

HOWARD COUNTY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

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MEETING MINUTES

4/28/2021

Board Members:

X	Kelly Cimino	X	Peter Engel		Cassandra Killingsworth
X	Bill Salganik		James Le'Mon		Sandy Monck
X	Jacqueline Scott	X	Bitia Dayhoff	X	Lisa Terry
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X	Rich Pardoe	X	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	Jennifer Corcoran	X	Catherine Wellman
X	Cheryl Mattis	X	Megan Godfrey Jackson		Valerie Mathis
X	Cara Baumgartner	X	Latonya Dulin	X	Sharee Campbell
X	Erica Smith				

Guests:

X	Kristin Ucciardo	X	Josh Bombino	X	Beth Stein
X	Jennifer Dunson	X	Scott Gottbreht		

AGENDA

Call to Order: 1:03 pm by Kelly Cimino

Agenda Item: Committee and Sub-Committee Reports

Discussion:

- Resource Development Committee - Adopted action plan with five goals. Looking for grants to fund The Path Homes goals and have identified 40 opportunities.
- System Performance Committee - Identified committee members and held their first meeting. Looking at how best to evaluate the system and set benchmarks.
- Policy & Process Committee - New members and held their first meeting. Drafting policy for shelter, street outreach, and housing programs. Reviewing current policies and National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) standards.
- Coordinated Entry Committee - HMIS data standards: street outreach as an access point, visual verification of literal homelessness, and shelter access process. By-name list and VI-SPDAT are

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currently used to fill shelter openings. New process will allow entry points to fill openings based on characteristics related to lethality of being homeless. By-name list will still be used for housing placements. Documentation has been sent to the Board and will ask Board for approval at the May meeting. Questions about HMIS data storage will reviewed with office of law before that meeting. Board members are encouraged to send any questions to chair and staff supporting the committee.

- Community Commitment Committee – Committee is working on Summer Soltis Success Celebration event, which will be virtual this year. They have updated their action plan. A copy was sent to the Board. Looking at what partnerships exist and opportunities for new partners. Would like to invite possible grantors or donors to the event.

Agenda Item: Homeless Response System Updates

Discussion:

- Grassroots: Cold Weather Shelter – Spent \$138,000 for hotel rooms and \$60,000 for staffing. 37 individuals served. All were assisted with applying for housing, other assistance programs, documents, and COVID-19 vaccines.
Code Blue – Spent \$30,000 for 45 nights. Served 93 unique individuals. Were able to move many people from unsheltered to hotels and then into shelter.
Day Resource Center – Hours of operation have been expanded. In addition to the usual services, have helped clients with receiving COVID-19 vaccines.
Family Stability program has been added to Grassroots shelter.
Hot Line – Has received 30,000 calls, 4,000 were housing related. Housing calls have doubled since last year.
Rental & Utilities Assistance – \$573,000 YTD. 304 applications received; 89 have been approved and 173 are being processed. Full time staff position has been assigned to this program.
COVID-19 vaccines – One day clinic held at shelter. Additionally, assisting clients with signing up and traveling to and from other clinics.
- Humanim: Street Outreach – There are four unverified unsheltered individuals in the community and 11 verified individuals. Three people from street outreach have entered shelter. 24 people have received essential supplies this month. Increased community involvement from faith-based groups; giving cash donations and supplies. Hotels have been reaching out about people that are in need. Working on mobile health assistance that will go to encampments. Health Department is working on health kits and harm reduction kits that can be distributed to the unsheltered. Assisting with getting COVID-19 vaccines.
- Bridges to Housing Stability - Housing Push is working to move people from Cold Weather shelter into Grassroots shelter and then into housing programs. Using vouchers to get people into Rapid Rehousing. 23 eligible households: 14 already referred, nine have obtained vouchers, and six have leases. Additional eight households are gathering documents and three have been referred.
- Community Action Council: 861 housing applications received and 500 have been given assistance. 339 applications are waiting to be processed.

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Agenda Item: COVID-19 Vaccine Tracking

Presenter Name: Catherine Wellman

Discussion: Data has been collected in HMIS for 122 people in the homeless system. 11 are fully vaccinated, 13 are partially vaccinated, and 98 are unvaccinated. Of the unvaccinated; 54 are unwilling to be vaccinated, 40 are willing to be vaccinated, and 4 were unable to answer. Of the 40 willing to be vaccinated, many are now scheduled for their first vaccine.

Agenda Item: Housing Funding Update

Presenter Name: Latonya Dulin

Discussion: There is CARES-CV1 \$201,000, CARES-CV2 \$602,000, EHP \$635,000, HSP \$266,000 and \$250,000 youth, and CoC awarded flat funding. EHP was recently awarded by the State and requires a very quick turnaround. Programs will be selected to receive this funding based on HMIS data and capacity instead of an open application process.

Meeting Conclusion Time: 2:30 pm

Next Meeting: May 26, 2021 1:00 pm via WebEx