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COC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2026

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Board Members Present	Allegany County: Dave Nedved, Nicole Brant Frederick County: Nick Brown, Susan Brown Garrett County: Fred Polce, Shawnee Reynolds Southern MD: Jacquelyn Culver, Florence Brooks Washington County: Shelly Zullinger, Joe Best MD Department of Health (MDH): Priya Arokiaswamy MD Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD): Danielle Meister MD Department of Labor (Labor): Casey Tiefenwerth
Board Members Absent	Cecil County: Gwen Parrack Harford County: PJ Craig, Jenn Greenleaf Southern MD: Cynthia Brown MD Department of Disabilities (MDOD): Vacant MD Department of Education (MDE): Vacant MD Department of Human Services (DHS): Vacant MD Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS): Vacant MD Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA): Vacant
Committee Chair Present	Coordinated Entry: Brian Wainwright
CoC Lead Present	Carolyn Curry, Tiffany Little, Kristen Halsey, Rebecca Burrow, Ariel Brown

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Jacquelyn Culver called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. Quorum was confirmed. The agenda was reviewed.

II. Approval of January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Culver asked for comments or amendments to the January meeting minutes. None were raised. Florence Brooks made a motion to vote, Nick Brown seconded the motion. A poll vote was conducted via Zoom: all voting members approved or abstained. The motion passed.

III. Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Culver reported that two board members are stepping down: Patricia Julianelle with the Maryland Department of Education and Earl Grey representing Cecil County. Culver reported that HUD approved the Lower Shore merger on March 2, 2026. The Lower Shore includes three counties. A question was raised regarding whether the region is permitted to have four CoC Board representatives, and discussion confirmed that this is allowable.

HMIS Committee: Kristen Halsey provided the System Performance Measures were submitted to HUD on February 18, 2026, and the Point in Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) are due on April 30, 2026. Halsey shared that PIT/HIC data and infographics will be presented at the May board meeting.

Coordinated Entry Committee: Halsey reported that the Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry Subcommittee is meeting monthly. The team has provided Coordinated Entry 101 training and is continuing discussions on CE workflows to better incorporate victim service provider (VSP) clients. The BoS team is also developing a Move On Toolkit for future review and approval by the CE Committee, with an initial focus on Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects. Halsey noted that the BoS team is creating a PSH move-on strategy to prepare for reductions or impending federal funding changes.

Youth Action Board (YAB) and Lived Experience Advisory Panel (LEAP): Tiffany Little reported that the YAB continues to grow and meet weekly on Tuesdays. She encouraged LHCs to refer young adults who may be interested in joining or sitting in on a meeting to learn more. Little also shared that governance and leadership planning efforts are underway, and the team is working toward having a YAB representative on the CoC Board. Little provided an update on the development of the LEAP, noting that recruitment is ongoing.

IV. CoC Lead Report

Danielle Meister provided an update on federal litigation related to the CoC NOFO. A preliminary injunction remains in place requiring HUD to operate under prior NOFO conditions and continue the renewal process. HUD has appealed the ruling, but the court has denied requests to pause the injunction.

HUD is also required to follow Congressional appropriations language mandating renewal timelines. However, grant agreements for 2025 have not yet been issued nationwide, and the situation remains uncertain. Meister noted that the CoC is currently in a holding pattern pending further court decisions and federal action.

Meister provided updates on federal advocacy efforts, including proposed HUD rules impacting Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), eviction policy changes, and FFY2026 Congressional appropriations. Meister reviewed recent state budget updates, noting that the initial FY27 budget was released on January 21, 2026, followed by a supplemental budget on March 6, 2026. Within the budget, there is an increase to the Homeless Solutions Program (HSP) to support services for veterans and their families. New funding initiatives include support for Maryland Community Action Agencies, Maryland Volunteer Legal Services, and additional funding to expand Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units. There is also a proposed increase to the Community Schools Rental

Assistance Program, as well as funding for a needs assessment for the Maryland Community Action Partnership. Meister also reviewed proposed state legislation related to homelessness.

Carolyn Curry noted that FY2025 CoC grant agreements have not yet been issued and asked providers to notify her if they begin receiving them. Curry shared that a FY2026 CoC competition is anticipated this summer and is expected to mirror the most recent NOFO. The CoC will begin early planning discussions to take a more strategic approach to project development.

Written Standards: Curry reported that the Written Standards are nearing completion and will soon be shared with the board for final review, feedback, and approval, followed by training and implementation. Curry also noted that the CoC Governance Charter will undergo a full review and update in the coming months, with opportunities for public feedback prior to board approval.

CoC Project Monitoring: The CoC monitoring process has resumed after being paused during the NOFO period, with additional site visits planned this spring. The team is exploring development of a monitoring dashboard to track project and CoC compliance.

CoC Training Academy: Curry provided updates on the development of the CoC Training Academy, including a CoC program compliance training series for funded providers, a case manager training program being developed in partnership with external partners, and ongoing MANDT trainings led by Tiffany Little.

Annual Meeting: Lastly, Curry shared that initial planning will begin for the annual CoC meeting, including location, timing, and format, with input to be gathered from the Executive Committee and broader CoC membership.

V. Local Homelessness Coalition Reports / Peer Support & Resource Sharing

Allegany County: Nicole Brant announced a youth-focused event scheduled for April 23 at Allegany College of Maryland and shared a proposal for a 'Night Out' event in Allegany County to raise awareness of the experience of individuals experiencing homelessness by having participants spend a night outdoors.

Cecil County: Absent.

Frederick County: Nick Brown reported efforts to increase awareness of homelessness in Frederick County, particularly in response to recent HSP funding reductions. Local partners are developing plans and identifying alternative funding sources. Frederick recently completed a comprehensive housing study in partnership between the county and city and is working to align LHC strategies with those findings. Brown asked whether other BoS communities have successfully implemented landlord or tenant associations to support landlord recruitment. He noted challenges with utilization rates and rising rental costs and welcomed feedback from other LHCs. Brown also shared updates on an overdose (OD) response initiative, which brings together first responders and providers to track encampments. The effort includes collaboration

with substance use and mental health providers, though there is some hesitation around sharing detailed data. The team is working toward a more private mapping system for first responders and expressed appreciation to the county for allowing use of its mapping platform.

Garrett County: Shawnee Reynolds reported that Garrett County is planning its second annual Community Homeless Resource Day on May 29 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The county is working to strengthen landlord engagement and is interested in learning from Allegany County's approach. Garrett is also focused on improving ongoing support for clients in emergency shelter. Reynolds shared that Garrett County Community Action Council has concluded their CoC monitoring.

Harford County: Brian Wainwright reported that cold weather shelters closed in mid-March, and the team is finalizing data and closeout activities. The annual Project Connect event for unsheltered individuals has been rescheduled to the summer.

Southern Maryland: Florence Brooks reported that the region is working on the HSP application, revamping cold weather plans, and developing a three-year strategic plan. The Community Resource Day will be held on March 26 at the College of Southern Maryland.

Washington County: Jeannie Asbury reported that the PIT Count went well, with strong community participation and overall positive feedback.

VI. State Agency Updates

Maryland Department of Labor: No updates.

Maryland Department of Disabilities: seat vacant

Maryland Department of Education: seat vacant

Maryland Department of Health: No updates.

Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs: seat vacant

Maryland Department of Human Services: seat vacant

VII. Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Culver invited Board members to share ideas for future agenda topics, and none were raised.

VIII. Public Comment

Culver asked if there were public comments, and there were none.

IX. Adjournment

Dave Nedved made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nick Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM.

