

Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

Meeting Minutes

2/25/2020

Attendees:

	Kashonna Holland		Jennifer Pollitt Hill	X	Antigone Vickery
X	Elizabeth Meadows	X	Joan Driessen	X	Justin Baker
X	Anna Katz for Ayesha Holmes		Jennifer Broderick	X	Brad Closs
	Sherry Banks	X	Peter Engel		Aisha Masood
	Lisa Jablonover		Jack Kavanagh	X	Stan Levi
	Bitu Dayhoff	X	Minah Woo	X	Kim Salazar
	Francine Trout		Jackie Scott		

Staff:

X	Rose Burton	X	Megan Godfrey Jackson	X	Cara Baumgartner
X	Valerie Mathis	X	Liz Van Oeveren		

Agenda

Call to Order 4:02 pm

Minutes Minutes were held until there is quorum.

Approved

Agenda item: Nominating Workgroup **Presenting:** Rose Burton

The Nominating workgroup met since the last Board meeting. They reviewed the roster and noted which member's term needs to be updated. They will be reaching out to the community to recruit new members. Brian Akers has agreed to represent the faith community. Minah Woo will contact the business community and Megan Godfrey Jackson will contact Getting Ahead and Staying Ahead members.

Agenda item: New Meeting Date and Time for BPSS **Presenting:** Rose Burton

It was agreed that there were fewer scheduling conflicts for afternoon or evening meetings. BPSS will meet every other month on the fourth Tuesday.

Agenda item: The Path Home **Presenting:** Liz Van Oeveren

Liz Van Oeveren presented on The Path Home - Howard County's Strategic Plan to End Homelessness. Discussion then moved the Point in Time (PIT) County numbers. While they will officially be released in March, preliminary data shows that at current capacity only 1/3 of eligible households can be served by the homeless system. Strategies to address this disparity were considered.

What should prevention in Howard County look like? If prevention is not the job of the Coalition to End Homelessness, should it instead be the work of BPSS? Diversion is about keeping people at crisis point of homelessness from going into shelter or a place not meant for human habitation. Prevention is further upstream and deals more with self-sufficiency and stability.

Agenda item: Housing Data from the Housing Commission **Presenting:** Peter Engel

The data presented addressed who is renting, where and at what price. There are five different markets in Howard County. 27.7% of households are renters. 1/3 of renters in each market are low-income, with a yearly

household income of \$50,000 or less, which equals one in 10 rents. Vacancy rate in Howard County is 3.1%. 5% is considered a healthy vacancy rate. Below 5% it is difficult for renters to move between properties or rent at all if they are not considered to be an optimal client. Average monthly rent is \$1,555. Low, very low and extremely low-income people are renting in moderate income areas. Meaning they are paying 50% or more of their income in rent. There are 5,000 households with below \$50,000 in yearly income that do not have an affordable place to live.

Meeting Concluded: 5:35 pm