

## FOOTHILLS HOUSING NETWORK

September 18, 2013

10:00 pm

Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission

### AGENDA

1. FY 2014 Grant Status Updates
  - Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) – Cheryl Carter
  - Homeless Solutions Grant (HSG) – Laura Brown/Felicia Champion
  - Child Services Coordination Grant (CSCG)
  
2. Pending Grant Applications
  - CoC Permanent Supportive Housing application
  - Virginia Housing Trust Fund
  - VCEH VISTA opportunity
  
3. Point-in-Time project
  
4. Discussion: Planning for FHN 501(c)(3) status and FY 15 grant applications
  
5. Member updates

## VCEH VISTA Opportunity

### *Goals and Objectives*

The project will increase the capacity of local communities to more effectively address homelessness, participate in statewide initiatives and achieve shared outcomes. It will provide one VISTA member to support some or all of the following activities. An exact work plan will be created upon the selection of participating CoCs.

#### 1. Engaging current and new stakeholders.

Objective 1.1: Increase meaningful engagement of current members of the CoC.

Activities will include all or some of the following:

- a. Scheduling and preparing agendas for CoC-wide meetings and committee meetings
- b. Assessing current participation in CoC meetings by surveying CoC members to identify and develop strategies to increase member participation and active engagement in the CoC

Objective 1.2: Enhance formal planning and community infrastructure.

Activities will include all or some of the following:

- a. Creating governance documents, including by-laws, policies and procedures, and other local organizing documents

Objective 1.3: Increase meaningful engagement of new stakeholders.

Activities will include all or some of the following:

- a. Conducting outreach to new partners including one or more of the following: one stop shops, Workforce Investment Boards, local employers, local veterans groups, local government, public housing authorities, affordable housing developers, community corrections, and others

#### 2. Assessing and supporting improvements to the local system.

Objective 2.1: Improve the system for coordinated entry and exit from the homeless response system.

Activities will include all or some of the following:

- a. Collecting and sharing examples
- b. Creating and supporting implementation of intake and assessment tools

Objective 2.2 Improve overall system performance.

Activities will include all or some of the following:

- a. Creating or enhancing current performance monitoring procedures
- b. Supporting adoption and implementation of uniform performance measurements focused on housing stability

3. Utilizing data to articulate need and progress and to make data-driven decisions.

Objective 3.1: Improve data quality and HMIS participation.

Activities will include all or some of the following:

- a. Assisting with data collection, entry, and aggregation
- b. Reviewing and designing strategies to improve data quality
- c. Conducting outreach to agencies to discuss the benefits of HMIS participation

Objective 3.2: Utilize data to clearly articulate need and progress and make decisions on allocation of resources

Activities will include all or some of the following:

- a. Conducting community assessments
- b. Creating templates for reports
- c. Implementing a process for data-driven decision making
- d. Assisting the community in adopting housing-focused performance measurements

4. Supporting local program transition to housing first and housing focused service delivery.

Objective 4.1: Increase knowledge and implementation of best practices.

Activities will include all or some of the following:

- a. Providing case examples of program models that have been proven successful in other communities in Virginia and across the nation
- b. Organizing presentations and dialogues on the transition to housing first