

Greater Richmond Continuum of Care Board
Homeward, 9211 Forest Hill Avenue, Second Floor
Tuesday, March 10, 8:30 am – 10am, Minutes

- I. Participants: Shenee McCray, Janna Wiener, Hana Yun, Melissa Canaday, Brooke Pendleton, Brian Davis, Christine Elwell, Karen Stanley, Susan Hallett, Kimberly Tucker (remote), Allison Bogdanovic, Brian Koziol. Annette Cousins.

Staff: Kelly King Horne, Michael Rogers

- II. Continuum of Care Operations: The board reviewed core functions of a Continuum of Care: a) Community-wide planning body to address homelessness b) represents the localities and cross-sector/system partnerships. c) approved project/system performance measurements. d) develops funding and action priorities e) maintains formal agreement and partnership with Collaborative Applicant, HMIS Lead, and Coordinated Entry System Coordinator (Homeward fills these functions in the GRCoC).

The board reviewed diversion and referral data and discussed an opportunity to communicate this process with the public.

The board also discussed the outcomes of recent efforts to bring Coordinated Entry to the large homeless encampment downtown and to connect unsheltered individuals to resources and services. The board received an update from the newly formed Shelter System Capacity Task Force. On March 9, GRCoC and Homeward leadership went before City Council to discuss a need for additional shelter capacity in the community. The task force began to work on criteria to add capacity to the coordinate network. Proposed membership was shared with the board and was approved.

Representatives of provider organizations reported low staff morale due to slow system flow and the lack of shelter and housing resources.

- III. Governance: The board deferred the conversation on governance strategies until after the unsheltered response action plan was fully implemented.
- IV. Coordinated Funding
1. The board received an update from the Ranking and Review Committee on the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP). VHSP applications came in \$89K over last year's funding at \$1.7M and all will be submitted. The Ranking Committee will work to approve cuts as necessary once the GRCoC receives our award notification.
 2. The board reviewed a proposed update to Allocation Adjustment process. The document will be posted for public comment before a final board approval.
- V. The meeting adjourned.