

HOWARD COUNTY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

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MEETING MINUTES

9/23/2020

Board Members:

X	Kelly Cimino	X	Peter Engel		Cassandra Killingsworth
X	Bill Salganik		James Le'Mon	X	Sandy Monck
X	Jacqueline Scott		Bitia Dayhoff	X	Lisa Terry
X	Sheila Little	X	Kimberly Eisenreich	X	Karen Booth
X	Linda Zumbrun	X	Jennifer Broderick		Sheryl Neverson
	Jack Kavanaugh	X	Joe Willmott	X	Kelly McLaughlin
X	Stan Levi		Roe Bonaccorsy		

Department of Community Resource and Services (DCRS) and Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) Staff:

X	Rose Burton	X	Jennifer Corcoran		Valerie Mathis
X	Cheryl Mattis	X	Liz Van Oeveren	X	Colleen Baumgartner
X	Cara Baumgartner	X	Megan Godfrey Jackson		

Guests:

X	Kelly Anderson	X	Samantha Samuel-Nakka	X	Anna Katz
X	Sara Smoley	X	Denatra Green-Stroman	X	Melissa FitzGibbon
X	Joan Washington				

AGENDA

Call to Order: Kelly Cimino called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm

Minutes: Minutes were motioned for acceptance by Kelly McLaughlin, seconded by Linda Zumbrun. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item: **Committee Report-Outs**

Presenter Name: Linda Zumbrun, Jennifer Corcoran, Bill Salganik,

Discussion:

Coordinated Entry Committee

Policy & Procedures and Prioritization Amendment handouts were given to attendees.

Policies & Procedures: Data standards are due to HUD by October 1st. Data standards are important for the NOFA application. Other standards are used to monitor and show the health of the homeless response system. Consistent progress needs to be shown in implementing standards and accompanying monitoring. A vote on policy & procedures will take place at the October meeting.

Prioritization Amendment: Recommendation that households in Rapid Rehousing (RRH) are in two groups for assessing the need for Permanent Supportive Housing. One group will be evaluated for

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placement through the same process as any household on the By-name list and second group will have priority for placements. The priority group will be based on their inability to succeed while in RRH programs, thus showing a need for longer term supportive housing. The Prioritization Workgroup would determine which group RRH clients would be placed in. This would apply for clients that have exhausted or will soon exhaust their RRH benefit. Kelly McLaughlin motioned to approve the prioritization amendment, Jennifer Broderick seconded. There was no opposition, no abstentions, and all were in favor. Motion was approved.

HMIS Committee

The Coalition does not currently have an HMIS administrator. Current standards were written while Keisha Benjamin was still in the position. Standards came from or were based on guidance from HUD. We are verifying homelessness but we are not tracking it in HMIS. There are HMIS requirements in grant agreements, but not all providers are using the HMIS system as their contracts dictate. They will be notified they need to do so.

Agenda Item: Financial Review of FY'20 and Overview of FY'21

Presenter Name: Colleen Baumgartner

Discussion: A summary of HUD McKinney grants and Homeless Solutions Grants (HSP) funding were presented. Grants have been underspent in some projects. May look at reallocation of funds to areas of most need.

Agenda Item: The Path Home Implementation Plan

Presenter Name: Rose Burton and Liz Van Oeveren, Bill Salganik and Kelly McLaughlin

Discussion: Roles and responsibilities of the Board and committees are the next steps in the implementation plan. Kristi Schulenberg from the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) will lead the training in these areas. The training will take place October 14th 12:00 pm via WebEx. The Board Charter is being revised. The current charter was drafted before the Board started operating. Recommendations for amendments will be put forward soon. They will be presented at a monthly Board meeting and then voted on at the following meeting. Rapid Rehousing Written Standards are being re-written to match changes to programs and to document standards that were already in place. They will be sent to Board to read before the next meeting.

Youth Housing Vouchers Program. The Housing Commission, Department of Social Services (DSS) and The Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) are working on a new voucher opportunity for youth. To qualify an applicant must have a foster care history and they are leaving or have recently left care. For youth that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. There will be 25 vouchers available each year. Voucher lasts for three years. Hoping to start placing people in the program as early as October.

Agenda Item: New Board Members

Presenter Name: Rose Burton

Discussion: The Board will be asked to reaffirm continuing board members. New nominees to the Board will also be presented.

Meeting Conclusion Time: closed at 5:23 pm

Next Meeting: October 21st 2:00 pm via WebEx