

Howard County Coalition to End Homelessness

Coalition to End Homelessness Board

Meeting Minutes

3/27/2019

Attendees:

X	Kelli Cimino, Chair	X	Peter Engel		Cassandra Killingsworth
X	Bill Salganik, Vice-Chair		James Le'Mon		Sandy Monck
X	Jacqueline Scott		Bita Dayhoff		Lisa Terry
X	Fran Trout	X	Ayesha Holmes		Karen Booth
X	Linda Zumbrun	X	Kelly McLaughlin		Sheryl Neverson
	Jack Kavanaugh		Joe Willmott		Jennifer Pollitt-Hill
X	Stan Levi		Roe Bonaccorsy		Kimberly Eisenreich

Staff:

X	Rose Burton	X	Michelle Hippert	X	Jennifer Corcoran
	Keisha Benjamin	X	Liz Van Oeveren		Megan Godfrey Jackson
X	Cara Baumgartner	X	Chery Mattis		

Public Attendees:

Name	Organization
Elizabeth Meadows	DHCD

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by Kelly Cimino, Chair.

Minutes from the February meeting were motioned for acceptance by Kelly McLaughlin, seconded by Joe Wilmott. Room agreed, and minutes were approved.

Planning Committee and Plan to End Homelessness (PEH) Update

There have been many Planning Committee meetings to help write the PEH. Multiple drafts have been sent to the Board for feedback. December the top six priorities were shared at the Board meeting. The Howard County plan is based on Santa Clara County, California plan. Which is a similar community that uses best practices to address homelessness. National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) was also consulted. Our PEH is a five-year strategic plan that gives a larger framework for improving the homeless system in Howard County.

A timeline for PEH finalization was distributed. It was stressed that there is still time for input from the Board and for changes to be made. There was a general feeling that the timeline was too short for enough feedback. Staff agreed to reassess the timeline.

Draft PEH

Feedback to this draft of the plan; terms and acronyms needed to be defined early and often in the text, more explanation of partner agencies and what they do in the community, and to be sure that final draft is accessible for the entire community and not just people working in the system. Staff pointed out that appendixes, glossaries and reference

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sections are going to be included. It will be designed so any section of the community can understand and use it to craft their own work.

Draft PEH Goal One and Two

For goal one; be clearer when you are referring to imminent, facing or literally homeless. Discussed how much of plan should give background on landscape of Howard County economy and how much should only be about the homeless population.

For goal two; clearly define street outreach and sheltering, discussed if specific ask for increased services should be in PEH or accompanying action plan, how will Rapid Rehousing and Street Outreach effect the number of shelter beds needed, and the requirement for evaluation of the homeless system as changes are made.

Further dialogue is needed and will continue at the Planning Committee meeting and next Coalition meeting. Staff thanked everyone for their feedback and appreciate working together to craft the best PEH possible for Howard County.

NOFA Committee

Request was made for more volunteers for the committee. Further information will be sent to Coalition members. The NOFA application will be released the first week of May.

Coordinated Entry Committee

The group has been debating using Rapid Rehousing as a bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing. Also discussed how long people should be on the By-name list before they are marked inactive. Anyone that resumes contact with the system would be moved back to active status.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 pm

Next Meeting:

March 27, 2019 1:00 pm

Howard County Community Resources Campus at 9830 Patuxent Woods Dr Columbia, MD 21046