

Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

Meeting Minutes

3/23/2021

Attendees:

X	Elizabeth Meadows	X	Vanita Leatherwood		Antigone Vickery
X	Kashonna Holland		Joan Driessen		Jim Marshall
X	Jackie Scott	X	Jennifer Broderick	X	Brad Closs
	Sherry Banks		Peter Engel	X	Aisha Masood
	Kim Salazar		Jack Kavanagh	X	David Woodruff
X	Bitia Dayhoff	X	Minah Woo	X	Michael Garzon
X	Fran Trout	X	Stan Levi	X	Mariana Izraelson
X	Brooke Abercrombie		Brian Akers	X	Amma Felix
X	Gudell Ward				

Staff:

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

Guests:

X	Bess Landbein				
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Agenda

Call to Order: 4:04 pm by Elizabeth Meadows

Minutes January minutes were motioned and approved

Approved

Agenda item: Welcome new board members

Presenting: Multiple

Rose Burton gave information about the background and history of BPSS. Membership: ex-officio and appointed. Purpose: promote economic stability and reduce poverty in Howard County. Connected to the Office of Community Partnerships.

Multi-Service Center (MSC) information was presented by Valerie Mathis: The MSC is a one stop shop of resources located in North Laurel. It also hosts events such as clothing, back to school, Thanksgiving, and Christmas giveaways. There is a food pantry on site. Services include career fairs and Job Club. VITA tax services are also available for part of the year.

The Getting Ahead program grew out of BPSS's efforts. Curriculum includes: finances, career advancement, building social networks and how to access resources.

Community Service Partnership (CSP) Program presented by Megan Godfrey Jackson: primary role of CSP is funding nonprofits in Howard County. Partnership and training support is also offered to the nonprofit community. Investing in critical human services for basic needs and advancing self-sufficiency. Four grant types: operating, one-time, Plan to End Homelessness (PEH), and Human Service Transportation (HST).

Jackie Scott welcomed the new members to BPSS.

Agenda item: CSP Redesign

Presenting: Bess Landbein

There has been a wide array of information gathering: design team, grantee survey, info sessions, 22 data sources, and five community forums. Purpose of CSP: to partner with nonprofits to equitably meet basic needs

and foster safety, security and wellbeing for Howard County Residents. 10-Year population-level results: all people in Howard County will have equitable access to services for basic needs, individuals and families are safe, secure and economically stable, communities are connected, resilient and thriving. Two areas of funding: basic human needs and safety and security. Grant types: Core Support, Program Support and Emerging Needs and Opportunities. Core Support replaces Operating grants, are trying to make these multi-year grants. Program Support grants to fund specific programs. Emerging Needs and Opportunity grants will fund emergency needs, capacity-building or collective impact. Next steps will be in the implementation plan. The full report on the redesign will be shared with BPSS.

Meeting Concluded: 5:38 pm

Next Meeting: May 25, 2021 4:00 pm via WebEx