

PARTNER Update

Ending Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community

HOST HIGHLIGHTS

HOST System Implementation

The development of the HOST (Housing Opportunities Support Teams) system — which will support prevention, diversion and rapid re-housing efforts — is moving forward. Team members are moving quickly to ready the system for the immediate use of the federal stimulus funding once they become available. However, the ultimate goal is to build an effective system that leverages and utilizes all existing resources. Additional funding sources will be solicited to support these efforts. Thanks to all partners for your hard work and dedication toward implementing a new and thriving system! For more information, e-mail Dean Klein, Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, at dean.klein@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Mapping

To ensure the development of a seamless HOST system, Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS) facilitated a mapping process. Four meetings focusing on homeless singles individuals and families were held. Systems Training & Change Work Group (T10) will continue to work with DSMHS and to engage all other task work groups to further refine the process map and educate all stakeholders on progress made on developing and implementing the new HOST model.

Next Steps

Work continues toward the HOST system rollout by Oct. 1. The process will be further refined as the implementation moves forward.

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Governing Board

The Governing Board for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness (FFX-FC CPEH) has been established. Michael O'Reilly, former mayor of Herndon, has been appointed chairman and the diverse board has been populated with 16 members. The Governing Board, which meets monthly, has had two meetings. The Governing Board members are:

- **Michael L. O'Reilly**, chairman, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent & End Homelessness.
- **Kathy Albarado**, president and CEO, Helios HR.
- **Ralph F. Boyd Jr.**, president and CEO, Freddie Mac Foundation.
- **Sharon Bulova**, chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.
- **Ronald F. Christian**, chairman, Fairfax County Redevelopment Authority.
- **Conrad Egan**, president and CEO, National Housing Coalition.
- **Robin Gardner**, mayor, City of Falls Church.
- **Rev. Horace H. Grinnell**, pastor, St. Anthony Parish.
- **Catherine M. Hudgins**, supervisor, Hunter Mill District, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.
- **Rabbi David Kalender**, rabbi, Congregation Olam Tikvah.
- **William H. Lauer**, president, Tetra Partnerships.
- **Rodney Lusk**, senior business development manager, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

- **Ted C. Lutz**, former vice president, The Washington Post.
- **Barry H. Schwartz**, president, Schwartz Enterprises, Inc.
- **Lieutenant Colonel James F. Whitley**, chief deputy/operations, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office.
- **Rod Williams**, vice president community affairs, Inova Health Systems.

Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH)

OPEH is now up and running and has a new location at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkways, Suite 561. New staff member VeeVee Coleman has joined the OPEH team to provide administrative support to the director, Dean Klein, and the office. In addition, Monica Foote, information systems manager, continues to provide oversight to the development and implementation of the Homeless Management Information System's (HMIS).

Read more about OPEH in the last issue of Courier at

<http://infoweb.fairfaxcounty.gov/courier/2009/6-19-09.pdf> or e-mail VeeVee at viola.coleman@fairfaxcounty.gov for a hard copy.

Redesigned www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless

In June the newly designed Web site for FFX-FC CPEH — www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless — was launched with support from the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs. We also extend a sincere thank you to Bill Macmillan, DSMHS, and all Communications Subcommittee members who initially brainstormed, hunted and gathered content, and birthed the interim Web site during the development of the 10-Year Plan. This powerful communication and education vehicle will be used to highlight the community's progress in preventing and ending homelessness and to engage potential funders, partners and stakeholders. Keep an eye out for changes and expansions to the Web pages in the coming months.

SIDEBAR

Continuum of Care Update

The annual Continuum of Care (CoC) grant application process through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has begun the verification of renewals. The Fairfax County grant review process is nearing completion and the registration of the county's CoC to participate in the HUD process will be complete this month. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be issued by HUD no earlier than Aug. 24. However, HUD has not indicated what the due date for submissions will be. For more information and to find out about changes to this year's process, visit www.hudhre.info/esnaps/

Federal Stimulus Funding Update

Plans to accept the one-time \$2.4 million Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing funds worth from HUD are moving forward. Sixty percent of these funds have to be spent within two years of the date the funds become available. One hundred percent of the funds have to be used within three years of that date.

Outcomes and Milestones

Work has begun to develop annual outcome measures for the 10-Year Plan to help guide the community's work in reaching the goal of ending homelessness. The Governing Board of the FFX-FC CPEH is now in place to endorse these outcomes and to ensure appropriate progress and accountability. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless.

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