

Best Practices Committee | MINUTES

Meeting Date; Time: 4/27/17, 11am-1pm

Meeting Location: Woodstock Cafe

Type of Meeting	Regular Meeting
Note taker	Amber Joiner-Hill (NSVRC)
Attendees	Dawn Sonifrank (<i>First Step</i>), Valerie Roth (<i>People Inc.</i>), Whitney Hamrick (<i>SAS</i>), Zanata Fenn (<i>ARE</i>), Jennifer Morrison (<i>Response</i>), Robin Stevens (<i>Choices</i>), Laura Black, guest (<i>HRHA</i>), Oscar Cerrito-Mendoza, guest (<i>ARE</i>)
Absent	--

3/16/17 minutes approved

Agenda Topic: *Updates*

Discussion

- Committee members provided updates on training and educational opportunities for the CoC
- CoC 101: discussion on this has been postponed—Valerie and Jennifer will meet in May and will have an update for the group in June
- Mental Health Training: Brandy Haden, a Harrisonburg CSB staff member, will create a curriculum that focuses on mental health and substance abuse disorders that are common among people who are homeless, and how service providers can assist clients overcome those barriers—Amber will ask Brandy to schedule something in September
- Training Resources List: Whitney and Zanata drafted a list of various training recommendations for service providers and clients; How can this document be shared? Whitney will update it every six months, Amber will share it through CoC emails, website, and Facebook

Agenda Topic: *Strategic Plan*

Discussion

- The rest of the meeting was spent reviewing and drafting Objectives for Goal 1 of the CoC’s Strategic Plan; discussion is to be continued during the next committee meeting