

Howard County Coalition to End Homelessness

Coalition to End Homelessness Board

Meeting Minutes

7/31/2019

Attendees:

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

Staff:

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

Name	Organization
Heather Sheridan	Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
Beth Stein	CAC
Kelly McLaughlin	Community member

Agenda

Call to Order 1:08 pm

Minutes

Approved

Agenda item: PIT Count

Presenter: Rose Burton and Keisha Benjamin

Discussion:

In the previous year the PIT Count was led by the Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) and the HMIS Committee. For the next PIT Count OCP would like to see the Coalition Board lead the event. There was discussion over which part of the Board would be best suited to planning. Possibly will have an information session with further discussion and see if the Events Workgroup have the capacity to take on the event.

Agenda item: Planning Committee Update

Presenter: Liz Van Oeveren

Discussion:

The Plan to End Homelessness will be called "The Path Home". The final survey for Coalition feedback has been sent. OCP will be working with the Communications team to publish the Plan. The year one action plan will be released with the Plan. Will have a full Coalition meeting to review the final draft before publishing.

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Agenda item: Community Awareness Committee Update

Presenter: Jennifer Corcoran

Discussion:

The committee is planning a Homelessness Awareness event for November. This will be in addition to the Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. The group will see if it can help with PIT planning.

Agenda item: National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Assessment

Presenter: Rose Burton

Discussion:

NAEH are finishing their meetings with local stakeholders. Due to staff changes at NAEH, the release of their report will be delayed until around Labor Day.

Agenda item: HMIS Data Update

Presenter: Keisha Benjamin

Discussion:

709 eligible households presented in FY19. 503 households were served. 171 households exited to permanent housing, a 58% success rate. Decline in households presenting and eligible this year. Howard County still has a high number of households presenting as first time homeless. PIT count shows 72 households as literally homeless that day, while 230 households presented to the system as literally homeless in the year. 265 of the 709 were referred to a program. It took an average of four days from a household being assigned to a program to the program being able to make first contact. 93% of those entering programs have not been homeless before.

Agenda item: Maryland State Plan to End Homelessness

Presenter: Heather Sheridan

Discussion:

Heather Sheridan led the State Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness. They used data driven funding for responses to homelessness. They used goals, tracking progress, and program accountability. CoCs need action plans that evolve as their work progresses. Residency should not be a factor in obtaining services, according to State, having such requirements violate fair housing laws. Placements should be about which households are the most vulnerable and where the household's support network is located. Consider when and how people leave shelter, is it because they have stabilized or because they have hit the number of days allowed to stay? Shelters need to be lower barrier to entry. Increase access to respite and convalescent care with improved discharge practices. Training and education programs so that households can increase employment and income. Training for both agency staff and volunteers should be required.

Local Coalitions need to keep buy-in from members and stay active. Acuity assessment, who is living in HUD Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) that could be successfully moved to a Section 8 voucher. If households do not need the level of support required in PSH, move them to standard housing.

Agenda item: Funding Updates

Presenter: Michelle Hippert

Discussion:

- The NOFA is open. HUD application was released much later than expected. There will be requests for partner input. Fair Market Rents have been corrected, with an increase between \$120,000 to \$140,000. DHCD has released funding for Howard County, it includes bonus youth and human trafficking projects.
- Shelter + Care was increased by \$25,000 and the project will be moving to Humanim. The rest of CSP funding stayed level.
- EFSP increased funding to \$39,070 from \$24,000 the previous year.
- FFA funding is still being worked on and grant amounts have not been released.

Other Items

Meeting Concluded: 2:33 pm

Next meeting: Department of Community Resources and Services – September 25, 2019 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm