



## COC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2022: 1pm-3pm

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### Board Members Present

Allegany County: Susan Malone, David Nedved  
Cecil County: Gwen Parrack, Earl Grey  
Garrett County: Fred Polce, April Sisler  
Harford County: PJ Craig  
Southern MD: Cynthia Brown, Lanny Lancaster, Anna Wood, Corae Young  
Washington County: Mark Sewell, Tyrell Wilson  
MD Department of Education: Shanna Edmond  
MD Department of Disabilities (MDOD): Chelsea Hayman  
MD Department of Health (MDH): Priya Arokiaswamy  
MD Department of Labor (Labor): Casey Tiefenwerth

### Board Members Absent

Harford County: Robin Tomechko  
MD Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD): Stuart Campbell  
MD Department of Human Services (DHS): Lauren Molineaux  
MD Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS): Vacant  
MD Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA): Dana Burl

### CoC Lead Present

Danielle Meister, Carolyn Curry

### HMIS Lead Present

Samantha Bochinski

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- I. **Welcome & Call to Order:** Quorum was conformed, Corae Young called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- II. **Introduction of New Board Members:** Anna Wood, Southern MD LHC, April Sisler, Garrett County LHC and Fred Polce, Garrett County LHC were introduced as new BoS Board Members.
- III. **Approval of March 2022 Board Meeting Minutes:** Young asked for amendments or comments on the March Board Minutes. None were made. Mark Sewell made the motion to approve the minutes, Dave Nedved seconded the motion. The board for was unanimous to approve the March Minutes.
- IV. **Committee Reports**  
*Executive Committee:* Young announced that Brian Wainwright, who sits on the MD ICH, will bring meeting updates to the CoC Board going forward. Brian will serve as a liaison to the BoS and ICH and can provide updates on legislative efforts and resources.

*HMIS Committee:* Sewell provided updates on the committee new members, the publication of monthly performance reports, Youth Reach data, and HMIS user licenses. Team HMIS will be scheduling one on one agency meetings to update on HMIS needs. Sewell reviewed the 2022 Point in Time and Housing Inventory Count results with the Board.

*Coordinated Entry Committee:* No updates this month

- V. CoC Lead Report:** Carolyn Curry provided the Board with a review of the FY2021 CoC NOFA Score and presented the required policies for the upcoming FY2022 CoC Competition.

Young asked for comments or amendments on the upcoming competition policies. There were none. Sewell made the motion to approve the competition policies, Lanny Lancaster seconded the motion. The policies were unanimously approved.

Danielle Meister reviewed the proposed Lived Experience Representation Stipend Policy with the Board. The proposed hourly rate was based on the Living Wage. Nedved expressed concerns that the proposed hourly rate is higher than some salaries. Earl Grey requested clarification that a stipend could be paid by any funding source, not required to be paid from HSP funds. Sewell suggested that awareness of the policy could push more agencies to hire individuals with lived experience. Suzanne Korff told the Board that LHCs may submit budget modifications to include stipends in their HSP budget totals.

Young asked for additional comments or amendments on the policy. Amendments include adjusting the language around the hourly rate and clarify the source of funding. Sewell made the motion to approve the policy as amended, Anna Wood seconded the motion. 12 voted to approved, 1 voted nay; the policy was approved as amended.

Meister presented a plan to present a quarterly System Performance Dashboard to the Board. DHCD is working with TeamHMIS to create and publish the reports, they are separate from the MPRs, which are more data quality focused. The dashboards will tell the story of how to BoS is doing to end homelessness. Want easily understandable dashboards that can be used as tools at the LHC level and for various audiences. The first report will be out in the next month and the data will look back to 7/1/2021. The scope of the report is HUD System Performance Measures and demographics, will expand to include equity and other advanced metrics in the future. The report will have BoS and LHC breakout levels, will look into reporting at the county level in future.

**VI. Local Homelessness Coalition Reports**

*Allegany, Dave Nedved:* The LHC met yesterday and was broken out in three parts – HSP updates, task force discussion, discussion about homelessness and local issues. LHC plans to have future conversations to address public perception of homelessness.

*Cecil, Gwen Parrack:* LHC has completed the youth reach count, 70 surveys were completed. We have submitted the HSP application and continue to develop and improve RRH projects with existing funding.

*Garrett, April Sisler:* GCCAA has identified that finding housing an ongoing concern, looking for other grants & options. *Fred Polce:* There are no units to support available vouchers, we are currently down

about 50 vouchers, even low on disability programs. There are many vacant homes, but they are not in livable shape. The LHC is open to ideas.

Fred is part of a small group to discuss local homelessness in general with the local government. There is reluctance in the county to not want a designated shelter. GCCAA has attempted to get emergency/transitional units set up. Rose Terrace had to implement Priority List to access. The LHC wants a cold weather facility but remains a challenge in the county, the idea seems to be cost prohibitive. There is a struggle to consistently locate individuals to provide services, we want to make the elements more comfortable via clothing/water/hygiene/basic necessities.

*Harford County:* No updates.

*Southern MD, Corae Young:* Charles County is seeing law enforcement cracking down on encampments, LHC is working with them to facilitate relocation, shelter and rapid rehousing opportunities. LifeStyles is working on the Workforce Grant to increase employment opportunities; we are experiencing significant issues with families needing large rental requests. We are helping people to navigate funding streams and employment opportunities. Our new shelter is opening at the end of next week, 25 beds and a day program, staff is finally in place. *Anna Wood:* Calvert County had communitywide outreach for youth and pregnant youth, currently receiving a high number of referrals.

*Washington County, Mark Sewell:* Last month 23 households were served in rapid rehousing. We have a new partnership with the Health Department, the program went door to door to follow up on overdoses in prior months. The LHC is hoping for new funding for mobile outreach and vital essentials to assist underserved municipalities in the county. Want to take a full team of providers to these areas.

## **VII. State Agency Updates**

*DHCD, Danielle Meister:* Danielle to schedule meeting regarding Move Up and EHV vouchers to ensure all vouchers are being utilized and to provide training on referral process and availability. Danielle will reach out to those impacted.

*Labor, Casey Tiefenwerth:* The Workforce Development grant is due June 17, looking for review team volunteers. Would like to include individuals with lived experience on the review team, reach out to Casey if interested.

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

Young: Requested a follow up call with Garrett County to review potential resources and discuss street outreach and other local connections.

## **IX. Public Comment**

None.

## **X. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

### **VOTE SUMMARY:**

- March Meeting Minutes Approved
- Lived Experience Stipend Policy Approved with Amendments
- FFY2022 CoC Funding Competition Policies Approved