

Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

Meeting Minutes 3/28/2019

Attendees:

X	Kashonna Holland		Kim Salazar		Minah Woo
X	Elizabeth Meadows		Andra Cain		Diane Martin
	Ayesha Holmes		Jennifer Pollitt Hill	X	Jackie Scott
	Julie Keough	X	Joan Driessen	X	Francine Trout
X	Sherry Banks		Kelly McLaughlin		Antigone Vickery
X	Lisa Jablonover		Karen Butler		Jim Marshall
	Bitu Dayhoff		Tiffany Smith		Brad Closs
X	Stan Levi		Jack Kavanagh		

Staff:

X	Rose Burton	X	Megan Godfrey Jackson	X	Cara Baumgartner
X	Valerie Mathis	X	Charles Smith		

Public Attendees:

Name	Organization
Jennifer Broderick	Bridges to Housing Stability
Nette Stokes	JustLiving Advocacy
Rev. Brian Akers	Columbia CSC
Laura Salganik	ACS

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 am

Welcome and introductions were made by Kashonna Holland and Elizabeth Meadows

Administration representative to meet with BPSS

The County Executive read the Transition Report and acknowledge that many recommendations were made. At this point he will not be taking action on the recommendation regarding BPSS. An invitation was made either for an Administration representative to attend a BPSS meeting or for a delegation from BPSS to visit Administration. They look forward to hearing more about what BPSS is doing in the community.

BPSS History

Joan Driessen, Lisa Jablonover and Francine Trout gave a brief history of BPSS. Highlights were moving from being the board for the Coordinated Entry system and Plan to End Homeless to a board with a boarder self-sufficiency focus. Projects incubated by BPSS include: Bridges out of Poverty, Getting Ahead and Staying Ahead, VITA tax sites and MakingChange, Hire Power Awards, and backing the formation of the Nonprofit Collaborative campus.

Association of Community Services (ACS) – Self-sufficiency Indicators

Laura Salganik presented her report on Self-sufficiency indicators. Five indicators: finance, housing, food, child care and health care. Offices throughout the county provide data, along with, State websites and the US Census. ACS has been

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tracking these indicators for 10 years and hopes the document can be used as a reference for organizations trying to demonstrate need in the community.

The report used multiple sources for self-sufficiency budgets, including United Way ALICE report. 25,000 households earn below \$60,000, which is 23-26% of the county, equal to roughly 75,000 individuals. Howard County food bank served 30,000 unduplicated individuals in 2018. 17,000 individuals receive SNAP, with 23,000 individuals income eligible. SNAP has a lower income cutoff for benefits than the food bank.

Between all indicators; roughly 75,000 Howard County residents are struggling with self-sufficiency and roughly 25,000 are struggling with basic needs.

Subcommittees

Three subcommittees have been formed: Childcare, Transportation and Radar. Board members were asked to sign up for at least one subcommittee. The chair of each subcommittee must be a board member, but non-board members are welcome to join subcommittees. An email will be sent to any board member not in attendance to offer them the opportunity to join a subcommittee. The April BPSS meeting will be devoted to breakout sessions for each subcommittee.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:14 am

Next Meeting: April 25, 2019 9:00 am

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