

FOOTHILLS HOUSING NETWORK Leadership Committee**January 21, 2025****RRRC Board Room & Virtual**

In Person: Samantha Edwards (Rappahannock County DSS)*, Tina Griffith (People Incorporated)*, Patrick Mauney (RRRC)*, Lisa Peacock (Culpeper Human Services)*, Rebecca Wareham (RRRC)*

Virtual: Angie Abeijon (SAFE)*, De Anderson (RRRC), Sarah Berry (Culpeper DSS)*, Robin Breckinridge (Orange DSS)*, Molly Brooks (Hero's Bridge)*, Felicia Champion (Community Touch)*, Meghan Cummins (Rapp-Rap Health District), Kim Donohue (Encompass)*, Chris McGill (CHASS)*, Celene Pumphrey (Madison DSS)*, David Roberts (New Beginnings Outreach Center)*, Betty Segal (People Incorporated)*, Jennie Sherrill (Culpeper DSS), Faith Smith (New Beginnings Outreach Center)*

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO
Welcome	Introductions	All in attendance introduced themselves	Lisa Peacock, Chair
Determination of a Quorum	A quorum was confirmed.	Quorum was confirmed (12 voting members)	Patrick Mauney
Adoption of Agenda	Agenda was adopted.	Adoption of Agenda	Lisa Peacock, Chair
Adoption of Minutes	Minutes from the January 21, 2025 meeting were presented for approval.	Approval of Minutes	Motion: Rebecca Wareham 2 nd : Celene Pumphrey
Educational Moment	<p>Rebecca Wareham, COC Coordinator, provided an overview of the January Point in Time Count. Preliminarily, it appears that the total count will decrease from past years. Some other notes that appear from the initial data review include:</p> <p>Decrease in number of veterans counted Higher number of females (both adult and children) compared to males Higher incidence of homelessness for persons of color compared to other races Higher number of single-person households compared to families, which is contrary to national trends No significant change in trends amongst the aging population</p> <p>Felicia Champion noted that persons of color may receive more pushback or different levels of service and that is something that should be addressed. Committee members discussed the reinvigoration of the FHN Racial Equity subcommittee to look into opportunities to address those disparities.</p> <p>Committee members also discussed outreach efforts that turned up fewer sheltered and unsheltered citizens on the night of the count, specifically in Orange County.</p> <p>Rebecca Wareham also referenced ongoing interest for a Summer Point in Time Count that could use a broader definition of homelessness (to</p>	Update on Point in Time Count was provided	Rebecca, Wareham, Committee Members

	include those in hotels or couch-surfing, for example) and that would not be required, but open to any county or local area. Lisa Peacock encouraged those interested to communicate interest in either the Summer Point in Time Count or the Racial Equity workgroup to herself, Rebecca and Patrick Mauney.		
Grantee Reports	<p>Updates were provided on the following programs:</p> <p>Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services RRH, Prevention, Emergency Shelter: Chris McGill reported that CHASS received award of Housing Trust Fund for rapid re-housing in an amount exceeding \$380,000 and that this would support rental assistance, arrears, case management and other eligible costs. Lisa Peacock shared that Chris was recently appointed to the Balance of State Equity committee.</p> <p>Encompass Community Supports PSH and RRH: Kim Donohue reported that Encompass did not receive Housing Trust Fund awards and that funds in its current rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing programs are allocated and likely to be spent down by May. ECS is working with Virginia Housing to access additional housing choice vouchers and with Culpeper Human Services on the last weeks of the Warming Shelter.</p> <p>New Beginnings CE Supportive Services: Faith Smith shared that New Beginnings has spent its allocation of 2024 supportive services funding with an additional request in for 2025 and that they hoped to hear back on that funding soon. They will have a soft opening of their South Main Street location in Culpeper on April 1st.</p> <p>People Incorporated Permanent Supportive Housing: Betty Segal shared that People Inc. has a couple of slots open in its Permanent Supportive Housing program and received additional funds via the HUD CoC program through the Balance of State that should allow growth to 16-17 units in that program, with 3 additional through Housing Trust Fund.</p> <p>Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission Coordinated Entry/Planning: Rebecca Wareham shared updates on Coordinated Entry program and pilot access point process with New Beginnings, as well as overall need to support outreach in the region.</p>	Grantees provided relevant information	Chris McGill, Kim Donohue, Faith Smith, Betty Segal, Rebecca Wareham
Balance of State Steering Committee Update	Patrick Mauney provided a brief review of the Virginia Balance of State steering committee and how Foothills Housing Network fits within the overall structure of homeless services in Virginia. He stated that Rebecca often participates and that Lisa Peacock plans to join the next	Update was provided	Patrick Mauney

	Balance of State steering committee meeting on March 24 th . If others are interested, information on the meeting can be forwarded.		
Nominations for Vice-Chair	Lisa Peacock stated that a nomination for Chris McGill to serve as Vice-Chair was received and asked for any further nominations for those in the meeting. With none forthcoming, she asked for a vote to confirm Chris McGill as Vice Chair.	Nomination of Chris McGill for Vice Chair was approved	Lisa Peacock, Chair
2025 Housing Trust Fund Awards	<p>Lisa Peacock noted that the Summer Point in Time Count agenda item was previously discussed.</p> <p>Patrick Mauney shared the previous updates from Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services and Encompass Community Supports regarding the Housing Trust Fund awards. He further noted that Community Touch was also slated to receive funding for rapid re-housing and that People Incorporated received additional funding to support its Permanent Supportive Housing program.</p> <p>Felicia Champion provided additional information on CTI's award and Betty Segal did likewise for People Incorporated.</p>	Housing Trust Fund awards were discussed	Patrick Mauney, Felicia Champion, Betty Segal
Winter Shelter Update	Lisa Peacock thanked those in the meeting for their support of the Winter Shelter in Culpeper and noted that a report would be transmitted once the winter shelter closed at the end of March. Kim Donohue shared that they have had success in the past two weeks with shelter residents finding permanent housing.	Winter Shelter update was provided	Lisa Peacock, Kim Donohue
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.	Meeting Adjournment	Lisa Peacock, Chair
Next Meeting: May 20, 2025 RRRC & Virtual			