

GREATER VIRGINIA PENINSULA CONTINUUM OF CARE

TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT



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ABOUT THE GREATER VIRGINIA PENINSULA'S TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

The Greater Virginia Peninsula Continuum of Care Council (GVPCCC) Task Force on Homelessness is a regional body comprised of six separate political jurisdictions: **Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, Williamsburg, James City County, and York County**. This vigorous and collaborative entity is open to any and all agencies, programs, and individuals interested in working to prevent homelessness on the Greater Virginia Peninsula.

STAFF

Beverly Gooden, Continuum of Care Coordinator
The Planning Council

2008–2009 CHAIRPERSONS

Stacie Walls-Beegle, Executive Director
ACCESS AIDS Care Center for Education & Support Services

Joel Kirsch, Social Work Supervisor
Newport News Department of Human Services

2008–2009 MEMBERS

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| ACCESS AIDS Care | New Vision Outreach Ministry |
| Avalon: A Center for Women & Children | Newport News Department of Human Services |
| Hampton Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions | Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority |
| Hampton Department of Human Services | Office of Human Affairs—Newport News |
| City of Hampton | Peninsula Institute for Community Health |
| City of Newport News | The Salvation Army—Peninsula |
| City of Williamsburg | The Salvation Army—Williamsburg |
| Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board | The Planning Council |
| Housing Development Corp. of Hampton Roads | Transitions Family Violence Services |
| James City County | United Way of Greater Williamsburg |
| James City County Housing Authority | United Way of the Virginia Peninsula |
| Joyce O'Brien, Community Volunteer | Virginia Employment Commission |
| LINK of Hampton Roads | York County Housing Authority |
| Menchville House Ministries | York-Poquoson Department of Social Services |
| Natasha House | |

THE MAYORS AND CHAIRS COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS 2009–2010 GOALS

- Adopt the regional Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness
- Complete Homelessness Video Project
- Create regional Housing Broker Team
- Expand permanent housing options
- Develop regional Central Intake process
- Expand SOAR participating agencies
- Create Prevention Resources Team
- Increase Homeless Management Information System users

2009 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

The 'Point-in-Time' count is part of a statewide effort to obtain an accurate snapshot of Virginia's homeless population in a 24-hour period. The Task Force on Homelessness conducted the annual count January 28 through January 29, 2009. Results revealed veterans and persons experiencing chronic homelessness, severe mental illness and domestic violence.

HOMELESS POPULATION

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| Total Number of Children in Homeless Families: | 86 |
| Total Number of Adults in Homeless Families: | 61 |
| Number of Single Adults: | 422 |
| TOTAL PERSONS: | 569 |

HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS)

An important goal of the Homeless Management Information System is to inform both local and statewide public policy about the extent and nature of homelessness. This is accomplished through analysis and release of data that is grounded in the actual experiences of homeless persons and the services provided to assist them in shelters and by other providers. HMIS is administered by The Planning Council in conjunction with the commitment of the Continuum of Care. The Mayors and Chairs Commission on Homelessness also secured funding in their respective jurisdictions to support the HMIS efforts.

COMMITTEES

It is the mission of the Task Force on Homelessness to be the recognized forum for collaboratively addressing critical homelessness and poverty issues to advance and strengthen our communities. In accordance with this mission, the Task Force established four committees to further progress the charge of the Continuum:

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
COORDINATED SERVICES COMMITTEE
PROGRAM MONITORING COMMITTEE
HMIS COMMITTEE

2008 HUD HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$1,621,309.00

Permanent Supportive Housing

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Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board
LINK of Hampton Roads
Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority

Transitional Housing

Avalon: A Center for Women & Children
Transitions Family Violence Services

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