

HOWARD COUNTY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

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MEETING MINUTES

2/26/2020

Board Members in Attendance:

Kelly Cimino, Board Co-President	Co-President	Ayesha Holmes	Joe Willmott
Bill Salganik, Board	Jacqueline Scott	Stan Levi	Sandy Monck
	Jennifer Broderick	Linda Zumbrun	Karen Booth

Board Members not in Attendance:

Jack Kavanaugh	Jennifer Pollitt-Hill	Kimberly Eisenreich
James Le'Mon	Cassandra Killingsworth	Sheryl Neverson
Bitia Dayhoff	Lisa Terry	Sheila Little
Roe Bonaccorsy	Peter Engel	

Staff:

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

Guests:

Joan Washington

AGENDA

Call to Order: Bill Salganik called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm

Minutes Approved: January minutes were motioned and approved.

Agenda Item: The Path Home

Presenter Name: Rose Burton

Discussion: Professionally printed copies of The Path Home were distributed to the Board. Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) has presented the plan to Association of Community Services (ACS) and the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency (BPSS). Please let OCP know if anyone else would like a presentation. Will be presented to the County Executive and County Council.

Agenda Item: The Path Home – Five Year Implementation Plan

Presenter Name: Rose Burton

Discussion: Based on previous Board meeting and planning meetings, the work of the Plan has been assigned to committees. Goals, Desired Outcomes and Actions are still being finalized. Some goals will be shared between multiple committees.

Agenda Item: Coalition Board Governance Structure

Presenter Name: Rose Burton

Discussion: Diagram of Board Governance Structure has been updated based on the last Board meeting. The updated diagram was distributed to the Board. Work dealing with equity will be the culture of the Board and cross all goals. Populations will be addressed by each committee using an equity lens and how to address population.

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Agenda Item: Committee Membership Signup

Presenter Name: Michelle White

Discussion: A Signup Genius was sent to the entire Coalition to sign up for committees. Board members are required to serve on at least one committee. Time was given at the meeting for them to sign up.

Agenda Item: Committee Updates

Presenter Name: Bill Salganik and Linda Zumbrun

Discussion: Nominating committee will be meeting soon. Committee Chairs will be approved at the March Board meeting. New Board members will be put forward at the April Board meeting.

Nominations were requested from the group. The Board needs representatives from the Health Department, Howard County Hospital and someone with lived experience of being homeless. A nomination from the Faith community has been put forward.

The Coordinated Entry committee is working on how homeless status verification would be performed. Also, how and where assessments will be done once the new outreach position is active.

HMIS Committee will be presenting system benchmarks to the Board in March.

Agenda Item: Street Outreach Position

Presenter Name: Karen Booth

Discussion: The new outreach position from Humanim will start Monday. They will develop and maintain relationships with homeless community. Provide a warm handoff from the by-name list to agencies and help potential clients have documents ready quicker placement. Hope there will be two full time positions eventually. Contact info for the outreach worker will be sent to agencies after Monday.

The role of the street outreach worker still needs to be fleshed out and flows for the system need to be mapped out. There was discussion over who has responsibility for the outreach worker and how they will interact with intake system. Further discussion and meetings about the position are needed.

Agenda Item: Youth Homelessness

Presenter Name: Michelle White

Discussion: Hopeworks has received funding for designated beds for homeless youth experiencing domestic violence. They have not been able to regularly fill the spots. They will subcontract out the funds to Grassroots and Humanim for homeless youth without domestic violence. The state funder of the grant has approved this solution.

Agenda Item: Upcoming HSP and HUD Applications

Presenter Name: Michelle White

Discussion: HUD has opened their application process for the coming year. The NOFA application should follow relatively soon. In two and a half weeks, HSP will be hosting a training on applying for HSP grants.

Agenda Item: Youth Reach

Presenter Name: Liz Van Oeveren

Discussion: Youth Reach will take place March 15th to March 28th. This is the PIT Count for youth.

Candace Ball is leading the effort and is the contact person for the event. Volunteers canvassing will reach out to agencies and locations youth frequent. Surveys will be administered in schools. Unstably

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housed counts the same as literally homeless for Youth Reach. DCRS will try to schedule Candance Ball to speak at Completes Counts Committee, which is for the committee for the Howard County census.

Agenda Item: PIT Count

Presenter Name: Rose Burton

Discussion: We would like to thank United Way and Scott Gottbreht for their partnership with the PIT Count. They were wonderful partners and helped make this year's PIT a success. Josh Bambino and Karen Booth at Humanim reach out to homeless individuals on the By-Name List. This allowed those households to take the PIT survey, receive supplies and keep their relationship with the system active. A huge thank you to all volunteers and DCRS staff that took part in the PIT.

Agenda Item: CSP PEH Funding

Presenter Name: Rose Burton

Discussion: Funding for agencies currently receiving CSP PEH funding will remain level for this coming year. After the CSP Redesign process is complete, there may be changes.

Agenda Item: New HUD Data Standards

Presenter Name: Rose Burton

Discussion: The Board needs clearer decision points for HUD standards. The OCP team are working on them with Coordinated Entry. Housing Commission has 15 vouchers. We are considering using them as a move on strategy for Permanent Supportive Housing. Protocol needs to be written before these vouchers can be awarded. OCP will try to create a recommendation for the next Board meeting.

Meeting Conclusion Time: Meeting closed at 2:17 pm

Next Meeting: 9830 Patuxent Woods Dr Columbia MD 21046 – April 22, 2020 1:00 pm