

FOOTHILLS HOUSING NETWORK
April 9, 2019
Steering Committee Meeting
Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission

In attendance: Tracy Forloines, Andre Miller, Jack Ledden, Lauren Ross, Jack Campbell, Rachel Henderson, Deirdre Anderson, Michelle Sullivan, Gwendolyn Murugu, Colleen Vesperman, Cheryl Carter, Dawn Collins, Tony Hooper, Andy Johnston (by phone), Jessi Mason, Bill Schlegel, Jan Selbo, Nadia Jamal, Lisa Houck, Jenny Biché

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO
Agency Spotlight	FAHAAS gave an overview of their programs (see attached power point presentation) including free testing, a peer program for HIV newly diagnosed people and a nutrition program. They noted that HIV infection is a growing problem in rural areas as rising addiction couples with a lack of diagnostic facilities. They also noted that the fear of being identified is greater in small communities. In partnership with RRCS to test at Boxwood addiction treatment facility and are seeing additional partnerships. Office space locally is needed as their headquarters is based in Fredericksburg. If you or someone you know would be willing to provide office space, please contact Nadia Jamal.	Review FAHAAS Presentation & consider offering office space	ALL
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Jenny Biché. Jenny welcomed attendees, agendas were distributed and introductions were made. Attendance of voting members was completed and a quorum was met.	Call to Order and determination of Quorum	Jenny Biche
Adoption of Agenda	Andy Johnston made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Tony Hooper seconded the motion; voting members passed the motion unanimously.	Motion to adopt Agenda as Presented	Andy Johnston
		Seconded	Tony Hooper
		Passed	Unanimously
Approval of Minutes	Tony Hooper made a motion to approve the February 12, 2019 minutes as presented. Jan Selbo seconded the motion; voting members passed the motion unanimously.	Motion to approve February 12, 2019 FHN Minutes	Tony Hooper
		Seconded	Jan Selbo
		Passed	Unanimously

<p>Subcommittee Updates</p>	<p>Advocacy Subcommittee: Colleen Vesperman reported that the second tenants rights workshop was held through Legal Aid Works. There were 12 attendees representing various stakeholders including law enforcement, Fauquier Family Shelter, Department of Veteran Services, private landlords, and attendees from Fauquier and Rappahannock counties. The same workshop will be held in Orange County; details pending. The Subcommittee also plans to begin attending local government meetings in the region to share data and raise awareness on homelessness and combat NIMBism. The group discussed the lack of rental housing as a factor in homelessness and the importance of local comprehensive plans in promoting affordable housing as related zoning affects affordability. An article promoting the Tenants Rights and Responsibilities workshop was submitted to Culpeper and Fauquier newspapers to help get the word out. An article on United Way's ALICE report (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) findings is currently being drafted and will be submitted to local media for publication. A Resource Fair is being planned and tentatively scheduled for May 30th at Fauquier Family Shelter. The goal of this event will be to connect those staying at the emergency shelter with community resources such as DSS, Veterans, mental health, FAHASS, etc. If successful, the Resource Fair will be held at other venues such as the Culpeper Heat Shelter, CHASS, CTI, etc. throughout the year if those venues would like. The Subcommittee is also looking to develop a "Needs of the Week" listing for housing needs similar to that of the Food Pantry's Needs of the Week. Finally, the subcommittee is working to recruit new members.</p> <p>Fundraising Subcommittee: Jenny Biche gave an update on the Fundraising Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has discussed several ideas for fundraising events and what the money could be used for. The committee is needing a nonprofit organization under which they could raise funds. One possibility is National Capital United Way. Possible fundraising events include a wine trolley tour and developing a wine label with a local winery where a percentage of the proceeds would be donated to help the homeless in the region. The funds would be kept in a discretionary fund to be used by FHN service providers and partners to help fill the gaps of needed items and services not eligible by grant funds. Andy Johnston recommended caution partnering with National Capital</p>	<p>Consider joining a subcommittee</p>	<p>ALL</p>
------------------------------------	--	--	------------

	<p>United Way speaking from past experience. Tony Hooper agreed, and expressed concerns about coordination and wondered how FHN would avoid competing with its partner agencies as most have similar gap filling funding needs for their clients.</p> <p>PIT Count Subcommittee: Lisa Houck reported that they are hoping to recruit additional committee members from law enforcement, motel owners, etc. A summer PIT Count is being planned for July 17, 2019. Culpeper and Fauquier counties have committed to implementing a summer PIT Count—if any of the other counties are interested in participating, they are welcome to collaborate as well. The summer PIT Count will try to capture data on those staying at hotels/motels and who are doubled up/couch surfing. Survey questions and a training program are being developed. Donations and volunteers will be recruited. Culpeper DSS has donated \$1,000 towards the summer PIT Count.</p>	Consider hosting a summer Point In Time Count	Rappahannock, Madison & Orange Counties
Trainings, Workshops & Marketing	The Tenant’s Rights and Responsibilities workshop, hosted by Legal Aid Works, Inc. held in Warrenton on March 28 th was a success, with 12 attendees representing various stakeholders including law enforcement, Fauquier Family Shelter, Department of Veteran Services, private landlords, and attendees from Fauquier and Rappahannock counties. The same workshop will be held in Orange County; details pending.	Schedule Tenant’s Rights and Responsibilities Workshop in Orange County	Jenny Biche Alexander Reidell Jessi Mason
Culpeper Heat Shelter & Central Entry Outcomes Report/Discussion	See attached power point. Outcomes from Culpeper Heat Shelter and Central Entry were distributed and discussed in detail.	Review attached power point	ALL
FHN 10 Year-5 Year-One Year Plan	<p>See attached power point. FHN viewed the power point presentation and discussed the Ten Year Plan and suggested Five Year and One Year Plan. The plan signaled a move to housing first rather than a “housing readiness” model and reduced reliance on transitional housing. The initial goal is Permanent Housing with wrap around services. The key to this model’s success is the service provision. The plan’s 3 main goals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevention of homelessness 2. When it occurs, reduce the length of time in homelessness 3. Prevent a return to homelessness 	Develop One Year Plan	ALL

	<p>Jenny suggested the group develop a one year action plan under the rubric provided in the strategic plan.</p> <p>Lack of data. Central Entry reported 763 referrals for eligibility but many fewer served. The limitations of the data gathering program have made figuring out why presumably eligible people are not being served. Dawn anecdotally says a lot of people figure out the program is not for them and simply fail to follow through.</p> <p>Lack of crisis response. Jenny indicated a need for after hours response and perhaps a housing locator. There is housing guide from LAW available on website. Nadia Jamal said that FAHASS could share their housing listings as well. Jan Selbo stated that FHN had a housing locator in the past and that she felt it wasn't effective because the landlords really needed to have relationship with the service providers directly. Tony noted that Culpeper Human Services is establishing a housing advocate position.</p> <p>Membership—there was discussion of expanding FHN to include law enforcement, social services, RRCS, landlords, school system. Nadia Jamal stated that representatives from VA Cares and CHARLI (Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Resources and Linkages for Inmates) should be invited to join FHN. It was noted that there may be specific areas in which such organizations might wish to engage, but that not all would want involvement in a business meeting.</p> <p>Outreach. The Point In Time Count subcommittee plans to videotape as part of the point in time count. The formation of Outreach teams was proposed.</p> <p>Work plan for next year. In general the group agree to work on creating infrastructure in the upcoming year to coordinate the work of the committees and then move forward. Jan Selbo recommended the FHN focus on developing their infrastructure and building up membership during Year One. Jenny asked members to think about how to create the work plan and what to put in it and let her know. A draft plan will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>		
--	--	--	--

Adjourned	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30am.	Motion to Adjourn Second Passes Unanimously	Tony Hooper Jack Ledden ALL

<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING 9:30am Spotlight: FAMS Call Center • 10:00am Business Meeting • 11:30am Service Provider Meeting June 11, 2019 <i>Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission • 420 Southridge Parkway Suite 106 • Culpeper, VA 22701</i></p>			
--	--	--	--