

Howard County Coalition to End Homelessness

Coalition to End Homelessness Board

Meeting Minutes

5/22/2019

Attendees:

X	Kelly Cimino	X	Peter Engel		Cassandra Killingsworth
X	Bill Salganik		James Le'Mon	X	Sandy Monck
	Jacqueline Scott	X	Bita Dayhoff	X	Lisa Terry
X	Shelia Little	X	Ayesha Holmes	X	Karen Booth
X	Linda Zumbrun	X	Jennifer Broderick		Sheryl Neverson
	Jack Kavanaugh	X	Joe Willmott		Jennifer Pollitt-Hill
X	Stan Levi		Roe Bonaccorsy	X	Kimberly Eisenreich

Staff:

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

Public Attendees:

Name	Organization
Beth Stein	CAC
Kim Fuller	Health Department

Agenda

Call to Order 1:06 pm

Minutes Peter Engle motioned the April minutes for approval. All
Approved were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Agenda item: Grant Writing Workgroup and Event Committee Updates **Presenter:** Rose Burton and Jennifer Corcoran

Discussion: Grant writing workgroup has been formed and will help write the NOFA. Members include: Stan Levi, Ayesha Holmes, Elizabeth Meadows and Nkechi Animashaun. Last year's NOFA application will be sent to members for review. Event committee is helping to plan the Summer Solstice Success Celebration. Hope to use the committee and future events to build a wider coalition.

Agenda item: Quarterly Data Report **Presenter:** Keisha Benjamin

Discussion: Point in Time (PIT) Count: there were 201 homeless people the night of the count. 72 were unsheltered and 129 were sheltered. There were 24 sheltered and six unsheltered families with children. Racially there were 66% black/African American, 22% white, and 8% multiracial people.

Homeless Inventory (HIC) Count: 96% shelter utilization rate, or two beds free at Grassroots. Cold Weather was at 105% capacity. Of the 72 people that were unsheltered, 21 were chronic homeless. 39 homeless people were DV survivors, nine were veterans, and six were unaccompanied youth.

Coordinated Entry: 732 people have presented to system so far this year, with 577 referred. 206 people were staying with friend/family and 159 were unsheltered when they presented. Typically, four business days between referral and agencies able to make contact. 93% of people entering system are first time homeless in the last 24 months. Only 17%

return to homelessness in a two-year period. Length of time homeless averages 292 days. 60% of exits are to a permanent destination. Overall, Howard County is having better outcomes than national averages in most categories.

Agenda item: NAEH Update

Presenter: Rose Burton

Discussion: DCRS is sending requested documents to National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) for Howard County homeless system analysis. NAEH will be contacting homeless services providers for documents as well. Letters will go out to all Coalition members addressing setting up interviews. PEH interviews will also be submitted. PEH and NAEH should align and help to inform action plans

Agenda item: PEH Workgroup

Presenter: Liz Van Oeveren

Discussion: Currently working on year one action plan. Will form temporary workgroups: emergency shelter capacity, housing navigation services, landlord relationships, affordable housing, and advocacy. Members will come from the wider Coalition. The action plan will begin July 1st, 2020.

Other Items

Meeting Concluded: 2:12 pm

Next meeting: Department of Community Resources and Services – June 26, 2019 1:00 pm.