

Howard County Coalition to End Homelessness

Coalition to End Homelessness Board

Meeting Minutes

10/30/2019

Attendees:

	Kelly Cimino	X	Peter Engel		Cassandra Killingsworth
X	Bill Salganik	X	James Le'Mon	X	Sandy Monck
X	Jacqueline Scott		Bitia Dayhoff	X	Lisa Terry
	Shelia Little	X	Ayesha Holmes	X	Karen Booth
X	Linda Zumbrun	X	Jennifer Broderick		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		Megan Godfrey Jackson
X	Cara Baumgartner		Cheryl Mattis		Colleen Baumgartner
X	Valerie Mathis		Charles Smith		

Name	Organization
John C Pomory	Alliance/Mosaic
Kim Fuller	Health Department
Kelly Mclaughlin	Community Advocate

Agenda

Call to Order 1:38 pm Bill Salganik called the meeting to order

Minutes Requested that Joe Willmott added to September's
Approved meeting attendance. With this addition, minutes were approved.

Agenda item: National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Planning Sessions **Presenter:** Ayesha Holmes

The purpose of the sessions will be to align The Path Home with the NAEH assessment. This will allow the homeless system to create action plans for the next five years. The sessions will take place November 13th and 14th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at 9830 Patuxent Woods Dr. Columbia, MD 21046.

Agenda item: Status of The Path Home **Presenter:** Liz Van Oeveren

The Path Home has received enough votes from the full Coalition to End Homelessness to be adopted as the new Plan to End Homelessness for Howard County.

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Agenda item: Committee and Workgroup Updates

HMIS Committee:

Presenter: Bill Salganik

- Suggested that a new System Evaluation Committee be formed. They will be tasked with tracking performance measures and help with goal setting. Would require a new Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) staff position to supervise the committee.
- New HUD data requirements have been released. Agencies need to confirm that people are literally homeless to qualify for various homelessness related programs. A street outreach team and communication between agencies will be needed to meet this requirement.
- Room agreed to refer the above issues to the Planning Committee and Coordinated Entry Committee.

Coordinated Entry Committee:

Presenter: Linda Zumbrun

- The related Prioritization Committee is meeting every other week. They discuss which clients on the By-name list will move into housing and shelter spots as they open.
- New HUD standards will be discussed by these committees as well.

Community Awareness Committee:

- Currently a workgroup, the Board is proposing that they become a committee. Kelly McLaughlin was nominated to chair the committee and will consider doing so.
- Committee will be responsible for strategic planning around events and community awareness. Events include: Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, Summer Solstice Success Celebration and marketing The Path Home to the wider community.
- Homeless Persons' Memorial Day will take place December 20th at The Owen Brown Interfaith Center.

Agenda item: HMIS Update

Presenter: Keisha Benjamin

- Howard County has had 192 eligible households present to the homeless system. 281 households were served in Coordinated Entry. 49 households exited to permanent housing. 31% of households presenting are new to homelessness.
- HopeWorks is now documenting calls in CallPoint, which is part of the ServicePoint database

Agenda item: Continuum of Care Update

Presenter: Michelle Hippert

- Rapid Re-Housing has a large balance remaining. An extension to spend the funds has been given to March 30, 2020.
- Many factors have caused issues with spending down the money: there are more funds for services than case managers to administer the program, program was expecting to serve mostly families and instead have been serving predominately single individuals, apartments for singles cost less than family dwellings, initially had issues contacting households, and many clients have problems with credit and income that can make them difficult to place in housing.
- The group discussed ways to deal with funding issues and policy related to the program. A more in-depth discussion is expected at the NAEH Planning Sessions.

Other Items

- Meeting Concluded: 3:04 pm

Next meetings:

- Department of Community Resources and Services – NAEH Facilitated Planning for The Path Home Five Year Action Plan 11/13/2019 9:00 am – 4:00 pm & 11/14/2019 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
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