



BEACH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Purpose	BEACH Community Partnership General Membership
Meeting Date	March 14, 2023
Meeting Start	2:00 pm
Meeting End	4:00 pm
Meeting Location	Webex (Virtual)
Attendees	Begin Again Foundation, BrightView Health, CAMG, Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, Connect with a Wish, DHNP, DHS/BHD, Endependence Center, Faith in Action, JCOC, Jennifer Vaughn, LGBT Life Center, Lindsey Miller, Optima Health, PIN Ministries, The Planning Council, Samaritan House, Seton Youth Shelters, SSSEVA, SUFK, Teresa Stanley, Virginia Employment Commission, VBCDC, VBPS
Minutes Prepared by	Danielle Cantu

Welcome/Introductions – Ruth Hill

Review and Adopt Minutes: Minutes for January’s meeting approved.

Organizational Spotlight and Cultural Competency Training

- LGBT Life Center – Organizational Spotlight – Michelle Reed – LGBT Life Center’s specialty is to provide services for persons that are living with or affected by HIV and AIDS, but also provide services for a variety of populations and for persons that aren’t living with HIV. Their services are status neutral. Other services offered are mental health services, counseling services, telehealth appointments, intimate partner violence (IPV) support, HIV/STI testing and prevention, HIV Case Management, transportation, housing support, pride pantry, social support groups, youth/senior services, volunteer programs, speaking engagements and events, training and workshops, consultancy services, and mail-order condoms.
- Cultural Competency Training
 - Pronoun use – Affirming usage of name and pronouns resulted in a 50% decrease in suicide attempts by trans and non-binary youth. 3rd person pronouns: he/him (masculine), she/her (feminine), they/them (neutral), it/it (neutral); Neopronouns – not officially recognized in the English language, but valid nonetheless: xe/xem, e/em, ze/hir, fae/faer
 - Sex and gender – Sex is a term that relates to genitalia, sex chromosomes, sexual organs, sex-related hormones, and secondary sex characteristics while gender refers to the social roles, expectations, identities, expressions, and behaviors associated with men, women, and non-binary people. Gender varies by geographic, historical, and cultural context. Gender identity refers to one’s own internal sense of their gender or lack of gender: Cis(gender) – identity aligns with their assigned sex; Trans(gender) – identity does not align with assigned sex; Non-binary – identifies their gender outside the binary. Gender expression refers to the way we present or express our gender (physical appearance, clothing, hairstyle, behavior). Words to describe gender expression: masculine, feminine, androgynous, and non-conforming – gender expression does not always indicate gender identity or sexual orientation.
 - Names and sharing pronouns – Legal names are used on legal documents and names in use are used socially and may vary by context; legal name and name in use do not always match. Deadnames were previously used but no longer used but can also be a legal name. Avoid using gendered terms or pronouns unless an individual has informed you of them – when in doubt, use the persons name in use.



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CoC Lead Agency Updates

- System Updates – Stacey Leary/Pamela Shine
 - Funding awards – The state released their housing trust fund awards. JCOC and Virginia Supportive Housing were both awarded funding. This funding is a result of our collaborative state application.
 - PIT – The count was successfully completed but final numbers are not ready to present to the community.
 - Emergency Housing Voucher – Originally awarded 35 vouchers through HUD, nearly 35 families have been connected to those vouchers. Funds from the Emergency Rescue Plan Act were used in replicating the EHV program. An additional 65 households can be served with these funds.
 - By-Laws – Last revision to by-laws in 2017. Looking for a small team of 3-4 people to enhance by-laws operating procedures, funding policies and procedures, etc. Please contact Stacey Leary, Pamela Shine, or Ruth Hill to participate.
 - Integrated Outreach – The Police Dept, DHNP, and DHS have collaborated to establish an integrated outreach approach to provide great care and service coordination to individuals living unsheltered in Virginia Beach. Behavioral Health, Peer Recovery, and PATH goes out with Outreach to connect individuals with SA support and mental health services. We're hoping to bring back data regarding the performance in reaching the established goals of this collaborative group.
- VB Home Now – Erin Walker
 - At February's Board Meeting, the board of directors votes to allocate \$110,000 in support of the city's prevention program for use during the 2023 calendar year. They voted to remove the old donor wall at the HRC which had issues with the magnets and the humidity. An artist to install a more vibrant and abstract mural.

Standing Committees

- Oceanfront Outreach Coalition – Dallas Stamper:* Organizations at the Oceanfront are working together to look at how we're serving clients. Last few meetings have been centered around the new clients that have appeared at the Oceanfront, and why there seems to be a lot of tempers and mental illness and what is causing that.
- Youth – Nicole Pixler:* StandUp for Kids has partnered with LGBT Life Center to create a Youth Action Board, a group of 18–24-year-olds with lived experience with homelessness instability. The committee provides leadership feedback and guidance in partnership with other key stakeholders, working towards the goal of ending youth homelessness in the Hampton Roads community. Please email Nicole Pixler if anyone would like to add anything.
- Faith in Action – Jennifer Vaughan (on behalf of Susan Anders):* First quarter Charity Tracker membership meeting was held virtually and covered running reports. 16 members participated in the training and the next membership meeting will take place May 16th.
- Coordinated Assessment – Stacey Leary:* No updates – They continue to connect households experiencing homelessness to available housing opportunities.
- HMIS – Ashley Love:* The Planning Council is in the middle of Reporting Season, where they have several large system wide reports to submit to the federal government annually. They are working with providers to confirm their data for the point in time count to ensure that everything is pulling correctly. They are getting ready to begin their annual audits for the homeless service providers to ensure the compliance with the data quality plan and policies and procedures.
- PMC – Kathleen Johnson (On behalf of Lisa Maund):* PMC reviewed a PSH Standards of Care model from New Orleans CoC to help create our own PSH Standards of Care. Some of the language will be changed to fit the populations being serviced. Standards are still in development and have not yet been voted on.



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g) Advocacy – Teresa Stanley: Progress has been made on the mobile home pilot program. Legislation by the Virginia Poverty Law Center should hold on to some of the inventory of mobile homes in the region by giving 1st buying rights to nonprofits with tax rebates as well as the mobile homeowners themselves. Continued effort to advocate for some mental health and affordable housing unit. New city council members voted in and a few are willing to work with the community to advocate for championing more affordable housing inventory. Open table, a mentorship model helping people trying to move into stable housing, needs volunteers. Training will take place from April 20th to April 25th.

Announcements:

- **Begin Again Foundation – Sheree Krause** – One of the programs Begin Again has supports homeless providers by supplying safe menstruation hygiene products. Initial supplies with the 2023 funding have been ordered but on hand there is underwear from size small to 2XL, liners, and cleansing wipes. If anyone would like a donation of supplies, please email Sheree.
- **BEACH Closet – Kay Bess** – BEACH Closet is running low on a some items and are looking for donations of cleaning supplies, pots and pans, and house products.

