

# HOWARD COUNTY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

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### MEETING MINUTES

1/22/2020

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Kelly Cimino, Board Co-President	Sheila Little Linda Zumbrun	Jennifer Broderick Sheryl Neverson	Peter Engel
Bill Salganik, Board Co-President	Stan Levi James Le'Mon	Kimberly Eisenreich Joe Willmott	
Jacqueline Scott	Bitia Dayhoff	Karen Booth	

#### Board Members not in Attendance:

Jack Kavanaugh	Cassandra Killingsworth	Lisa Terry	Ayesha Holmes
Roe Bonaccorsy	Sandy Monck	Jennifer Pollitt-Hill	

#### Staff:

Rose Burton	Keisha Benjamin	Cara Baumgartner	Michelle White
Liz Van Oeveren	Cheryl Mattis	Jennifer Corcoran	

### AGENDA

Call to Order: Kelly Cimino called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm

Minutes Approved: December minutes were motioned and approved.

Agenda Item: Coordinated Entry Committee – Policy & Procedures and Data Standards

Presenter Name: Linda Zumbrun, Jennifer Corcoran and Keisha Benjamin

**Discussion:** New HUD standards will start April 1, 2020. The homeless service system will have to begin visually verifying homelessness and having two intake assessments. One assessment will be for evaluating housing need and the other for immediate crisis. Reports will be designed after the corresponding new data elements have been implemented. It was reported that it will take time for assessments to be created, intake staff to learn how to administer them and staff to code data elements into the HMIS system. The Board discussed the chance of penalties if procedures and data elements are not implemented by April 1, 2020. It was reported that sometimes HUD allows leeway for the first-year after new regulations are put into effect but there is no guarantee they will do that. It was the consensus of the discussion that the Board would rather see incomplete procedures put in place than have nothing to report, and it puts funding at less risk to have something that is not of high quality in the interim until stronger uniform policies can be implemented.

**Conclusion/Next Steps:** It was agreed to move the discussion to Coordinated Entry and HMIS committees. Committees will give updates at the next board meeting. The Board requests that designing these policies be made a high priority.

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Agenda Item: Planning Committee and Board Governance Structure

Presenter Name: Rose Burton

**Discussion:** The Governance structure is being reviewed to align with The Path Home and the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) recommendations report. The Executive Committee will include governance, nominations, and steering The Path Home. Underneath the Executive Committee will be Community Commitment & Awareness Workgroup and Resource Development Subcommittee. System Performance & Evaluation will have the System Policy & Process Subcommittee under it. Coordinated Entry Committee will have the Prioritization Workgroup under it. The room requested that youth homelessness be part of the System Policy and Process Subcommittee. Housing resource development will be explicitly stated as a priority of the Resource Development Subcommittee. The Planning Committee will be retired as the Executive Committee is created.

**Conclusion/Next Steps:** The structural changes, with the room's additions, were motioned for acceptance by Peter Engel, seconded by Bitia Dayhoff, and unanimously agreed on by the Board.

Agenda Item: Subpopulations and Bed Designations

Presenter Name: Michelle White and Keisha Benjamin

**Discussion:** Currently all permanent supportive housing beds are designated for chronic homeless. Grassroots has designated two beds for homeless unaccompanied youth. HUD is asking Coalitions to do finer breakdowns in designating subpopulations; chronic homeless veterans, chronic homeless unaccompanied youth, etc. The choice is to continue without doing more designations or to designate more beds for subpopulations. If more beds are allocated, then there needs to be planning to address those populations. The room questioned if a bed is designated for a subpopulation but no one meeting the criteria presents, can the bed be used for someone outside that subpopulation? People will not be turned away from an open bed, regardless of being a member of subpopulation or not. If the bed is full and a person in the subpopulation presents, it is the responsibility of the system to find another way to shelter the person in a reasonable timeframe. The room questioned if not designating for subpopulations would cause points to be lost on the NOFA. Michelle White stated she doesn't think HUD will deduct points. Bed designations should be seen as a way of showing commitment to and the capacity of the system to address subpopulations. Other Coalitions have been able to functionally eliminate subpopulation of homelessness, i.e. Middlesex County states it has ended veteran homelessness, by targeting subpopulations.

**Conclusion/Next Steps:** The Board requests specific recommendations regarding populations to designate, how many beds for each subpopulation and which programs should have these bed reservations. A recommendation should be presented at the next board meeting.

Meeting Conclusion Time: Meeting closed at 3:09 pm

Next Meeting: 9830 Patuxent Woods Dr Columbia MD 21046 – February 26, 2020 1:00 pm