent Area Ministries

Alisa Berry, OTEH
Tracey Clark, National Counseling Group

I. Street Sheet

The Street Sheet is almost complete. The YWCA needs to be added. All the family shelters had been listed under the Central Intake number; however, because it is a DV shelter and serves single women, the YWCA needs to be listed separately.

II. Recommendation for CoC funding

The Single Adults Committee is recommending that the CoC funding available for new projects go to single adult housing first projects.

III. Focus of the Committee

Since the Continuum of Care recommendation has been made the discussion moved to what issues the committee should focus on now.

The committee should focus on raising awareness regarding single homeless adults. Many of the articles in the press focus on families but do not report on the percentage of homeless that are single adults.

The committee should focus on issues surrounding women and raising awareness about the issues they face. The suggestion was made to have an article about single women in Portfolio or the Pilot. Alisa said she would talk to Katie about the best approach to such an article. The Committee agreed that the article should be positive but focus on the issues that face single homeless women.

The Single Adults Committee will meet again after the next NHC meeting.