

Welcome! We'll get started shortly.

Today's meeting is interactive.

To ensure you can fully participate, all board members have been made panelists and are unmuted at entry.

That means we can hear you!

Please mute your phone or use the webex meeting controls now to mute your microphone.





**ENDING
HOMELESSNESS
IN MARYLAND.**

TOGETHER.

**MAY 2021
BOARD MEETING**



**MARYLAND
BALANCE OF STATE
CONTINUUM OF CARE**

Housekeeping

- Attendance/quorum will be taken automatically via WebEx
- 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

Carrie DiSimone, Board Chair



Meeting Agenda

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

Vote to Approve November Meeting Minutes



Are there any amendments or changes to the March 2021 Board Meeting Minutes?

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

Committee Reports



Executive Committee

- BoS TA Projects
 - Needs & Gaps Analysis
 - Lead Agency Evaluation
 - LHC Capacity Building

HMIS Committee

- User License Structure
- HIC/PIT Reporting
- Performance Reporting
- System Health
- Qlik Training

Coordinated Entry Committee

CES Roll Out: No New Updates

CoC Lead Agency Report

DHCD



2021 Point in Time & Housing Inventory Counts

Population	2020	2021	Change
Total Individuals	799	392	-51%
Total Households	574	291	-49%
Total Emergency Shelter	410	281	-31%
Total Transitional Housing	159	50	-69%
Total Unsheltered	230	61	-73%
Total Chronic Homelessness	166	78	-53%
Total Unaccompanied Youth	32	11	-66%
Total Parenting Youth	14	9	-36%
Total Veterans	89	28	-69%
Total Domestic Violence	65	23	-65%
Total Children Under 18	181	80	-56%

2021 Point in Time & Housing Inventory Counts

Project Type	2020	2021	Change
Emergency Shelter	462	547	18%
Transitional Housing	197	203	3%
Rapid Rehousing	115	96	-17%
Permanent Supportive Housing	645	603	-7%

BoS CoC Governance Charter

- Must seek input from CoC on needed amendments annually
- Will review proposed amendments in May board meeting
- Will vote on changes in July board meeting

BoS CoC Governance Charter

- **Pg 4 PROPOSE:** Clarification that CoC membership, not CoC Board membership is open to the public
- **Pg 6 PROPOSE:** Include board responsibility to monitor the lead agencies
- **Pg 6 PROPOSE:** Include reference to lead agency MOUs
- **Pg 6 PROPOSE:** Remove bullets since each are referenced in following sections
- **Pg 12 PROPOSE:** Include section for CoCs interested in joining the BoS
- **Pg 14 PROPOSE:** Allow Consumers with lived experience to be employed by a partner agency but must follow same voting protocol as LHC representative in regard to funding and conflict of interest
- **Pg 16 PROPOSE:** Add clarity on board meeting attendance requirements
- **Pg 16-17 PROPOSE:** Add clarity on board leadership terms
- **PROPOSE:** Include additional documents to appendix, including Lead Agency MOUs, HMIS & CES Policy & Procedure, CoC Membership Policy & Procedure, CoC Written Standards, Monitoring Policy & Procedure

CoC Funding Updates

FFY2020 Continuum of Care Program (CoC NOFA)

- Grant agreement process currently underway

FFY2021 Continuum of Care Program (CoC NOFA)

- CoC Registration has been completed in esnaps
- No timeframe for NOFA release
- Will be competitive with understanding of current circumstances

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP)

- No timeframe for release

State Funding Updates

COVID19 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV)

- ESG-CV2 grant agreements are currently being routed for execution

Homelessness Solutions Program (HSP)

- FY22 application is due May 17

Emergency Housing Program (EHP)

- Currently processing applications and grant agreements

ERAP Funding Updates

Jurisdiction	Total Maximum Award
Allegany County	\$3,389,068
Cecil County	\$4,151,639
Garrett County	\$1,685,427
Washington County	\$9,441,971
Southern MD	
Charles County	\$5,897,393
Calvert County	\$1,801,998
St. Mary's County	\$4,515,115
Total	\$30,882,611

ERAP can help tenants with:

- Rental arrears
- Current/future rent
- Utilities and home energy arrears*
- Current/future utilities and home energy costs*
- Relocation or New Housing Move-In Costs
- Supportive services to regain stability in housing

*Includes electric, gas, water, sewer, trash, fuel oil

18 county programs launched applications this week, remainder should be coming online shortly

Other New Federal Funds

American Rescue Plan Act (enacted March 11)

- ERAP 2 - \$21.55 billion expansion
- HOME - \$5 billion (includes capital funding!)
- Housing Choice Vouchers - \$5 billion
- LIHEAP (\$4.5 billion) and Water Assistance (\$500 million)
- Homeowner Assistance - \$9.96 billion

HOME, Voucher resources generally limited to households who:

- (1) are or are at risk of experiencing homelessness
- (2) are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, or human trafficking, or
- (3) are recently homeless and assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having a high risk of housing instability

CDC Guidance – May 14

- Most fully vaccinated people with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to quarantine, be restricted from work, or be tested following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, as their risk of infection is low. However, they should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure. Exceptions where testing (but not quarantine) is still recommended following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 include: Fully vaccinated residents and employees of correctional and detention facilities and homeless shelters.
- Risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection is minimal for fully vaccinated people. The risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission from fully vaccinated people to unvaccinated people is also reduced. Therefore, fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Fully vaccinated people should also continue to wear a well-fitted mask in correctional facilities and homeless shelters. Prevention measures are still recommended for unvaccinated people.

Harford Co CoC Interest

- April 2021: Harford County CoC expressed interest in learning about joining the Balance of State
- April – May 2021: Preliminary meetings have been held with the Harford County CoC Board, the BoS Executive Committee, Lead Agency, TA Providers and HUD
- Next Steps:
 - DHCD has provided a proposed merge timeline for Harford to review
 - The Harford Co CoC Board will need an official vote to merge with the BoS
 - The BoS Board will vote to approve the merge
 - DHCD will begin the process with HUD

Local Homeless Coalition Reports



LHC Reports

Topics

- General Updates on LHC
- Funding Updates/Gaps
- Vaccine Access

LHC

- Allegany
- Cecil
- Garrett
- Southern MD
- Washington

State Agency Updates



Future Agenda Items



Public Comment



Adjournment

