

# VIRGINIA BALANCE OF STATE

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5.08 Solutions for Balance of State CoCs

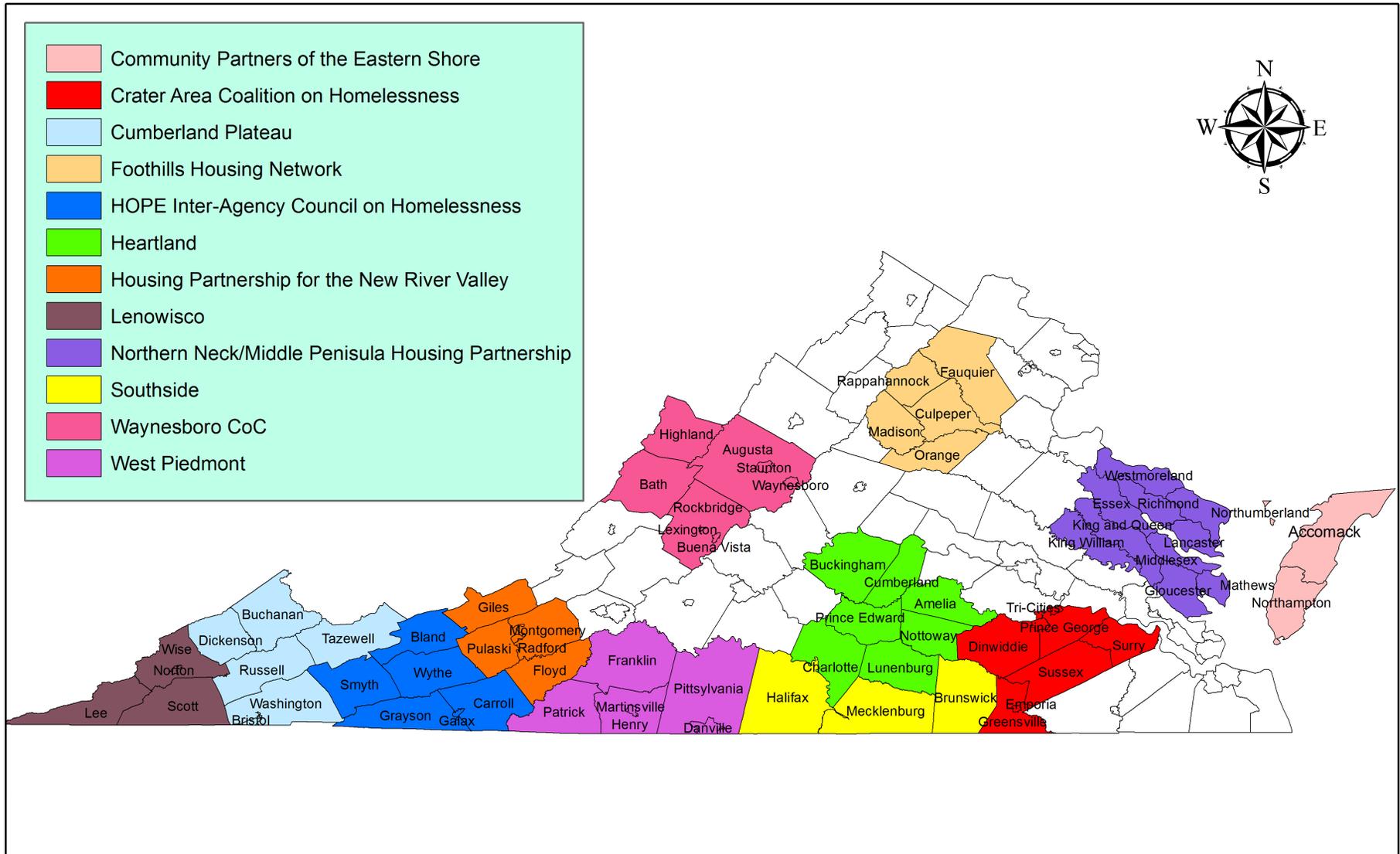
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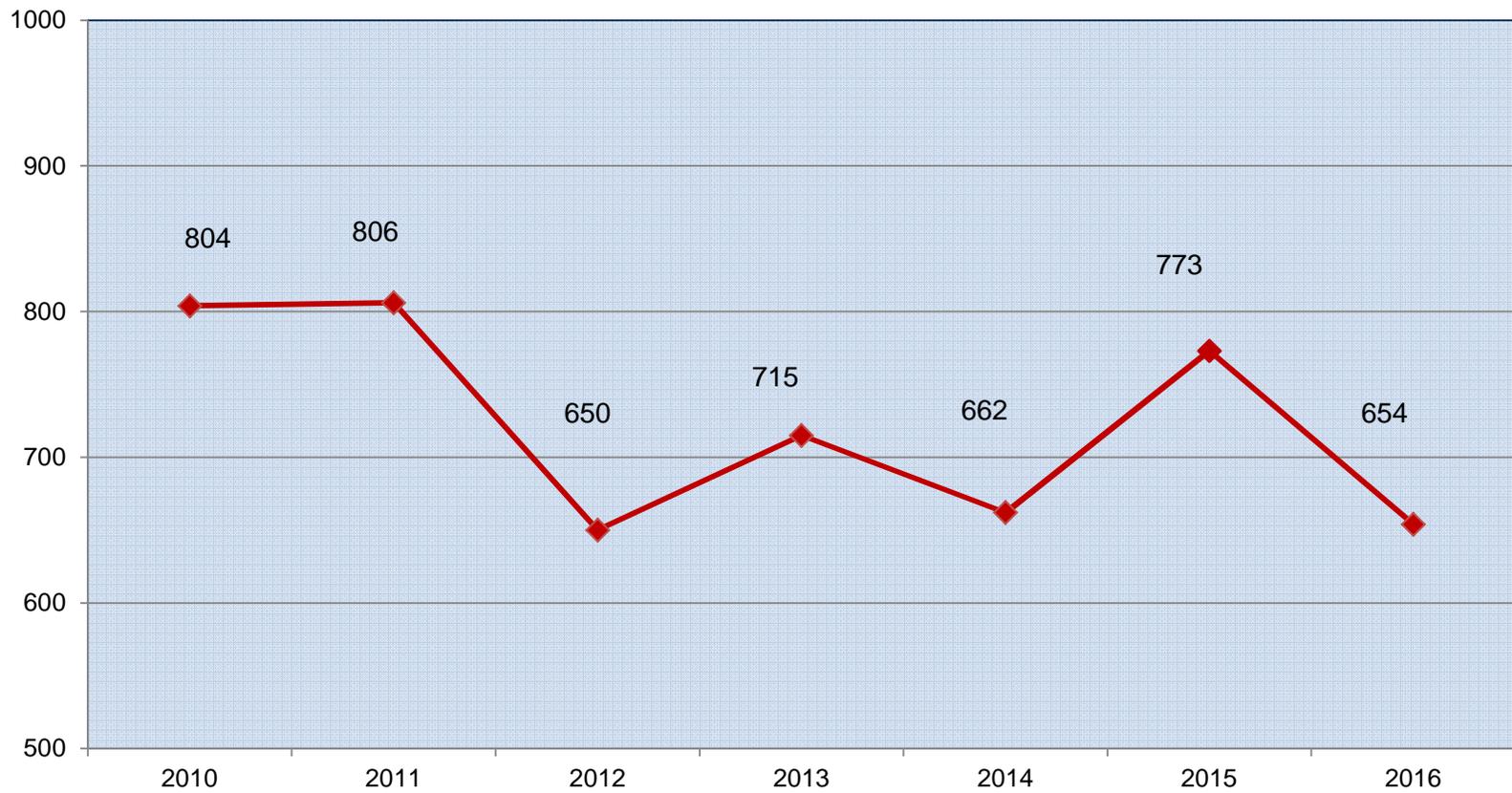


# Virginia Balance of State Continuum of Care Local Planning Groups



# Balance of State CoC PIT

2010 -2016  
18.6% Decrease



# Virginia Balance of State

- 69 Counties and Cities
- 500 miles from most western county to most eastern county of the BoS
- Census: 1.5 million
- 2016 Point-in-Time: 654
  - 156 unsheltered
  - 85 families (260 people)
  - 394 singles
  - 46 CH
  - 12 veterans
- Comprised of 12 local planning groups (LPGs)

# Local Planning Groups

## **Requirements:**

- Have Governance Policies, a Board, Committees, and Standards that align with the BoS CoC.
- Have open meetings at least every other month, and publish notices of their meeting agendas and minutes
- Elect Steering Committee and Sub-Committee representatives
- Conduct Point in Time (PIT) and Housing Bed Inventory Chart (HIC) at least annually (provided to collaborative applicant)

# LPG requirements continued

- Submit Annual Performance Reports (APR) to HUD (where applicable)
- Participate in HMIS (if applicable) and adhere to the BoS's HMIS Policies and Procedures maintained by Homeward (HMIS administrator)
- Use system level data (HUD and state) to make LPG decisions
- Support the priorities established by the BoS CoC aligning with state and federal policies



# BoS Collaborative Applicant

The Department of Housing and Community Development(DHCD) is the lead support agency (collaborative applicant) providing staff to the various committees and work groups.

# BoS Governing Board

- ***Balance of State Steering Committee*** - The CoC Steering Committee is the lead decision-making body and board responsible for planning for the use of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC resources and coordinating these funds with other relevant resources in the jurisdiction.

# Steering Committee Responsibilities

- Providing overall direction and leadership of the process
- Making all formal decisions of the CoC
- Strategic planning and goal setting
- Approving the selection of the Monitoring and Selection Committee (Ranking Committee)

# Responsibilities cont.

- Monitoring and evaluating both system wide and individual program performance
- Establishing priorities for and making decisions about the allocation of CoC resources
- Disseminating information to all members of the local planning groups



# Sub-committees

- HMIS, Data, and Performance Committee
- Uniformed/Coordinated Assessment System Committee
- Services Coordinating Committee
- Monitoring and Selection Committee (Ranking Committee)

# Coordinated Entry

- Each LPG has either a centralized or multiple coordinated access points that cover entire geography
- In addition to access points, each LPG has one phone number where persons can access services
- The Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) is the common standardized assessment tool (Approved Spring 2015)

# Prioritization and By-Name List

- **Prioritization**
  - The BoS follows the guidance for PSH priority provided by HUD (CPD-14-012)
  - Otherwise, the BoS prioritizes persons based on the vulnerability score determined using the VI-SPDAT.
- **By-Name List**
  - A list is maintained by each LPG
  - Depending on capacity/population, list is either comprehensive or by sub-population



# CoC Funding

- 5 PSH projects – 1 new (34%)
- 3 RRH projects (37%)
- HMIS (17%)
- CoC Planning (12%)
- Total \$808,025

# CoC Competition Process

- After the registration is released, the CA seeks interest from each of the 12 LPGs to apply for a new projects
  - Pre-applications are reviewed by CA to determine project eligibility
- Once NOFA is released, another request for new projects is requested
  - Pre-applications are reviewed by the CA to determine project eligibility

# CoC Competition cont.

- All eligible applicants submit their ESNAP applications, supplemental applications, and required attachments to CA for distribution to ranking committee
- Ranking committee reviews all applications and tiers projects based on NOFA guidance, federal and state priorities, community needs, and project performance
- Steering Committee has approved (by vote) ranking committee to make final decisions for project tiering



# Challenges

- Infrastructure
- Provider capacity
- Engagement of LPGs with BoS
- Engagement of stakeholders with LPGs
- Few LPGs with CoC HUD projects
- Level of poverty vs. homelessness

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