

Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

Meeting Minutes

10/16/2019

Attendees:

	Kashonna Holland		Kim Salazar		Minah Woo
X	Elizabeth Meadows		Andra Cain		Diane Martin
	Ayesha Holmes		Jennifer Pollitt Hill		Jackie Scott
	Julie Keough		Joan Driessen		Francine Trout
	Sherry Banks	X	Jennifer Broderick	X	Antigone Vickery
	Lisa Jablonover		Karen Butler		Jim Marshall
	Bitu Dayhoff		Peter Engel	X	Brad Closs
	Stan Levi		Jack Kavanagh		Aisha Masood

Staff:

X	Rose Burton	X	Megan Godfrey Jackson	X	Cara Baumgartner
X	Valerie Mathis	X	Charles Smith		

Public Attendees:

Name	Organization
Travis Teal	Chamber of Commerce
Phil Mullinix	Police Department
Jenna Crawley	Office of Aging and Independence
Elizabeth Watson	Howard Community College
Shelia Little	Workforce Development

Agenda

Call to Order 9:06 am

Minutes Approved The minutes from the September meeting were motioned and accepted.

Agenda item: Disability in Howard County Report

Presenting: Elizabeth Meadows

- The Board received a presentation of the Disabilities in Howard County report
- Key areas were: the achievement gap and racial inequality for people with disabilities in the educational system, barriers for youth transitioning from school into the workforce, transportation challenges, employment barriers and initiatives to address them, and issues with housing.
- Charles Smith agreed to create a document to cross reference all reports and presentations made to BPSS

Agenda item: Office of Aging and Independence Master Plan **Presenting:** Jenna Crawley

- The Board received a presentation of the Office of Aging and Independence Master Plan.
- Key areas were: the tremendous demographic shift that will happen over the next 15 years, cost of housing and Aging in Place, programs to assist seniors, people with disabilities and their caregivers, partnerships with organizations such as Howard County Hospital and the Health Department, delivering services in multiple languages, and expanding 50+ Centers.
- Additional issues: Howard County has high quality senior care but at a high cost, Neighbor Ride provides an important service but is limited, mental health services need to be expanded and barriers to senior employment need to be addressed.

Agenda item: CSP Grants Program Review **Presenting:** Rose Burton &
Megan Godfrey Jackson

- Review of the CSP Grants Program will help better align funding with outcomes and be more focused on critical human needs.
- Office of Community Partnerships would like BPSS's help with targeted funding.
- Review will take place throughout Fiscal Year 2021 and structural changes will begin in Fiscal Year 2022.

Meeting Concluded: 10:33 am