

# Howard County Coalition to End Homelessness

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## Coalition to End Homelessness Board

### Meeting Minutes

10/23/2018

#### Attendees:

X	Kelli Cimino	X	Peter Engle		Cassandra Killingsworth
X	Bill Salganik	X	James Le'Mon		Sandy Monck
X	Jacqueline Scott	X	Bitia Dayhoff	X	Lisa Terry
	Fran Trout	X	Ayesha Holmes		Karen Booth
X	Linda Zumbrun	X	Kelly McLaughlin-Kominsky		Sheryl Neverson
	Jack Kavanaugh	X	Joe Willmott	X	Jennifer Pollitt-Hill
X	Stan Levi		Roe Bonaccorsy		Kimberly Eisenreich

#### Staff:

X	Rose Burton	X	Michelle Hippert	X	Jennifer Corcoran
X	Keisha Benjamin	X	Liz Van Oeveren		Megan Godfrey Jackson
X	Cara Baumgartner				

#### Public Attendees:

Name	Organization

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 am

#### Minutes for March through September 2018

Kelly Cimino moved to accept the minutes and Lisa Terry seconded. The room agreed, and minutes were accepted.

#### Governance Charter

The Governance Charter was submitted for a vote. 13 of the 21 total members were present to meet quorum. All 13 members voted to accept the Charter. It will be reviewed annually.

#### Nominating Committee

Cassandra Killingsworth, Bill Salganik, and Kelly Cimino were put forward as new board members. At the next meeting the group will be asked to vote on Chair and Vice Chair. Board would still like to add members of police, Howard County Hospital, and faith community.

#### Committees

Leaders for were chosen for the following committees: Elizabeth Meadows – Rating and Ranking Committee, Linda Zumbrun – Coordinated Entry Committee, and Bill Salganik – HMIS Committee.

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## **Sub-Populations and Howard County HMIS Data**

Sub-populations were discussed to functionally end homelessness. Example was given of Bergen County, New Jersey. They no longer have chronic or veteran homelessness. They were able to remove behavioral barriers and prioritize shelter/housing first. They have one homeless shelter for the entire county, that also provides the other services clients need to stabilize.

There was a review of HMIS data for sub-populations in Howard County. Consideration was given to pick one or two groups to be focused on for the next few years. The various populations strengths and vulnerabilities were discussed, along with how best to use data for targeting. Further discussion on sub-populations will take place in the Planning Committee.

## **Diversion**

Related definitions were presented and how each category of client would be addressed. Precariously housed – would receive prevention services. People at front door/seeking shelter – would receive diversion services. Literally homeless – housing focused, rapid exit from homelessness. Diversion would help reduce entries into homelessness and demand for shelter beds, help reduce trauma to clients, and would be a light touch approach. There are four strategies to make diversion work: county wide by in, problem solving conversations with clients, creating connections between services and continuous practice.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:26 am**

**Next Meeting: November 13, 2018 at 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive Columbia MD, 21046**