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HOMELESSNESS
IN MARYLAND.**

TOGETHER.

**SEPTEMBER 2022
BOARD MEETING**



MARYLAND
BALANCE OF STATE
CONTINUUM OF CARE

Housekeeping

- Attendance/quorum will be taken automatically via Zoom
- 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

Mark Sewell, Board Vice-Chair



Meeting Agenda

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

July Meeting Minutes



Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes



Are there any amendments or changes to the July 2022 Board Meeting Minutes?

1. **First Motion to Take Vote**
2. **Second Motion to Take Vote**

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

Committee Reports



Executive Committee

- **Chair Update:** Corae Young on leave, Mark Sewell will serve in Chair role until she returns

HMIS Committee

- **Harford County HMIS:** Merge process in final stages
- **System Cleanup:** Team HMIS continuing to update provider settings
- **Quarterly HMIS User Forums:** October 11 at 10:30 am
- **HUD HMIS Data Standards:** No major changes this year

Coordinated Entry Committee

- Coordinated Entry Kickoff Webinar: September 20th at 1:00
 - [Register HERE](#)
- Committee meeting on the first Wednesday of each month @3:00
- Currently updating CE policies & forms

CoC Lead Agency Report

DHCD



FFY2022 CoC NOFA

CoC NOFA Important Dates

- All project applications were due August 31st
- CoC must notify applicants if projects were accepted/rejected by September 15th
- Project applications due in eSNAPS by September 23rd
- DHCD will post Collaborative Application for public review by September 28th
- CoC Collaborative Application due / NOFA Competition closes on September 30th

Final Ranking

FFY2022 CoC NOFA

- There is an additional \$210,201 in CoC Bonus funds
- DHCD to apply on behalf of BoS for the remaining funds, will further subgrant to LHC level
- Gap Funding Project Options
 - PSH
 - RRH
 - SSO
 - HMIS

Vote to Approve Ranking



Is there further discussion for the CoC Project Ranking?

1. **First Motion to Take Vote**
2. **Second Motion to Take Vote**

Vote to approve the Project Ranking using the poll on your screen.

Special NOFA

Special NOFA important dates

- Project applications were due August 31st
- CoC must notify applicants if projects were accepted/rejected by October 5th
- Project applications due in eSNAPS by October 14th
- DHCD will post Collaborative Application for public review by October 18th
- CoC Application due / Special NOFA Competition closes on October 20th

Special NOFO: New Project Applications

- 5 Applications Received for Unsheltered Funding Set Aside
 - HUD requires project be ranked, but no Tier structure
 - If HUD selects the BoS CoC as a recipient, all projects included will be funded

SM	LifeStyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.	LifeStyles' SSO	SSO
SM	Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.	LifeStyles' PSH	PSH
SM	LifeStyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.	LifeStyles' RRH	RRH
SM	Catholic Charities of The Archdiocese of Washington	Angel's Watch Shelter Program	Joint TH-RRH
WC/AC	Horizon Goodwill, Inc.	Horizon Goodwill SSO-CE	SSO

- Rural Funding Set Aside project application underway (Garrett Co only)
 - Rural Set Aside projects are subject to additional HUD review if the BoS CoC is selected

Special NOFO

- Funding decision delayed
- Performance Review Committee requested additional information from applicants
 - Clarification on funding requests and budgets
- Project ranking will be made available to the CoC no later than October 5
- Request that the Board grant the Performance Review Committee to approve final ranking

Vote to Give Approval Authority to PR Committee



Is there further discussion on giving Approval Authority to the Performance Review Committee?

1. **First Motion to Take Vote**
2. **Second Motion to Take Vote**

Vote to allow the Project Review Committee to approve the Special NOFA Project Ranking.

Special Presentation: LHC Listening Sessions





Key Themes from MD BoS Listening Sessions

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Listening Sessions

Cloudburst conducted a Zoom listening session with each LHC in the MD BoS in May or June

Questions centered around the following topics:

- Current state of the homeless response system in their LHC
- Communication needs and/or barriers
- Coordinated Entry
- HMIS needs and/or issues
- Any unmet needs such as training or support needed

Focus Group Participation	
LHC	# of Participants
Alleghany	18
Cecil	7
Garrett	13
Harford	23
Southern Maryland	20
Washington	>30

Current State

- LHCs reported mostly positive feedback about the state of their homeless response system
- Highlighted close collaboration between LHC agencies
- With administrative duties moved to DHCD, more time was available for local homeless needs
- Coordinated Entry responses varied and LHCs mostly reported being eager to have a standardized and improved system throughout the CoC
- LHC needs:
 - More staff due to shortages
 - Affordable housing unit
 - Landlord engagement
 - Emergency housing solutions
 - Resources for clients with severe and persistent mental illness



Current State cont.

Subpopulations Experiencing the Greatest Barriers to Housing	
LHC	Subpopulation
Alleghany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients with mental health and substance abuse issues • Foster care youth that age out of the system
Cecil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronically homeless • People with criminal backgrounds
Garrett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons with a criminal background • Clients with mental health and substance abuse issues • Single males • Elderly persons who need help with activities of daily living
Harford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronically homeless • Behavioral health clients • Clients who have been kicked out of programs • Domestic Violence survivors • Single-parent households • Families needing emergency shelter
Southern Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elderly persons • Clients with severe mental illness
Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronically homeless



Communication

- In general, communication has been good but all of the LHCs reported that it could be better
- Information shared at the board meetings doesn't trickle down to LHC members
- LHC members were confused about the structure and governance of the BoS



HMIS

- LHCs reported long response times to questions, issues, and necessary training from the HMIS Lead agency
- All of the LHCs reported various HMIS training needs
- LHCs cited the need for LHC-level data



Unmet Needs

- Quicker reimbursements from the Homelessness Solutions Program (HSP)
- County-specific data
- Compensation for people with lived experience
- Fair Housing training
- Funding for rural communities

Recommendations

Training

- BoS Structure and Governance
- Homeless Funding Streams (CoC vs. HSP)
- HMIS (data quality)

Coordinated Entry

- Restart Coordinated Entry work group meetings



Recommendations cont.

Communication

- DHCD to conduct site visits to each LHC
- Create a directory of CoC leadership and board members for distribution and publish it on the CoC website
- Create a few consistent communication streams such as:
 - Newsletter
 - Trainings
 - Provide technical assistance
 - Add additional information to the CoC website



Recommendations cont.

Collaboration

- Establishing learning collaboratives or working groups with representation from the LHCs
- Set up peer-to-peer meetings with similar agencies to share best practices and provide support
- Coordinate peer monitoring

Recommendations cont.

Landlord Engagement/Affordable Housing

- Create a landlord engagement working group
- Create consistent messaging and/or templates for LHCs to use
- Engage state-level entities to increase units



Recommendations cont.

Focus on race equity work and involving those with lived experience of homelessness in the BoS

- Create a compensation policy and pay people with lived experience for their time

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Local Homeless Coalition Reports



LHC Reports

General Topics

- General Homelessness Efforts
- New Partnerships/Collaborations
- Where is help/collaboration/support needed

LHC

- Allegany
- Cecil
- Garrett
- Harford
- Southern MD
- Washington

State Agency Updates



Agency Reports

Agency

- Maryland Department of Disabilities
- Maryland Department of Education
- Maryland Department of Health
- Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs
- Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
- Maryland Department of Human Services
- Maryland Department of Labor

Future Agenda Items



Public Comment



Adjournment

