

# Northern Local Planning Group | MINUTES

**Meeting Date; Time:** 6/6/17; 1:00-2:30pm

**Meeting Location:** NSVRC office; Front Royal

<b>Type of Meeting</b>	Regular Meeting	
<b>Note taker</b>	Amber Joiner-Hill (NSVRC)	
<b>Attendees</b>		
Whitney Hamrick (SAS)	Janice Dickinson (SAS)	
Charley Han (Virginia Cooperative Extension)	Karen Poff (Virginia Cooperative Extension)	
Laura Black (HRHA)	Lynn Gray (NWCSB)	
Katie Furneisen (SAS)	Chris Monroe (NWCSB)	
Diance Wittreich (Family Promise)	Maria Diaz (Access Independence)	
Felicia Hart (Town of Front Royal)	Brandi Day (People Inc.)	
John Nagley (ARE)	Oscar Cerrito-Mendoza (ARE)	
Valerie Roth (People Inc.)	Jodi Young (Valley Health)	
Karen Marcum (Choices)	Robin Stevens (Choices)	
Faith B. Power (The Laurel Center)	Jean Versammy (The Laurel Center)	
Tyler Thompson (Frederick County Public Schools)	Linda J. Allen (Center for Workforce Development – Front Royal)	

3/7/17 minutes approved

## Agenda Topic: Committee Updates

### Discussion

- Best Practices:
  - spent the last couple meetings writing Objectives 1 and 2 for the Strategic Plan
  - open position for the Committee Chair and nominees are needed
- Compliance & Evaluation:
  - spent the last couple meetings writing Objectives 3 and 4 the Strategic Plan
  - created the VHSP grantee agreement and rapid rehousing performance benchmarks monitoring procedures; these will be shared with VHSP grantees soon
  - VHSP funds have been expended and there are Housing Trust Fund dollars rapid rehousing funds available through Mercy House and Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter
- Media Advocacy:
  - This group was created last year but has only met once and the Chair, Kim Herbstritt just stepped down; current status is unclear
  - Oscar Cerrito-Mendoza volunteered to Chair the Committee

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**Agenda Topic:** *Strategic Plan*

**Presenter:** *Valerie*

**Discussion**

- The group reviewed Goal 1 of the CoC's Strategic Plan; full version to be available during the July quarterly meeting
  - What definition are we using for street outreach? There was discussion about the HUD definition of street outreach but right now the goal is to work with the outreach teams that already exist
  - What is our current average length of time in emergency shelters? The last couple years have been around 91 days—HUD wants to see 30 days but this isn't feasible for our CoC
  - There is concern about not having the "right" people involved to execute the plan's action steps; there is a strong interest in diversifying CoC relationships in an organized manner; Goal 2 is to focus on expanding CoC funding and relationships
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**Agenda Topic:** *Spent Activity*

**Discussion**

- The group participated in the [SPENT activity](#)—an interactive online exercise to educate participants on what it can be like to live in poverty
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**Agenda Topic:** *Announcements*

**Discussion**

- Valerie Roth: Kim Herbstritt recently stepped down as Co-Chair of the Northern LPG and the group is looking for a Vice-chair to complete her term through March 2018; Nominations are due by the end of July
- Karen Poff: Virginia Cooperative Extension is hosting a poverty simulation activity in Page County on June 14<sup>th</sup> and is looking for volunteers, this activity is followed by a trauma educational training
- Amber Joiner-Hill: The Executive Committee needs nominations for someone with previous or current experience with homelessness; position needs to be filled as soon as possible
- Tyler Thompson: Frederick County Public Schools have seen an increase of homeless students from 152 to 272 over the last school year