



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

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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

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

AGENDA:

1. Information: Notice of Funding Opportunity-Continuum of Care (CoC Builds)
2. Information: Reston Temporary Overnight Shelter.
3. Approve meeting minutes from June 26, 2024.
4. Vote: Homeless Data Integration Project.
5. Vote: Proposed Revisions to Bylaws.
6. Discussion: Surfacing additional homeless solutions.



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ATTENDANCE:

Name	Attending (Yes/No)	Name	Attending (Yes/No)
David Meyer, Chair	Yes	Lisa Jones	No
Adrienne Hosein	Yes	Maura Williams	Yes
Aimee Garcia	Yes	Megan Goffney	Yes
Ashley McSwain	Yes	Michael Axler	No
Cathy Benn	Yes	Noah Abraham	No
Claire Keena	Yes	Pamela Michell	No
Connie Johnson	No	Penelope Rood	Yes
Douglas Dane	Yes	Randy Shusman	Yes
Fatima Khalid	Yes	Rena Alexander-Lewis	No
Gwenn Minton	Yes	Ruth Pearson	No
Janet Kedzie	No	Seth Pearson	No
Julie Hendricks	Yes		
Kameron Wilds	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. Notice of Funding Opportunity-Continuum of Care Builds (CoCBUILDS)

- Deputy Director, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH), Tom Barnett, presented the special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Builds (CoCBUILDS) that was released on 07/22/2024 by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- CoC Builds: The Basics
 - This funding opportunity supports new construction, acquisition, the rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing, as well as supportive services, operating costs, and administration.
 - A total of \$175 million is available nationally and there will be approximately 25 awards.
 - Applications are due on 11/21/2024 and must be completed by the organization that will be administering the funds and must be sent to the Continuum of Care Collaborative applicant, OPEH, for review and submission to HUD.
 - The Continuum of Care Newsletter will be utilized to send out the notice of the funding opportunity for CoCBUILDS.
- The floor was opened for questions:
 - A CoC board member asked if some members would need to recuse themselves. Deputy Director, OPEH, Tom Barnett stated that recusal is not necessary because the CoC Board has already delegated the selection of new CoC projects to a committee, the Selection and Ranking Committee, and a funding decision is not going to be made by the CoC Board.

III. Information: Reston Temporary Overnight Shelter

- Deputy Director, OPEH, Tom Barnett, presented information about the upcoming opening of the Reston Temporary Overnight Shelter to the board.
- The temporary overnight shelter will be opening on Monday, July 29, 2024, and the shelter's hours of operation will be 5 pm to 7am, every night.
- The shelter has been prioritized for approximately 40 individuals that have been documented as sleeping in nearby wooded areas.
- The opening of the temporary shelter will allow for the encampment to start winding down in the following weeks.
- The opening of this temporary shelter will help to clear a path for the new Embury Rucker Community Shelter.



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IV. Approving Last Meeting Minutes:

- CoC Board member Douglas Dane made the motion to have the prior meeting minutes approved. CoC Board member Penelope Rood seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.
- The minutes for the June 26, 2024, CoC Board Meeting were approved with no objections.

V. Vote on Homeless Data Integration Project (HDIP):

- Prior to voting on the HDIP, a CoC Board member asked if HUD wanted the project to track how well the community's homeless service projects are moving individuals out of homelessness. Deputy Director, OPEH, Tom Barnett, explained that the implementation of HDIP is wanted by the state of Virginia and that Fairfax County needs to participate because the sharing of data allows the state of Virginia, HUD, and the CoC to better understand the scope of homelessness. Another CoC Board member asked if being able to see that an individual is being served in more than one region affects their ability to obtain services more than once? Deputy Director, OPEH, Tom Barnett explained that the system will allow Fairfax County homeless service providers to better understand families' and individuals' history of homelessness across the Commonwealth and certify an individual's chronic homeless status, which is a common eligibility requirement for Permanent Supportive Housing.
- OPEH staff recommended that the Fairfax County CoC participate in the statewide HDIP and requested that the CoC Board approve the Fairfax County CoC's participation in the HDIP.
- CoC Board member, Cathy Benn, made the motion to approve the Fairfax County CoC's participation in the HDIP. CoC Board member, Ashley McSwain, seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

VI. Vote on Proposed Revisions of the Bylaws:

- Deputy Director, OPEH, Tom Barnett informed the board of the following proposed changes to the Bylaws:
 - Updates to the formatting were made and some changes to word usage through the document.
 - Updates to the remote participation policy were added based on new Commonwealth of Virginia laws that went into effect on July 1, 2024.
 - Changes to the remote participation policy included:
 - The policy must be reviewed and readopted annually.



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- Individuals with a disability who are participating remotely and caretakers of individuals with a disability who are participating remotely are counted for quorum.
- CoC Board member, Penelope Rood, made the Motion to approve the Bylaws. CoC Board member, Douglas Dane, seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

VII. Discussion on Sourcing Additional Homeless Solutions:

- CoC Board Chair, David Meyer, proposed that Fairfax County hire a consultant to help the CoC Board formulate a strategic plan to present to the Board of Supervisors and help with inclusive community engagement. It was also suggested that a smaller subgroup of the CoC Board be formed to work with the consultant on developing the strategic plan.
- A CoC Board member asked if there is funding available to hire a consultant to work with the CoC Board. Deputy Director, OPEH, Tom Barnett stated that he is confident that staff will be able to find funding to support the project.
- Another CoC Board member voiced that she is concerned because she is still not clear about what are the County's greatest gaps in supporting the homeless population. Deputy Director, OPEH, Tom Barnett stated that the board had presentations from service providers that summarized some of the gaps. In addition, data will be presented by staff and the consultant through the strategic planning process that helps the CoC Board better different gaps and can assist with determining the CoC's strategies.
- Another CoC Board member questioned if given the current knowledge of the "gaps", will there be any proposals that could be submitted for the upcoming budget cycle.
- Staff were asked to investigate consultant procurement options, estimate a cost, and determine project milestones to get started as quickly as possible.
- A CoC Board member proposed that enhanced outreach to landlords who maybe able to provide affordable housing units as a possible homeless solution.