



BEACH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Purpose	BEACH Community Partnership General Membership
Meeting Date	July 11, 2023
Meeting Start	2:00 pm
Meeting End	4:00 pm
Meeting Location	Housing Resource Center
Attendees	BrightView Health, Christ Investment Corps, Church of the Holy Apostles, Claude Henry, Connect with a Wish, DHNP, DHS/BHD, Endependence Center, Faith in Action, ForKids, HAMVAMC, Interfaith Alliance at the Beach, JCOC, LGBT Life Center, Luis Rivera, PIN Ministries, The Planning Council, Samaritan House, Seniors Unlimited Lifestyles Inc, Seton Youth Shelters, SUFK, Virginia Employment Commission, VBCDC, VBCPS, VSH
Minutes Prepared by	Danielle Cantu

Welcome/Introductions – Ruth Hill

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

CoC Lead Agency Updates

- System Updates – Stacey Leary
 - NOFO – Notice of Funding Opportunity – Annual Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant due at the end of September. Providers have completed a peer-to-peer review of their HUD funded projects in June. Review and ranking will take place early August.
 - Food & Feedback Forum – Event concluded at the end of June. Out of 80 people enjoying the event, about 80% also participated in the group discussion sessions. In these sessions, we gathered data on their experience in shelter. More to come on the results of these group discussion sessions.
 - Equity and Inclusivity Committee – We are still actively recruiting members to form this committee, please reach out to the CoC Lead Agency to participate if you’re interested.
- Affordable Housing Updates – Ruth Hill
 - Virginia Tech has been working with the city since January on creating a definition of affordable housing based on our citizen’s input. A presentation will take place in the afternoon on August 8th (exact time TBD). This presentation will be public and can be viewed online. The council will discuss the findings at a retreat on August 21st and make recommendations.
- VB Home Now Updates – Erin Walker
 - The annual competitive VB Home Now application is out and can be found on www.VBhomenow.org through the 31st of July.
 - A new micro-investment program has launched.
- Volunteer Updates – Diane Hotaling
 - The HRC maintains a dedicated team of volunteers in Day Support and with other events like our recent Food & Feedback Forum. Volunteers are also supporting Faith in Actions efforts with CharityTracker.

Standing Committees

- a) Oceanfront Outreach Coalition – Diane Hotaling: The OOC continues to meet monthly. The goal of this group is to address the needs of the homeless population at the Oceanfront and help get clients from the Oceanfront into



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- services at the Housing Resource Center. The meeting is attended by police and library staff, who frequently interact with homeless populations, and city council has recently begun to attend as well.
- b) Youth – Hannah Harrington: The Youth Action Board is ready to launch. It will be meeting every 2nd Thursday at 4Kids from 6:30-9:00 PM with a cash incentive for participating youth board members.
- c) Faith in Action – Jennifer Vaughan: FIA is a volunteer group that connects faith-based organizations, non-profits, and city departments to meet needs of the community. The group maintains a fund and CharityTracker, which allows agencies to share or receive resources from one another. They provide resource lists on BEACH and CharityTracker and disseminate community information.
- d) Coordinated Assessment – Stacey Leary: No updates – They continue to connect households experiencing homelessness to available housing opportunities.
- e) HMIS – Ashley Love: Homeless Management Information System – Users are completing the quarterly training on confidentiality. The Planning Council has an upcoming informational/training event on HUD’s newly released data standard updates that will become effective October 1st. TPC is also currently working on a 3-year data quality report.
- f) PMC – Kathleen Johnson: The Performance Committee met on June 22nd. At this meeting, the draft for the HMIS Access Policy was approved. The Policy spells out the process for providers without HMIS access to obtain access. The draft of Standards of Care with Governing Board edits was reviewed. Providers presented oral presentations of their HUD funded projects to their peers for review. It was also announced at the meeting that the Emergency Housing Voucher 2.0 program is rolling out, with prospect participants of the program attending a presentation that same week.
- g) Advocacy – Teresa Stanley: Continuing the ongoing efforts to partner with NAMI. Advocacy has been successful in efforts to expand affordable housing in the community – a piece of land near TCC has been identified for an affordable housing project with dedicated units for tenants with mental health. Another project in motion will involve using old shelter space to service the immigrant community – reuniting siblings with their families. Advocacy was also able to bring the issue of affordable housing to the top of priorities for the legislative collaborative table. This will hopefully bring more state support on the issue. There will be new eligibility requirements for enrollment of Medicaid by April 2024. An information session to spread education and awareness on this will be coming up – Please reach out to Teresa Stanley for more information.
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Announcements:

- **Ruth Hill** – The budget and the plan for the 30-bed expansion has been approved for the HRC. The goal is to complete the expansion by January 2024. The shelter will be for men only, located on the first floor. BEACH By-laws were approved by the Governing Board. The presence of two council liaisons at Governing Board have been added to the By-laws.
- **Teresa Stanley – Advocacy** – There will be a job fair on August 28th for returning citizens. The reentry council is looking for vendors and employers who want to give returning citizens a second chance.
- **VBCPS – Damion Wilson** – There will be an event at Corporate Landing Middle School, Jumpstart, on August 10th. This event supports homeless students with essentials like school supplies and haircuts. Please contact Damion Wilson for a link to register for event.
- **Kempsville Christian Church** – There will be a habitat for humanity like event taking place at Kempsville Christian Church to erect an affordable housing unit on the property to house a homeless individual.



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- **Faith in Action – Jennifer Vaughan** – The next CharityTracker membership meeting will be August 15th at 2 PM at the Housing Resource Center. The meeting will cover the topic of aging populations. Dallas Stamper and Fatima Tomlin will be speaking.
 - **LEAP – Landlord Engagement And Partnership** – A new program launched in June to engage property owners for social impact on housing our target population.
 - If there are any churches, parishes, or other faith-based organizations that might consider a small affordable housing project on their properties, please direct them to Ruth Hill or Danielle Cantu.
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