AGENDA

Call to Order: 1:03 pm by Bill Salganik
Minutes: Minutes from the March 2022 meeting were approved.

Agenda item: The Path Home Implementation Plan Presenting: Rose Burton

The updated The Path Home Implementation Plan was sent to the Board. OCP staff met with each committee and updated the plan accordingly. The plan has activity dates to the end of 2025. There are some areas that do not have dates and they will be updated once prior steps are achieved. Resource Development Committee section still needs dates. New Co-Chairs for that committee will meet and there will be updates in August. Street Outreach is a top priority across all the committees. Each committee has a tab and the last tab tracks all the committees. The Board should approve the updated plan at the July meeting.
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**Agenda item:** Homeless System Updates  
**Presenting:** Rose Burton and Tonya Dulin

- OrgCode is working with the Board and the Program Policy and Process Committee to write policy and program standards for five programs. They will also do system wide interviews and system information gathering. Final standards will be presented to the Board for approval. Target date for completion is September 30, 2022.
- SFY23 HSP Application submitted was May 13, 2022. Received full renew applications and one new application. The Board was able to weigh in on questions and review the applications before the combined application was submitted.
- Afghan Rental Support Program: Howard County has been awarded funds from this grant. It includes 18 months of landlord assistance, back rent, rent, security deposits, and 8% of award for admin costs. These services will be provided for two households.
- Tonya will email the board and grantees the HSP and EHP extension dates
- Prefix has launched. It is a system for processing invoices and payments. It is going well so far. Regularly scheduled check-ins with agencies have been scheduled to discuss how the system is working or not working for them.
- HUD will be monitoring CoC programs. Monitoring will take place over a two-week timeframe.
- National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) conference is in July. OCP will be sending staff and sponsoring a board member to attend. OCP hopes to sponsor Howard County residence with lived experience in the future.

**Agenda item:** Tools for Assessing Vulnerability  
**Presenting:** Rose Burton and Bill Salganik

VI-SPDAT is currently used to assess the vulnerability of homeless people entering the system. There are some questions regarding if the assessment is weighted fairly. OrgCode will be leading full SPDAT training. The hope is to combine Acuity with full SPDAT for a fairer assessment. OCP staff will be attending training and be certified. OCP staff will then train agencies and the new assessment will go live in the HMIS system.

**Agenda item:** Point in Time (PIT) Count 2022 Data  
**Presenting:** Catherine Wellman

There were 165 homeless households counted during the PIT: 143 were in shelter and 22 were unsheltered. 62 individuals were in shelter and all unsheltered were individuals. All families with children were in shelter. There were eight families which included 12 children. There were two unaccompanied youth and they were in shelter.

5-year comparison: 2018 168 total households and 2022 165 total households. 2020 139 total households and 2021 82 total households. Housing push to move households out of shelter and into housing in 2020 and 2021 may have resulted in lower numbers for those years. There was a waiver from HUD due to COVID-19 so Howard County did not do a street count in 2020 and 2021. There was bed count of homeless households in shelter for those years.
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Agenda item: Nominating Committee  Presenting: Bill Salganik

Board officers need to be nominated in June for board approval in July. Currently Bill Salganik and Peter Engel are serving their first term and are eligible to serve another year. Kelly Cimino is heading the Nominating committee. Please send any nominations for board membership to her.

Agenda item: Summer Solstice Rehousing Success Celebration  Presenting: Rose Burton and Dana Sohr

Summer Solstice Rehousing Success Celebration will be in person at the North Laurel Community Center on June 22nd 3:00-5:30 pm. A flier is being created and will be distributed to the board. Will be celebrating all the people who have moved from homeless to housed in the last year and the people who helped them achieve housing.

Agenda item: Street Outreach  Presenting: Stan Levi

There has been a preliminary review of street outreach positions. System would like to increase to two street outreach positions. One would be a case manager and one would be a clinician. Would like them to go out in the field as a team. There will be set hours of operation once they have more experience and are able to identify the best times to reach people. Liability and insurance details need to be worked out with the provider employing the street outreach staff.

Street Outreach was launched right before the pandemic. At the time it was a manageable workload for one person because the COVID-19 hotel program was available. Once the program closed, one outreach staff member was not enough to cover the entire county for visual verification. Clinician is needed because many people have conditions that are undiagnosed. Having both a case manager and clinician will reach more people and correctly document conditions so homeless people can be housed faster. If unable to hire clinician, would hire two case managers and contract for a clinician. Program Policy and Process Committee will work on the job description and hiring of the second street outreach worker.

Meeting Conclusion Time: 1:54 pm
Next Meeting: August 3, 2022 1:00 pm via WebEx