

Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness
General Membership Meeting
June 14, 2018
Minutes

Members Present: Bryan Davis, Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority; Rachel Mains, Shalom House; Rachel Rasmussen, Melanie Hill, Jessie Osborne, James Pride, & Marcie Walker of Valley Youth House; Julia Hoskins, Self-Determination Housing Project of PA; Natasha Woods, TCCA; Kaamilah Williams, VA; Teddy Maurer; Deb McClain, Hands Up Ministry; William Reed, YWCA; Joyce Vanderhorst-Gamble; and Dee Allen.

Welcome and Introductions: Bryan Davis convened the meeting and welcomed everyone. We introduced ourselves to each other.

MOTION by William Reed to accept the February 2018 General Membership meeting minutes without changes.
Seconded by Natasha Woods. MOTION passed.

Deb McClain gave an outline of Hands Up Ministry which is a street outreach helping to distribute “care bags” filled with socks, snacks, water, and basic toiletries every month in tandem with “Food Not Bombs,” a humanitarian group who uses Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit’s commercial kitchen to provide a hot meal every Monday night. Hands Up also distributes basic needs like boots, hats, gloves every week to people living on the streets. Hands Up wishes to maximize partnerships, so that its activities have a collaborative impact in our community. Currently, it is recognizing a need for expanded shower and laundry services.

Treasurer’s Report: - Bryan Davis told us that while our Grand Total exceeded our \$5,000 goal for the Highmark Walk, it was only because Downtown Daily Bread had its own team (*with funds going to DDB*). Apart from DDB’s fundraising - CACH raised \$2,063, which was far short of our \$5,000 organizational goal.

General discussion – Bryan Davis reported that this year’s HUD Continuum of Care NOFA is issued; and that strong emphasis is again on Performance Measures. Priority for new funding application(s) is for Transitional/Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing.

We had a lengthy conversation about Youth Homelessness & especially outreach. Our friends at Valley Youth House, the VA, & the YWCA lent a great deal to the conversation, which covered: Helping Helpers, Dreambuilders 2018, Discharge Planning, Youth Aging-out of foster care, street outreach, camps, and the struggle of MH clients navigating CMU.

Julia Hoskins discussed the application submitted for additional 811 housing.

Next Meeting: The next General Membership meeting of CACH will be **October 11, 2018** beginning at 10 AM at Christ Lutheran Church, 124 South 13th Street, Harrisburg

Adjourned 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Davis, Chair