

# HOWARD COUNTY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

## FULL COALITION MEETING

### MEETING MINUTES

10/21/2020

**The full Coalition is made up of The Coalition to End Homelessness Board and community members that care about homelessness and related issues. On this day over 60 Coalition members were in attendance.**

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

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

### AGENDA

**Call to Order:** Kelly Cimino called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm

The meeting started with a summary of the activities The Coalition to End Homelessness Board have been involved with in the 2020 year. The board governance structure was outlined. Details were given about new committees the Board has created and a call for those interested to join committees.

**Agenda Item:** Nominations for new Coalition to End Homelessness Board Members

**Presenter Name:** Kelly McLaughlin

**Discussion:** The nominees for new Coalition to End Homelessness Board members were: Kelly Anderson of Catholic Charities and Sarah's House, Officer Chris Cromwell of the Howard County Police, Special Liaison to the Homeless, Leslie Iamperie of Howard County Hospital, Head of the Social Work Department, Rich Pardoe as a Community Advocate and James Cline as a Community Advocate. Sandy Monk motion to accept and Bill Salganik seconded. There was no one opposed and no abstentions. Nominees are accepted as board members.

**Agenda Item:** The Path Home Implementation Plan

**Presenter Name:** Bill Salganik

**Discussion:** The Path Home implementation plan was put on hold because of COVID-19. A revised plan will be sent to the Coalition soon. Copies of The Path Home available in hard copy or can be downloaded from the Office of Community Partnership's website.

**Agenda Item:** COVID-19 Response – Non-Congregate Shelter

**Presenter Name:** Josh Bombino

**Discussion:** A non-congregate shelter program was setup in local hotels. 76 homeless households have been served during the COVID-19 pandemic. 34 households have been placed in permanent housing from the hotel program. Other households were moved into Grassroots Crisis Center shelter. Only one person remains in the hotel program. The pandemic helped launch street outreach in Howard County, which will continue beyond the pandemic.

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Agenda Item: Public Awareness and Community Commitment

Presenter Name: Jennifer Corcoran and Liz Van Oeveren

Discussion: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is November 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. A link to the signup was provided along with information about which organizations are participating. Multi-Service Center has a Thanksgiving Giveaway November 20<sup>th</sup>. Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, the darkest and shortest day of the year, is coming up as well. It recognizes all know people that died while homeless or from effects of homelessness in past year in Howard County.

Event planning has grown into a year-round committee for awareness. Anyone interested in the committee was encouraged to sign up.

The Point in Time (PIT) Count will not include a street count due to COVID-19. A count of sheltered homeless is expected to continue. The count will the same time of year as in past years.

Agenda Item: Updates from Agencies and Departments

Presenter Name: Kelly McLaughlin for Housing Affordability Commission, Sandy Monk for United Way and Kelly Cimino for Department of Housing & Community Development

Discussion: The presenters gave updates on services and programs they are providing during COVID-19.

Meeting Conclusion Time: Meeting closed at 1:47 pm