



MARYLAND
BALANCE OF STATE
CONTINUUM OF CARE

COC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 16, 2021

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

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Board Chair Carrie DiSimone called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Quorum requirements were met. The Chair reviewed the meeting agenda and reminded attendees of meeting logistics.

II. Approval of July 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

The July CoC Board Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote

III. Committee Reports

- Executive Committee: Update provided in the Funding Updates
- HMIS Committee: TeamHMIS coordinating new Veteran meetings for Western MD counties in October, the upcoming Quarterly User Forum scheduled for October 18, TeamHMIS continues to process high levels of new provider requests, Southern MD ES, TH and PSH projects converting to ShelterPoint
- Coordinated Entry Committee: Committee in process of finalizing operational forms and templates, TeamHMIS is finalizing the custom assessment workflow in HMIS, TeamHMIS working to automate the HMIS generated By-Name List, user training materials I development.

Committee members discussed overall intent of committee structure and project implementation, understand that many steps in the process will be able localized upon implementation.

IV. CoC Lead Report

DHCD has signed the MOU for Garrett and Allegany County participation in the EHV program, hope to add additional counties in the future. DHCD provided resources and an overview of HOME-ARP. DHCD presented quarterly performance data for the BoS and included system performance and racial equity data.

- Stuart Campbell: The BoS will need to think about plans to address identified racial inequities as a CoC and with support from DHCD. This is a significant concern for all parties, and will require brutal honesty.
- Jason Burns: Will need to establish a Racial Disparity focused committee
- Priya Arokiaswamy: Would like to see point in time and numbers served vs general population data to see the larger comparison, which will allow for planning
- Dave Nedved: Would like to see the data broken down to the county level
- Gwen Parrack: Cecil County has a local VA program which brings many Veterans to the community, black individuals are overrepresented in the veteran population, don't have much additional data at this time.

V. Funding Updates

The CoC Funding Competition allows for new projects via CoC bonus and DV bonus opportunities. The Executive Committee recommends designating the CoC bonus funding for a new HMIS project to allow for expanded HMIS support opportunities to benefit the entire Balance of State. DV bonus funds are open for applications from any qualified agency.

VI. Local Homelessness Coalition Reports

- *Allegany County*: Dave Nedved: We are experiencing a Covid outbreak at the Union Rescue Mission, the outbreak will impact homeless resource day. Susan Malone: URM will not be able to attend the resource day. There are no LHC meeting updates for September. Recently completed last HUD monitoring visit, all seems to be going well. The county has low rates in vaccinations and high infection rates, the hospital has shut down entry to ER, currently at capacity.
- *Cecil County*: Gwen Parrack: New funding implementation going well, programs are getting staffed. Hurricane Ida led to 30 households in a low-income area to become displaced, the community partners addressed the need. Only 10 needed motel stays.
- *Garrett County*: Carrie DiSimone: Offices have been open since April. Agency is still working though ERAP and other funding. Garrett County has the lowest vaccination rate in the state, has seen recent spike in cases, the current focus on keeping people housed. Garrett doesn't have a winter shelter. Additional shelter need based on local disaster response (power outage, etc) DSS takes lead.
- *Southern Maryland*: Jacquelyn Culver: The LHC met last month and are interested in any NOFA updates. Not currently aware of new Covid outbreaks in the region. LHC is planning the homeless resource day with a strong emphasis on coordinating regional resources. Still working on PPE distribution.
- *Washington County*: Mark Sewell: Operations established early in the pandemic are back in place. Have seen an increase in cases and are working closely with the hospital. Have started

sending staff back home to work remotely – almost seamless process. Cold weather shelter starts next month, will do the same as in height of pandemic, safety precautions are in place and are operating by assuming the worst. Submitting updated ERAP reporting per Treasury guidance, will spend all funds in a few months. LHC meeting is next week, will have presentation on RRH and ERAP.

VII. State Agency Updates

- *MDVA*: Dana Burl: Will be hosting a VA SAVE Suicide Prevention training on the second week in November. Designed as non-clinician training for human services providers and the general public. Will last for one hour.
- *MDOD*: Chelsea Hayman: Will be hosting training on reasonable accommodation & modification with PGHA & BCHA. Presentations tailored to property managers and public housing buildings.

VIII. Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Mark Sewell: Would like to have further discussions on racial equity.

IX. Public Comment

None

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Vote Summary:

- July Meeting Minutes Approved