

HOWARD COUNTY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

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MEETING MINUTES

12/1/2021

Board Members:

X	Bill Salganik	X	Kelly Cimino		Cassandra Killingsworth
X	Peter Engel		James Le'Mon		Sandy Monck
X	Jacqueline Scott	X	Bit a Dayhoff	X	Lisa Terry
	Shelia Little		Mariana Izraelson	X	Karen Booth
X	Linda Zumbrun	X	Jennifer Broderick		Sheryl Neverson
	Vanita Leatherwood	X	Joe Willmott		Kelly McLaughlin
X	Stan Levi	X	Justine Muyu		Kimberly Eisenreich
	Rich Pardoe		Leslie Lampieri	X	Chris Cromwell
	Kelly Anderson		James Cline		

Department of Community Resource and Services (DCRS) and Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) Staff:

X	Rose Burton	X	Erica Smith	X	Catherine Wellman
X	Cheryl Mattis		Megan Godfrey Jackson		Valerie Mathis
X	Cara Baumgartner	X	Latonya Dulin		Sharee Campbell

Guests:

X	Jennifer Dunson	X	Tina Fields	X	Steven Liggett-Creel
X	Feben Moges	X	Elexis Lawson	X	Briana Davis
X	Wendy Royalty	X	Kurt Wall		

AGENDA

Call to Order: 1:06 pm by Bill Salganik

Minutes: Addition of Linda Zumbrun attending to minutes. Minutes approved.

Agenda item: Vouchers at DSS for Youth

Presenting: Steven Liggett-Creel

Department of Social Services (DSS) has vouchers available for youth exiting or with a history of foster care who are 21-24 years old. These are 36-month vouchers which extend housing support post emancipation with case management. There is also a MOU with the Housing Authority. Three individuals have received vouchers so far. Voices for Children provides the case management once youth are emancipated. If youth is post foster care and homeless, they are sent to DSS through the Grassroots Crisis Hotline. DSS will verify they were in foster care and meet the criteria for the voucher.

Agenda item: Nominating Committee

Presenting: Kelly Cimino

Would like to thank Joe Willmott for co-chairing the Resource Development Committee. Rich Pardoe will continue as committee co-chair. Bit a Dayhoff was nominated for co-chair by Kelly Cimino. Jackie Scott

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motioned, Jennifer Broderick seconded, all approved with no objections or abstentions. Bitu Dayhoff was approved as co-chair of the Resource Development Committee.

Agenda item: Point in Time (PIT) Count Update

Presenting: Rose Burton

PIT committee is working steadily. Required by HUD to do the street count this year. FY22 more COVID-19 safe so will do a regular street count. Date for the PIT is January 26th, inclement weather day is January 27th. There will be a small day shift made of targeted staff that work in homelessness. 5 pm will have a WebEx rally to kick off the event. 7 pm at Patuxent Woods building to grab and go supplies and start the evening count. Everything should be returned to Patuxent Woods at the end of night. Teams will be one law enforcement officer, one social worker and one community advocate. Signup Genius will be emailed to the board soon.

Training for volunteers will be over WebEx. Training from officers and case workers, then human trafficking prevention information, Health Department training on how to use Narcan.

Need more connections with the faith community. There are homeless people that are supported by faith community that don't touch the homeless response system. They need to be counted and connected to the system for additional help. Working with school system for surveys. Would like to connect with DSS for more surveys to people they are serving. Looking for people with lived experience to provide input, especially youth.

Agenda item: Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

Presenting: Jennifer Broderick

Homeless Persons' Memorial Day will be December 21st at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center.

Remembering people lost in the last year who were homeless or had a history of homelessness. Virtual and in-person attendance available. Will send EventBright sign up for in-person. Zoom link will be sent for virtual attendance.

Agenda item: Homelessness Response System Update

Presenting: Latonya Dulin

Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) has two remaining HSP grants to monitor before the end of the year. HUD NOFO was a renewal for already funded agencies. NOFO application was submitted November 15th. Committee members reviewed applications and results were posted publicly.

Agenda item: Benchmarks

Presenting: Bill Salganik and Catherine Wellman

System Performance committee took over benchmarks from the HMIS committee. Benchmarks are data used to see if the system is meeting its goals. Benchmarks must have a measure and a goal. They are used to make decisions about program needs and allocations of funds. Required by HUD and State and are recommended in The Path Home and National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) assessment. Need to know if homelessness is: rare, brief and non-recurring. If goals are not met, it's the system's job to figure out why and act to correct.

Benchmark date was presented in a dashboard to the Board. The dashboard was emailed to the board after the meeting. A discussion of methodology and use of data followed.

Four Goals from The Path Home shown on the dashboard:

1. Ensure that there are no new or repeat episodes of homelessness in Howard County

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- 95% of households in supportive housing retain perm housing
 - 89% no repeat episodes of homelessness in 24 months of exiting
 - 14% total number of new homeless presented
2. Ensure that every person experiencing homelessness in HoCo have access to immediate and appropriate shelter
- 10% of HHs literally homeless are sheltered within 72 hours
 - 0% HH literal homeless can access a housing program within 14 days
3. Increase access to perm housing for homeless people
- 100% HH entering housing programs move to perm housing in 90 days
 - 61% HH exiting homeless system exit to perm housing
 - 89 people counted during the PIT
4. Increase collaboration, communication, and coordination of resources and services across industry sector and systems that homeless people may touch
- 51% adults in the system increase total monthly income

Agenda item: OCP Update

Presenting: Rose Burton

Arica L Smith was hired for the CSP grant program. She will be introduced to the board in a future meeting. In the final stages of hiring new Coordinated Entry Manager. Hope to put offer to candidate this Friday and start work on January 3rd.

Meeting Conclusion Time: 2:29 pm

Next Meeting: TBD via WebEx