



**MARYLAND
BALANCE OF STATE
CONTINUUM OF CARE**

COC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

July 15, 2021 – 1pm-3pm

Meeting Recording – [Webex](#)

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Board Members Present

Allegany County: Susan Malone, David Nedved
Cecil County: Gwen Parrack, Earl Grey
Garrett County: Carrie DiSimone, Duane Yoder
Southern MD: Cynthia Brown, Lanny Lancaster, Corae Young
Washington County: Mark Sewell
MD Department of Education: Melissa Surgeon
MD Department of Disabilities (MDOD): Chelsea Hayman
MD Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD): Stuart Campbell

Board Members Absent

MD Department of Health (MDH): Priya Arokiaswamy
MD Department of Human Services (DHS): Lauren Molineaux
MD Department of Labor (DLLR): Erin Roth
MD Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS): Vacant
MD Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA): Dana Burl
Southern MD: Jacquelyn Culver
Washington County: Tyrell Wilson

CoC Lead Present

Danielle Meister, Carolyn Curry

HMIS Lead Present

Jason Burns, Sam Bochinski

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Board Chair Carrie DiSimone called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. Quorum requirements were met. The Chair reviewed the meeting agenda and reminded attendees of meeting logistics.

II. Approval of May 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

The May CoC Board Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote

III. Committee Reports

- Executive Committee: Announced that Mark Sewell and Lanny Lancaster have accepted their respective nominations to HMIS and Coordinated Entry committee chair roles, the Board thanks them for taking on these leadership roles. The Executive Committee re-evaluated the BoS ability to be competitive for YHDP application. Determined that at this time, BoS would be more strategic to invest time and energy into better understanding the needs of youth and establishing a sustainable plan for a Youth Action Board. We will be following up with counties/regions that have strong youth programming to start exploring how we can collaborate to increase efforts on youth homelessness.

- HMIS Committee: HMIS will be facilitating the quarterly user form on 7/19. TeamHMIS is in the process of requesting additional user licenses and finalizing the Coordinated Entry workflow. TeamHMIS will be providing an additional 15 hours of monthly staff time to better manage system maintenance and reporting.
- Coordinated Entry Committee: There is some concern on how to implement policy & forms among LHCs. Have asked committee members to read policies and determine how it will impact local implementation, costs, local access sites. Next meeting we hope to have all forms and policies approved so we can move to the operations phase. Access points were questioned in the meeting – will worthy of looking at plans across the BoS to create coordination although may be different across counties

IV. CoC Lead Report

CoC NOFA local competition process draft timeline reviewed with the board. Reviewed existing bed inventory and discussed possible new project types needed when the opportunity is available. Concerns were expressed regarding the current number of TH projects. The Performance Review Committee membership recruitment is currently underway.

V. Local Homelessness Coalition Reports

- *Allegany County*: Dave Nedved – There was no LHC meeting this month, moving forward with coordinated work group. Preparing quarterly reports. Delta variant has starting to come in, will be a concern since the area is low vaccinated, 40% of county population vaccinated. Susan Malone – The homeless resource day will be held in September, downtown Cumberland on sidewalk.
- *Cecil County*: Gwen Parrack – We have identified two new partnerships, Voices of Hope, a substance use peer recovery program, to help with RRH. The second is a Community Coalition for Affordable Housing who will offer PSH for those with mental illness. Partnership will increase PSH beds. Difficulty getting contracts in place, legal needs 6 months to review. Shortage of non-profit organizations in Cecil to help with housing and services. One case of the Delta variant identified Cecil County.
- *Garrett County*: Carrie DiSimone – Currently focusing on ERAP and other funding sources. All projects full across system. Now allowing public to return to office appointments. Considering Homeless Resource Day, may not be able to do in fall, may push to Spring.
- *Southern MD*: Corae Young – LHC still working to spend ERAP funds. Calvert County has been operating for the last 2 months, working well with government helping with administrative support. Charles County just got grant agreements, started payments this week. EHP grant agreements are in place for hotel reimbursement. Homeless resource day will be October 15 in Calvert County and November in Charles County. LHC coordinating in Calvert County with harm reduction team to coordinate street outreach. Charles County will meet due to challenges with increase homeless individuals presenting at hospitals. Individuals often have significant health challenges. Charles County now has night time street outreach, DSS will be going in evenings to id people sleeping in cars and assess needs. LHC working on hypothermia shelter program. Health department conducting COVID tests and vaccines, spanish speaking health outreach worker assisting with vaccine messaging. Current staffing challenges in LHC including difficulty recruiting candidates, will work more closely with Tri County council workforce.
- *Washington County*: No updates

VI. State Agency Updates

None

VII. CoC Governance Charter Revision Discussion & Vote

Board reviewed annual amendments to Governance Charter. David Nedved made a motion to approve, Gwen Parrack seconded the motion. All approved, the annual updates will be reflected in the Charter.

VIII. Harford County Continuum of Care Merger Discussion & Vote

Board reviewed Harford County request to join the Balance of State. Nedved requested clarification on the funding reallocation hold harmless rule, confirmed that existing LHCs will continue under the initial 2 year timeframe, new LHCs will receive 1 year of hold harmless as they join. If approved, lead agency staff will meet with TA providers if approved to review next steps. Stuart Campbell made a motion to approve, Mark Sewell seconded the motion. All approved, Harford County will join the Balance of State.

IX. Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

DHCD will provide data for board to review system performance. TeamHMIS will create performance dashboard reports for board meetings.

X. Public Comment

None

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Vote Summary:

- May Meeting Minutes Approved
- Governance Charter Annual Updates Approved
- Harford County CoC Merge to BoS Approved