



FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP'S Continuum of Care Board

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

WHEN: April 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fairfax County Government Center
Conference Rooms 9/10
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, VA 22035

AGENDA:

Call to Order.

Approval of last meeting minutes.

Presentation on Operation Stream Shield from the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services Staff.

New Project Prioritization Exercise.

Adjourn.



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ATTENDANCE:

Name	Attending (Yes/No)	Name	Attending (Yes/No)
David Meyer, Chair	Yes	Maura Williams	Yes
Adrienne Hosein	Yes	Megan Goffney	Yes
Aimee Garcia	Yes	Michael Axler	Yes
Ashley McSwain	Yes	Noah Abraham	No
Cathy Benn	No	Pamela Michell	Yes
Connie Johnson	No	Pamela Powers	No
Douglas Dane	Yes	Penelope Rood	Yes
Fatima Khalid	Yes	Randy Shusman	Yes
Janet Kedzie	Yes	Rena Alexander-Lewis	No
Julie Hendricks	No	Ruth Pearson	Yes
Kameron Wilds	Yes	Seth Pearson	No
Lisa Jones	No		

Non-Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Members

Organization	Name	Attending
Housing and Community Development, Fairfax County <i>Office to Prevent and End Homelessness</i>	Thomas Barnett	Yes
	Stephen Knippler	Yes
	Meghan Heaney	Yes



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I. Call to Order.

- The meeting was called to order by CoC Board Chair David Meyer.

II. Approve Minutes

- CoC Board member, Penelope Rood made the motion to have the prior meeting minutes approved. CoC Board member, Ruth Pearson seconded the motion.
- All in Favor- unanimous vote to pass the motion.
- The Minutes for February 15, 2024, CoC Board Meeting were approved with no objections.

III. Announcements

- CoC Board Chair David Meyer introduced two new board members:
- Megan Goffney who will be representing Shelter House.
- Julie Hendricks who was appointed by the Mason District Supervisor Andres Jimenez.

IV. Presentation on Operation Stream Shield

Emily Burton and Joni Calmbacher with the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services provided a presentation on Operation Stream Shield to the CoC Board.

- Operation Stream Shield (OSS) was piloted in 2019 and is a program that provides temporary employment, job experience, and compensation for individuals who are experiencing homelessness.
- This program was originally focused on the cleanup of streams throughout Fairfax County but has grown to include the cleanup of county facilities, county work sites, the removal of invasive plant species, and the planting of native plant species.
- A huge component of OSS is workforce development. One aspect of the program's workforce development is on-the-job training at the Noman Cole Wastewater Plant. Five program participants are given the opportunity to spend 8 hours a week learning about the operator one position. After 3-5 months of on-the-job training, the participants are eligible to apply for any open positions as an operator one at the wastewater plant.
- In addition to those individuals who have been hired at the Noman Cole Wastewater Plant, the program has also seen several participants obtain full-time positions at the I-66 waste transfer station.
- This program has also had a positive impact on the environment. In 2023, the program collected and removed:
 - 7,546 bags of trash will be collected in 2023.
 - 373 bags of invasive plants will be collected in 2023.
- Lessons Learned since the implementation of this program:



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- Littering and illegal dumping remains difficult to enforce.
- Identifying who can participate in OSS.
- Access to sites.
- Removal of collected and bagged trash.
- Steep learning curve for everyone.
- Development and implementation of a mobile application.
- A question-and-answer period followed the presentation and covered the following: program operation costs, demographics of participants, how participants are selected, measurement of success of the program from a client-based perspective, and the benefits of the CoC possibly advocating for increased funding for the program and obtaining a full-time equivalent (FTE) staff person to lead this program.
- Board Chair Meyer, on behalf of the CoC, thanked Ms. Burton and Ms. Calmbacher for their presentation and their continued leadership of Operation Stream Sheild.

V. New Project Prioritization Exercise

- A group exercise was conducted to help prioritize important issues that the board wants to address.
- This exercise was developed and led by Deputy Director, OPEH, Tom Barnett.
- Prior to starting the exercise, Deputy Director, OPEH, Tom Barnett provided an overview of universal terminology.
- CoC Board Members were provided a handout and 3 different colored stickers. Directions were provided and it was explained that the different colored stickers represent the following:
 - Adult + Child=Orange
 - Adult Only=Green
 - Child Only=Yellow
 - Specialized populations=Red
- Board Members ranked the different household types according to priority within the various human service regions/projects.
- Participant sheets were collected. An analysis of the sheets will be conducted by OPEH staff, and the results will be presented at the next board meeting.

VI. Adjournment

- CoC Board Chair David Meyer called for the meeting to be adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held May 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.