



MARYLAND
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COC BOARD MEETING Minutes

January 21, 2021 – 1pm-3pm

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Board Members Present	Allegany County: Susan Malone, David Nedved Cecil County: Gwen Parrack, Earl Grey Garrett County: Carrie DiSimone Southern MD: Cynthia Brown, Jacquelyn Culver, Lanny Lancaster, Corae
Young	Washington County: Mark Sewell, Tyrell Wilson MD Department of Education: Melissa Surgeon MD Department of Human Services (DHS): Lauren Molineaux MD Department of Health (MDH): Priya Arokiaswamy MD Department of Disabilities (MDOD): Chelsea Hayman MD Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA): Dana Burl MD Department of Labor (DLLR): Erin Roth MD Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD): Stuart Campbell
Board Members Absent	MD Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS): Vacant Garrett County: Duane Yoder
CoC Lead Present	Danielle Meister
HMIS Lead Present	Jason Burns, Sam Bochinski

I. Welcome & Call to Order –

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

II. Approval of November Board Meeting Minutes

The November Board Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

I. Committee Reports

- Executive Committee is reviewing the Committee Chair Process. Chairs will need to be voting members of the board. Currently need chairs for HMIS and Coordinated Entry Committees. The Executive Committee is also reviewing the process to solicit feedback for the Governance Charter annual update. Will relay to full CoC once available.
- HMIS Committee reports that all HMIS forms and documents have been approved by the CoC Board. The LSA report is underway, the BoS received an extension from HUD for

submission. The TeamHMIS.com is continually being updated, the HMIS training videos are now on the home page with more to come.

- Coordinated Entry Committee reviewed projected launch plan and updated the timeframe, pending any additional HUD or projects being released by HUD. Expects committee meetings to resume shortly.
- Point-in-Time Count Committee reported on the 2021 plans to date along with HUD waivers that have been obtained.

III. CoC Lead Report

FY2020 CoC Competition has been approved to be renewal only, no actions needed from applicants. HUD will send grant agreement documents when available, timeline TBD. FY2021 CoC Competition will be treated as a normal competition but with considerations for COVID impact on 2020 performance. Youth Homeless Demonstration Project no updates, timeline TBD. ESGCV draft documents complete, internal staff review next then will send to LHCs. Encourage LHCs to return budget and grant agreements first, then take additional time on narratives. The COVID Relief Bill includes additional ESGCV funds, the final amount and appropriate use determinations pending.

With the new Federal Funding available, Maryland will receive \$401 million for rental assistance; DHCD is currently working on logistics. Expect the Treasury to give direct payment to 8 MD jurisdictions and the remainder will go to the state.

DHCD is continuing to communicate with the MD Department of Health regarding vaccine plans. LHCs should plan to touch base with local health departments who are responsible for local planning.

IV. Local Homelessness Coalition Reports

Allegany: Davis Nevded- Held LHC meeting last week. Will be looking board secretary but will replace soon. The meeting is now being split into two sections, one being the usual system updates and also now spending time on task force coordination, seeking to eliminate duplication and find efficiencies among service providers and community partners.

Cecil: Gwen Parrack – Currently preparing for PIT with two primary providers. Continuing to work on eviction prevention assistance. The health department working on vaccine rollout, working with the local shelters to get vaccinated scheduled for staff and clients.

Garrett: Carrie DiSimone – County focusing on senior population first for vaccines. Local health department not yet allowing shelters receive the vaccine. Continuing to work on housing and utility assistance.

Southern Maryland: Corae Young – Three counties operating three versions of hypothermia shelter, each have different priorities on sheltering and use of hoteling, churches and townhome rental as temporary shelter opportunity. Planning PIT count and all have street outreach to find unsheltered individuals. Rental coordination efforts still going strong. Staff and client vaccines underway.

Washington: Mark Sewell – The countywide positivity rate is dropping from the Christmas surge and are coordinating with the local health department for vaccinations. Looking forward

to new funding resources. Shelters operating near capacity, feel we have achieved the new normal in operation.

V. CoC Membership & Annual Meeting Preview

HUD requires annual full CoC membership meetings and an annual opportunity for individuals to formally join the CoC as a member. The Annual Meeting will be held in March and will be used as a CoC membership registration campaign. Will also focus on year one achievements and upcoming strategic priorities along with BoS performance, governance needs, and recognitions and awards at the local and state levels. Will need LHC leadership to spread the word on meeting and membership registrations.

VI. State Agency Updates

N/A - No updates.

VII. Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

N/A – No suggestions.

VIII. Public Comment

N/A - No members of the public attended the meeting.

IX. Adjournment

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Vote Summary

- November Meeting Minutes Approved