Call to Order: 1:04 pm by Bill Salganik
Minutes: Minutes from the May 2022 meeting were approved.

AGENDA

Agenda item: Homeless Response System Updates

- Program Policy and Process Committee and OrgCode are working on written standards. OrgCode has drafted standards for Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing programs. DCRS staff will meet with OrgCode today to review the drafts.
- HSP grant award to Howard County. Award letters have been sent to subgrantees. Contracts will be sent to subgrantees soon.
- Afghan Refugee Fund has awarded a grant to Howard County. The funds are available until the end of the year. Funds can only be spent on clients referred to Howard County by the State. Howard County has not received any referrals yet.
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- HUD virtually monitored Howard County. This includes the recipient of HUD grants (DCRS) and subrecipient (Humanim). They recently finished the monitoring and will be sending results soon.
- State Monitoring of HSP will begin later in September.

**Agenda item:** Tool for Determining Vulnerability  
**Presenting:** Rose Burton

The current tool for determining a homeless person’s vulnerability is the VI-SPDAT. The Coordinated Entry system has found it to be limited. Other jurisdictions are using full SPDAT assessment. Lelena Dagne and Catherine Wellman have received training on the full SPDAT and will assist providers with training in coming months. Will switch the Coordinated Entry intake to the full SPDAT after providers have been trained.

**Agenda item:** Proposed Changes to Board Charter  
**Presenting:** Bill Salganik

- New board members will be elected by the board, not the full Coalition. This allows for timely and in-depth review of new board members.
- Increasing the maximum membership to 29 members from 25 members. Currently the board is at full membership at 25. The board would like to add people with lived experience and more community advocate members.
- Remove term limits for key community agencies. Possibly remove term limits for community advocates as well.
- Updates to Committees and their duties. This has changed over time and the updates will bring the charter in line with the work.

Discussion of Proposed changes: it was suggested that instead of increasing board memberships, we should instead decrease total membership. 21 as capacity was suggested as easier to manage. There were concerns about meeting quorum and managing scheduling for board and committee meetings. The counter argument was that some current board members would lose their seats, as well as limiting opportunities for key agencies, advocates and people with lived experience. The discussion was tabled and will resume at the Executive Committee meeting. The board will vote on the proposed changes at the next board meeting.

**Agenda item:** End of Year System Benchmark Report  
**Presenting:** Catherine Wellman

A copy of the most recent system benchmarks were sent to board members before the meeting. There are not many changes from the previous year’s system benchmark report. The changes that are seen relate to the difference in funding available as the COVID-19 funding has been fully expended. The change in demographics, increase in families needing housing/shelter since COVID-19, has led to longer wait times to house people from when they enter programs. Officer Cromwell reported on observations from law enforcement. When the eviction moratorium ended, there was an increase in failures to pay but agencies worked with landlords to keep people from being evicting. Instead of an “eviction tsunami” as originally predicted, there is instead large numbers of failure to renew lease. Increase in rental costs have led to more people unable to keep their housing and unable to find affordable alternatives. Even though these are not technically evictions, they still result in increases in homeless people. Also seeing an increase in people living in their vehicles. The mobility means it is harder to reach out to those people and they also may not be applying for homeless services.
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Number of homeless counted during the PIT increased, but this is compared to previous year where there was a limited count due to COVID-19. The number of homeless have returned to a number similar to before the pandemic. Staff and committee members will try to use data to find bottlenecks in the system.

**Agenda item:** Nominating Committee

**Presenting:** Stan Levi

Bill Salganik and Peter Engel were nominated to continue to serve as co-chairs of the board. Bita Dayhoff was nominated as a community advocate board member. Stan Levi motioned to accept the nominations and Jennifer Broderick seconded. All were in favor with no objections or abstentions. Nominations were approved.

Meeting Conclusion Time: 2:26 pm

Next Meeting: September 28, 2022 1:00 pm via WebEx