

Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

Meeting Minutes

4/28/2020

Attendees:

X	Kashonna Holland	X	Jennifer Pollitt Hill		Antigone Vickery
X	Elizabeth Meadows	X	Joan Driessen		Jim Marshall
X	Jackie Scott	X	Jennifer Broderick	X	Brad Closs
X	Sherry Banks		Peter Engel	X	Aisha Masood
	Kim Salazar		Jack Kavanagh		Stan Levi
X	Bitia Dayhoff	X	Minah Woo		Kim Salazar
X	Fran Trout		Jackie Scott	X	Ayesha Holmes

Staff:

X	Rose Burton	X	Megan Godfrey Jackson	X	Cara Baumgartner
X	Valerie Mathis		Charles Smith		

Guests:

X	Brian Akers	X	Kimberly Eisenreich	X	Sarah Ramsey
X	Anna Katz				

Agenda

Call to Order 4:05 pm

Minutes Approved Minutes were tabled until a meeting where we have quorum.

Agenda item: Nominating Committee **Presenting:** Minah Woo

The nominating committee is working to find members who have lived experience of homelessness or receiving services. We will be putting forward the nominations slate in June. Brian Akers and Jennifer Broderick are nominated for the board. Brad Closs will continue serving on the board. Lisa Jablonover will no longer serve on the board. The new director of HopeWorks will need to be nominated to replace Jennifer Pollitt-Hill.

Agenda item: Food Access in Howard County During COVID-19 **Presenting:** Jackie Scott, Kimberly Eisenreich, Valerie Mathis & Bitia Dayhoff

Jackie Scott presented that the Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS) is working with Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and nonprofit partners to address the drastic increase in need for food. They are leverage based on various funding streams without duplicating work. Using data to track where requests are coming from, where to distribute food, and what is being distributed.

Kimberly Eisenreich gave information about the Local Children's Board's (LCB) effort in dealing with food access. Detailed information was handed out to the board about multiple programs and services, as well as ways for clients to access those services.

Valerie Mathis announced that a food pantry has been established at the MultiService Center (MSC). They will have bagged groceries for clients to pick up, including diapers, milk and baby food are available. They are now accepting donations. The food pantry will be open for socially distanced pick up two day a week.

Bitia Dayhoff outlined Community Action Council's (CAC) efforts to increase food access. They have served 10,000 individuals in seven weeks from all their food service programs. 5,300 of those individuals have been served through their new popup pantries. CAC continues to meet the ever-increasing demand by expanding popup pantry locations and hours of availability.

Agenda item: Community Service Partnerships (CSP) Grant Funding **Presenting:** Megan Godfrey Jackson
Level funding for grants for the most part. Renewal process for grants from the previous year as CSP goes through a redesign process. There will be 8.3 million dollars in total CSP funding. The budget is available on the Howard County website.

Agenda item: DueEast Presentation the CSP Redesign Project **Presenting:** Sarah Ramsey
The redesign will be used to modernize the CSP grant structure, so it is more efficient and reaches the most in need. First step was a grant information session for community members. The process will be data driven to find gaps and opportunities in service. Next step is a CSP grant history review of previous funding. Then a qualitative data analysis and receiving responses from grantees. A slideshow presentative was give and copies were sent to board members.

Meeting Concluded 5:15 pm