

Preventing and Ending  Homelessness
Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership

PARTNER Update

REAL PEOPLE ~ REAL RESULTS

Another Person Keeps Their Home

A chronic medical condition caused a county resident to be out of work for an extended period of time earlier this year. She was struggling to live off of unemployment benefits, which were a mere fraction of what she had been making before. **Limited financial assistance from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness prevented her from becoming homeless.** Now she can focus on improving her health and returning to work without having to worry about losing her home.



To date, the HOST system has prevented

18 households

from becoming homeless!



HOST HIGHLIGHTS

Housing Opportunities Support Teams (HOST) provide flexible and adaptive services needed to help individuals and families obtain or maintain housing. The primary function of HOST is to coordinate and manage prevention, housing placement, and supportive services for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Members of the HOST team will serve as a liaison to his or her organization/system and will work closely with other HOST members to create a cohesive and seamless system of service delivery.

Up and Running

- **Northern Region** – Reston Interfaith and Connections for Hope are firming up plans to share site space in early 2010. **In the first eight business days, eight households were prevented from entering homelessness by using limited financial assistance!**
- **Central Region** – Shelter House and FACETS site partnership is firmly secured and clients are being seen at the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter, FACETS office and Patrick Henry

Family Shelter locations. **In the first eight business days, six households were prevented from entering homelessness by using limited financial assistance!**

- **Southern Region** – New Hope Housing and United Community Ministries are working toward sharing site space in January 2010. **In the first eight business days, four households were prevented from entering homelessness by using limited financial assistance!**
- **☀Region 2 is on its way!☀** – Volunteers of America, Chesapeake, operating at the **Baileys Crossroads Shelter has begun to receive resumes for the Community Case Manager** and will begin interviewing in the upcoming weeks in partnership with Shelter House. Once the Community Case Manager has been hired and trained, the Central Region will split into Regions 2 and 4. At that time, the Southern Region will be referred to as Region 1 and the Northern Region will be referred to as Region 3.

Point-in-Time Count

The annual Point-in-Time count is quickly approaching. **The date of the upcoming count is Jan. 27, 2010.** The changes to the count will be minimal as we are in a time of high transition, but due to the infrequency of the count, it is suggested that at least one person from each agency (preferably more) attend. Also, please consider who your agency/program point of contact will be this year. If this information has changed since last year, please forward updated information to Bill Macmillan at william.macmillan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Mark your calendars for training on completing the point in time at your agency between Jan. 18 and Jan. 25. More details will follow from the Point-in-Time planning committee. If you have additional questions or would like to participate, please contact Lynn Thomas of Christian Relief Services at lynn@christianrelief.org or Eleanor Vincent of Pathway Homes at evincent@pathwayhomes.org.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Update

Continuum of Care Application - HMIS Implementation (Exhibit 1- 2A) – *Following is the HMIS highlights from Exhibit 1-2A, which lives in the Continuum of Care (CoC) application.*

- **Bed Coverage** – Overall Transitional Housing Bed coverage increased by 25%. Transitional Housing single bed coverage increased by 30% and Transitional Housing family bed coverage increased by 23%.
- **Data Quality** – Our incomplete data fields look much better this year. Major progress was made in the following categories: Disabling Condition (from 100% incomplete values to 46%), and Zip Code of Last Permanent Address (from 98% incomplete values to 40%). Quarterly Data Quality reports will help monitor and increase data quality.

Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) – **AHAR is almost ready for submission.** Preliminary reports have been run and discussed with the family and single shelter providers. A big thank you to all for your collaboration and hard work!

Training – **Hypothermia training was a success!** Six staff members from four nonprofit organizations participated. Data quality reports have been developed and made available to them. **The 2010 Training Calendar is now available.** All trainings are held at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 364 Fairfax, VA 22035. **Training registration is on a first-come, first served basis, with 12 seats available at each session.** Register via e-mail at monica.foote@fairfaxcounty.gov. Refresher training topics are being solicited; please email your suggestion to monica.foote@fairfaxcounty.gov. Additional trainings will be scheduled as requested.

Date	Time	Training Title	Topic	Audience
13-Jan-10	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	New User Training	ClientPoint	New Users
14-Jan-10	8:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Refresher	How to enter services for APR	Staff in HUD programs
14-Jan-10	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Refresher	How to run and review and APR	System Administrators
14-Apr-10	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	New User Training	ClientPoint	New Users
15-Apr-10	8:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Refresher	ShelterPoint	Staff Managing Bed Lists
15-Apr-10	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Refresher	TBD	TBD
02-Jun-10	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	New User Training	ClientPoint	New Users
03-Jun-10	8:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Refresher	TBD	TBD
03-Jun-10	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Refresher	TBD	TBD
14-Sep-10	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	New User Training	ClientPoint	New Users
15-Sep-10	8:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Refresher	TBD	TBD
15-Sep-10	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Refresher	TBD	TBD
16-Nov-10	8:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Hypothermia	Hypothermia workflow	Hypothermia staff
07-Dec-10	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	New User Training	ClientPoint	New Users
08-Dec-10	8:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Refresher	TBD	TBD
08-Dec-10	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Refresher	TBD	TBD

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

PARTNER PROFILE: Communities of Faith United for Housing (CFUH)

Communities of Faith United for Housing (CFUH) builds broad faith-based grassroots support for public policies that end homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing.

CFUH advocacy was instrumental in getting the Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and in supporting creation of the Office to End Homelessness. CFUH also helped to get funding for services for the homeless and others who are in danger of becoming homeless included in the county's 2010 budget and is continuing to advocate this year to ensure that the needs of our community's most vulnerable citizens are recognized when FY 2011 budget decisions are made. If you would like more information about CFUH or would like to help to ensure that the least fortunate among us are not forgotten as the county goes through the difficult task of determining how to satisfy all of its residents' needs and wants with fewer resources, please contact Gerry Williams at info@cfuhfx.org. More information about CFUH is also available at <http://www.cfuhfx.org>.

10-Year Plan Update

A new Housing Options Group has been formed and is being co-chaired by Dean Klein, Director of the Office to Prevent and end Homelessness and Paula Sampson, Director of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and involves numerous key stakeholders to ensure strong coordination between the implementation of the 10-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness and plans being implemented by HCD.

In addition, several related efforts are underway to develop specific annual benchmarks and plans that will help to guide the collective efforts. **Two dynamic planning meetings involving nonprofits, faith communities and county agencies have been held in December to develop new ideas**, and a more collective view and plan including the various homeless and housing programs and efforts that will help to achieve the 10-Year Plan targets.

SIDEBAR

Continuum of Care Update

The annual U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care grant applications were submitted on Nov. 25. A total of nearly \$5.4 million in HUD funding was requested, with over \$5 million for 26 renewal projects, plus one new project application. **Award announcements on renewals are expected within 60 days, with announcements for new projects approved in this national competition expected in March or April of 2010.**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Five-Year Consolidated Plan Forum – Final Session

The notes from the public input forums held in Oct. and Nov. for the new Five-Year Consolidated Plan that is under development are now available on the county's Web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha>. The draft Plan is scheduled to be available for a 30-day public comment period starting in late February 2010, with a formal public hearing by the Board of Supervisors. The PARTNER Update will include an announcement when the draft Plan is available for review.

SAVE THE DATES

Invitation to Regional Meetings Related to Homelessness

To share information broadly and provide multiple opportunities to learn about current Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) initiatives, Department of Systems Management for Human Services Regional Directors have begun using existing regional meetings to disseminate information to local partners. Please refer to the information below to attend a meeting in your region.

- **Region 1**, Dec. 21, 10:00 a.m. to noon, South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy, Suite 505, Alexandria.
- **Region 2**, Dec. 14, 10:00 a.m. to noon, 6245 Leesburg Pike, Suite 300, Falls Church.
- **Region 3**, Dec. 14, 10:00 a.m. to noon, 11484 Washington Plaza West, Reston.
- **Region 4**, Jan. 8, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Katherine K. Hanley Shelter, 13000 Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Point-in-Time Planning Committee Meeting – Dec. 15

In preparation for next year's Point-in-Time survey, **the first planning committee meeting to start reviewing the process, with related training, will take place on Dec. 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Pathway Homes Main Office, which is located at 10201 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030. Contact Eleanor Vincent at evincent@pathwayhomes.org with any questions about this meeting.

Housing Locator Training - Jan. 15

The first in the series of housing locator training sessions will be offered on Jan. 15. Stay tuned for more information.

What's Happening in the Homelessness Community – Jan. 21

The next Community Forum on Homelessness will take place on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., at the Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. **Persons interested in ending homelessness are encouraged to attend. Network - Discuss - Get Your Questions Answered!** Event sponsored by the [Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness](#) (OPEH). **For more information or to request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-9492, TTY 711.**

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