



## COC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2021 – 1pm-3pm

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<b>Board Members Present</b>	Allegany County: Susan Malone, David Nedved Cecil County: Gwen Parrack, Earl Grey Garrett County: Carrie DiSimone, Duane Yoder Southern MD: Cynthia Brown, Jacquelyn Culver, Lanny Lancaster, Corae Young Washington County: Mark Sewell, Tyrell Wilson MD Department of Human Services (DHS): Lauren Molineaux MD Department of Health (MDH): Priya Arokiaswamy MD Department of Disabilities (MDOD): Chelsea Hayman MD Department of Labor (DLLR): Erin Roth MD Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD): Stuart Campbell
<b>Board Members Absent</b>	MD Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS): Vacant MD Department of Education: Melissa Surgeon MD Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA): Dana Burl Southern MD: Lanny Lancaster
<b>CoC Lead Present</b>	Danielle Meister, Carolyn Curry
<b>HMIS Lead Present</b>	Jason Burns

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### I. Welcome & Call to Order

Board Chair Carrie DiSimone called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Quorum requirements were met. The Chair reviewed the meeting agenda and reminded attendees of meeting logistics.

### II. Approval of March 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

The March Board Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

### III. Committee Reports

- Executive Committee is finalizing recommended updates to the CoC Governance Charter. Will submit proposed updates to the full board once ready for July vote. The Executive Committee continues to identify upcoming projects and system needs
- HMIS Committee reports on plans to update the existing user license structure, future training plans and HUD required reporting status. Additional funding has been identified to support these tasks. The BoS PIT & HIC Reports were submitted on time to HUD.
- Coordinated Entry Committee had no reports for May.

### IV. CoC Lead Report

The 2021 PIT and HIC results were presented to the Board. Corae Young noted that the results need a disclaimer since they are not aligned with typical results and requested communication from the BoS. Stuart Campbell stated that seems to be no evidence that pandemic impacted the count since LHCs were unable to complete a full count

and the eviction moratorium is in place. Jacquelyn Culver suggested a longer report for CoCs and a 1 page overview for community wide distribution.

The annual CoC Governance Charter Revision is in process. Edits or feedback should be submitted to DHCD staff, the final vote to approve will take place in the July Board Meeting.

The CoC NOFA is expected to be released in the summer and is expected to be competitive as in prior years. ESG-CV2 grant agreements are being routed for execution. HSP FY22 applications due May 17. EHP applications and grant agreements processing. ERAP funding launched in 18 counties across the state with the remainder expected to launch shortly.

Updated CDC Guidance states that COVID testing is still recommended in shelter settings where exposure is suspected, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are still recommended for those residing in shelter with vaccines, typical prevention measures should continue for those who are unvaccinated.

In the spring, Harford County began to express interest in joining the Balance of State, preliminary discussions are underway with TA, HUD and the BoS. More details will be presented at the July meeting.

#### **V. Local Homelessness Coalition Reports**

- *Allegany County:* David Nedved – LHC met yesterday and discussed updates on funding sources, voted to create task force committee for local providers to coordinate services. Clarified that LHCs can set up individual committees at local level, expect local hospital to join task force soon.
- *Cecil County:* Gwen Parrack – 60% of sheltered households are vaccinated, all have been offered and it is accessible. 40% of the county general population are vaccinated. The county is switching to mobile targeted setting. The Cecil County HSP application is complete.
- *Garrett County:* Carrie DiSimone – LHS has started ERAP applications. Garrett had a 9 bed shelter facility during COVID, money running out and there are structural issues w building, so will be closing beds in June.
- *Southern Maryland:* Jacquelyn Culver – LHC has been looking at regional strategies to spend funds, reduce obstacles and spend quickly. Excited to receive new vouchers. Working on HSP monitoring process. Vaccines are moving, not many obstacles and all have been offered. ERAP funding is a regional prioritization.
- *Washington County:* Mark Sewell – LHC began ERAP Monday, have \$300,000 worth of need identified in 3 days. Anticipate spending all funds by September. EHP funds being used for new multi-use shelter, new navigator and wrap around services, plan to utilize a new whole family approach for services. LHC meeting help last week, Tyrell and Mark confirmed for 1 more year as representatives to BoS. The meeting was productive and interactive with a wide audience. Vaccine is distributed via routine clinics. Positivity rate at 3%.

#### **VI. State Agency Updates**

New McKinney Vento funding becoming available through Department of Education. Will share details as they become available.

#### **VII. Future Board Meeting Agenda Items**

David Nedved requesting additional information on Harford Co CoC.

Mark Sewell stated that a needs & gaps analysis would be helpful for Washington County. Would help make sense of local system going forward.

#### **VIII. Public Comment**

None.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

### **Vote Summary**

- March Meeting Minutes Approved