



**ENDING  
HOMELESSNESS  
IN MARYLAND.**

**TOGETHER.**

**JULY 2022  
BOARD MEETING**



**MARYLAND  
BALANCE OF STATE  
CONTINUUM OF CARE**

# Housekeeping

- Attendance/quorum will be taken automatically via Zoom
- This meeting will be recorded and made available to the public
- Board members should join via computer so you can participate in voting
- Public comment will be accepted at the end of the meeting

# Welcome & Call to Order

Corae Young, Board Chair



# Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome & Call to Order
- II. Approval of May Board Meeting Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
- IV. MD Interagency Council on Homelessness Report
- V. CoC Lead Report
- VI. Local Homelessness Coalition Reports
- VII. State Agency Updates
- VIII. Future Board Meeting Agenda Items
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

# May Meeting Minutes



# Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes



**Are there any amendments or changes to the May 2022 Board Meeting Minutes?**

1. **First Motion to Take Vote**
2. **Second Motion to Take Vote**

**Vote to approve the meeting minutes using the poll on your screen.**

# Committee Reports



# Executive Committee

## **New Board Member**

Southern MD: Florence Brooks



# HMIS Committee

- TeamHMIS Contract
  - Increased Staff Hours Dedicated to the Balance of State CoC
  - Allow the BoS to focus on more Data Driven Performance
  - More training and technical assistance to end users available
- Quarterly User Forum
  - Forums will now be held every three months on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10 am
    - Next Forum on October 11<sup>th</sup> - meeting link to come

# Coordinated Entry Committee

- New Coordinated Entry Committee Co-Chairs
  - Corae Young, Southern MD
  - Brian Wainwright, Harford County
- Committee to reconvene in August
  - Will confirm / update committee membership & date
- Committee to approve updated CES Roll Out Plan

# MD Interagency Council on Homelessness Report

**Brian Wainwright, Harford County**



# MD ICH Report

## Enacted Legislation

### HB0521 /CH0722 – Sealing of Court Records

- Shields records for tenants who did not have a judgment of possession entered in favor of the landlord
- Allows tenants to petition court to shield record for a judgment of possession entered in favor of landlord

### HB0571 /CH0020 (SB0279/CH0021) – Access to Counsel Fund

- Alters the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund to include money received by the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General from a final settlement, an agreement, or a judgment relating to an investigation or enforcement of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act for an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice for rental residential property, excluding restitution and the costs of the action the Attorney General is entitled to recover.

# MD ICH Report

## Enacted Legislation

### HB0932 /CH0671 (SB0592/CH0672) – Right of Redemption

- A tenant or resident who has the right to redemption of the leased premises by tendering all past due amounts plus court awarded costs and fees may tender those amounts, costs, and fees in an electronic or written check issued by a political subdivision or on behalf of a governmental entity.

### HB0824/CH0685 – Eviction Data Collection and Reporting

- Requires the Judiciary to collect certain data pertaining to a warrant of restitution or a writ of possession issued in accordance with a certain judgment for possession of residential property; requiring the Judiciary to share complete eviction data from the immediately preceding month with the Department of Housing and Community Development each month; requiring the Department to make eviction data available in a certain format to a State or local agency or an academic institution located in the State. Requires annual report to be submitted.

# CoC Lead Agency Report

DHCD



# **Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness**

The purpose of this NOFO is to **target efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness and homelessness in rural areas.**

HUD will award funding to communities to **implement coordinated approaches -- grounded in Housing First and public health principles -- to reduce the prevalence of unsheltered homelessness, and improve services engagement, health outcomes, and housing stability among highly vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families.**

HUD expects communities to **partner with health and housing agencies to leverage mainstream housing and healthcare resources.**

# Special NOFO

## Policy Priorities

1. Unsheltered Homelessness
2. Unsheltered Homelessness and Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs in Rural Areas
3. Providing Assistance on Tribal Lands
4. Involving a Broad Array of Stakeholders in the CoC's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness
5. Advancing Equity
6. Use a Housing First approach



# Special NOFO

## Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside

Unsheltered homelessness is continuing to rise and data shows that people experiencing unsheltered homelessness report significantly greater health challenges and experiences of trauma and violence than sheltered peers

The Unsheltered Set Aside is designed to support communities in their efforts to understand and reduce unsheltered homelessness across their geographic area, where projects must serve individuals and families who qualify as homeless

NOFO supports CoCs in efforts to identify people living in unsheltered situations and connects them with health and housing resources and supports CoCs in efforts to enhance HMIS to collect more comprehensive data on people experiencing unsheltered homelessness

Projects may be located in any part of the CoC's geographic area

# Special NOFO

## Rural Set-Aside (Garrett County Only)

Rural areas often lack the resources and infrastructure for providing homeless services and permanent housing and areas often require unique strategies to solve challenges specific to their geography

NOFO targets resources to rural areas and provides additional eligible activities to address some of the unique needs of rural areas

Projects must only serve HUD designated rural areas; Garrett County

# Special NOFO

## Funding Designations

Unsheltered Set Aside:	\$2,282,009
Rural Set Aside (Garrett Only):	\$129,435

- Three year grants
- Will be rolled into the regular CoC Competition at renewal
- Planning Grant is and eligible/competitive project out of the Unsheltered Set Aside only

# Special NOFO

## **Application process: Collaborative Application**

- Project Capacity, Review & Ranking
- System Performance
- CoC Coordination & Engagement
- Letters of Commitment, Contracts, or Other Formal Written Agreements Demonstrating the Development of New Units and New Housing Opportunities for People Experiencing Homelessness
- Written Commitments from Hospitals, Healthcare Clinics, Insurance Agencies, Medicaid State Agencies, Public Health Departments, Mental Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), or Drug Treatment Facilities
- Letter Signed by Working Group Comprised of Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness
- Letter of Commitment from PHA(s) serving the CoC's geographic area

# Special NOFO

## Application process: Collaborative Application

- CoC Plan for serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs
  - Leveraging Housing Resources
  - Leveraging Healthcare Resources
  - CoCs Current Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness
  - Updating the CoCs Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness with Data and Performance
  - Identify and Prioritize Households Experiencing or with Histories of Unsheltered Homelessness
  - Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Decision Making
  - Supporting Underserved Communities and Supporting Equitable Community Development

# Special NOFO

## Application process: Project Applicants

### Application Components

- BoS RFP Submission
- eSNAPS Project Application
- Required attachments
- Required HUD Forms
- Must align with goals identified in the Plan

### Eligible Project Types

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint TH and PH-RRH
- SSO- Coordinated Entry
- Supportive Services Only (not including SSO projects for Coordinated Entry)
- HMIS
- Planning

# Special NOFO

## Unsheltered Set Aside Scoring (All BoS Counties: \$2,282,009)

Project Capacity, Review & Ranking	4 Points
System Performance	18 Points
CoC Coordination & Engagement	8 Points
Comprehensive Plan	<u>70 Points</u>
	<b>100 Available Points</b>

### Bonus: Based on 2019 UNSHELTERED PIT Count

10,000 or more: 30 Points

5,000 to 9,999: 20 Points

1,000 to 4,999: 10 Points

999 or fewer: 0 Points

# Special NOFO

## Rural Set Aside Scoring (Garrett County Only: \$129,435)

Project Capacity, Review & Ranking	4 Points
System Performance	18 Points
CoC Coordination & Engagement	8 Points
Comprehensive Plan	<u>59 Points</u>

**89 Available Points**



# Special NOFO

## Draft Special NOFO Competition Timeline

- July/August: Draft CoC Plan for serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs
  - DHCD, LHC Members, State Agencies, Community Partners
- August: BoS RFP Published, project applications must be in alignment with CoC Plan
- September 20: Project Applications Due
- September/October: Performance Review Committee meets to review, score and rank projects
- October 5: Deadline to notify project applicants of accept/reject/ranking
- October: Board Approves CoC Application, Plan, Priority listing / Post to BoS Website
- October 20: Collaborative Application Submission / Competition Closes

## Next Steps

- DHCD to reach out to LHCs and relevant partner agencies for contacts, information and resources
- DHCD to develop and publish timeline & competition plan

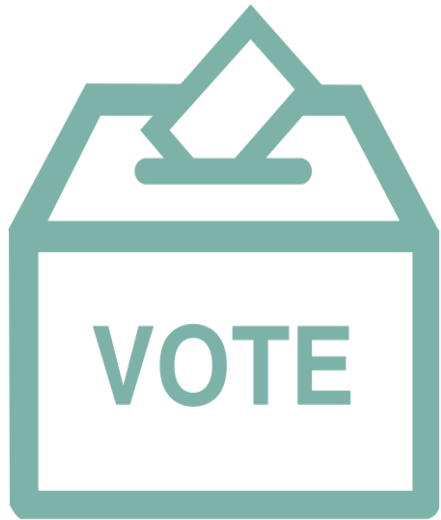
# FFY2022 CoC NOFA

- Competition not yet open
  - Expected to open within the month
  - Will overlap with the Special NOFA
- GIW finalized 7/19/2022
  - HUD to post Finalized GIW on July 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Traditionally the last step before the annual CoC Competition opens

# Lived Experience Stipend Policy

UPDATED STIPEND POLICY

# Vote to Approve Lived Experience Stipend Policy



**Are there any amendments or changes to the Lived Experience Stipend Policy as Amended?**

1. **First Motion to Take Vote**
2. **Second Motion to Take Vote**

**Vote to approve using the poll on your screen.**

# General Updates

DHCD met with the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence to explore opportunities for collaboration

- Collaborative trainings
- Input on Coordinated Entry DV/IPV focused policy and procedure
- Advise on best practices related to human trafficking
- Strengthen capacity with DV Service Providers

## Upcoming Training Opportunities

- Equal Access Training: August 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00
- SAVE Veteran Suicide Prevention: September 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00

# Local Homeless Coalition Reports



# LHC Reports

## General Topics

- General Homelessness Efforts
- New Partnerships/Collaborations
- Where is help/collaboration/support needed

## LHC

- Allegany
- Cecil
- Garrett
- Harford
- Southern MD
- Washington

# State Agency Updates





# Future Agenda Items



# Public Comment



# Adjournment

