

# Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

## Meeting Minutes 1/17/2019

### Attendees:

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

### Staff:

X	Rose Burton	X	Megan Godfrey Jackson	X	Cara Baumgartner

### Public Attendees:

Name	Organization
Andrea King-Wessels	Howard County Corrections

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 am

Welcome and introductions were made by Kashonna Holland and Elizabeth Meadows

### BPSS Strategic Plan

BPSS is the bridge between county government and the community. They do this by talking directly to policy makers. Would like to choose one or two focuses for the next year.

- Childcare Affordability: ACS and Leadership Howard County, are creating a space to discuss the issue. LCB is not setting as a priority this year. If BPSS chooses this as a focus, we would want to define our support and not duplicate another groups' work. We would find the gaps that are not being addressed.
- Transportation: insufficiently funded and poorly planned. The consequences are disproportionately borne by the poor when this system does not work effectively.
- Radar Committee: would be on the lookout for opportunities and issues BPSS may want to address in the future. The group felt this committee wasn't needed at this time.

### Economic Opportunity & Prosperity Taskforce Recommendations

After reviewing the recommendations, there were three main areas of focus; Housing and Community Development, Economic Development, and Economic and Business Workforce. Under these areas were: housing affordability, transportation and childcare.

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They suggested fully funding Central Maryland Transportation Plan. That childcare should be seen as a way towards full employment for the current workforce and to help develop a better future workforce.

Housing Affordability Coalition has been created and is starting to meet regularly. They state there needs to be a dedicated budget line to fund affordable housing, recommending 20 million to start. If county develops land, they should always consider affordability. There needs to be a master plan to address housing affordability. While extremely important, the group questioned how much BPSS can do to help.

## **BPSS Priorities for the Year**

Suggested we focus on issues of the ALICE (United Way defined as: Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) population. What barriers are keeping them from being stable and successful; wages, types of jobs, who is recruited for higher paying jobs, childcare, and working multiple low pay jobs so they don't have time to access education. We would like to consult with United Way for models to address the ALICE population. Send invitation to speak to BPSS. Would also like to have the ALICE population tell us what they think they need. We can miss important pieces of the puzzle if we dictate to people instead of hearing from them.

Housing affordability is being championed by many potentially powerful groups. While transportation and childcare do not seem to have the same level of advocacy. Need to use the language of self-sufficiency with any focus we decide on.

## **Voting on Priorities**

There were no votes for housing affordability. There were 11 votes for workforce development, subcategories of transportation and childcare.

## **Megan Godfrey Jackson presented on Community Service Partnerships (CSP) Grants Program**

CSP funds programs that meet basic needs and provide greater opportunities for people to achieve self-sufficiency. Understanding how Howard County is currently funding initiatives and possibilities for aligning funding with BPSS. More discussion is needed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:35 am**

**Next Meeting: February 28, 2019 9:00 am**

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