



Calvert - Charles - St. Mary's

Local Homelessness Coalition

Dedicated to ending homelessness.

Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2020

Via Zoom Meeting

Meeting Attendees: Corae Young, Jaime Barnes, Morgan Wyman, Elizabeth Farrar, Dennis Nicholson, Nadya Richberg, Lanny Lancaster, LaShann Freeman, Jacquelyn Culver, Mike Bellis, Marty Kane, Renee Curry, Bethany Goodwin, Anna Galtiero, Betsy Van Auker, Lynda Strain, Lori Hony, Jocelyn Richardson, Tracy Loyd, Becky Sweeney, Zaneta Artis-Wheeler, Yolanda Sykes, Cynthia Brown, Jeral Barnes, Renee Crampton and Donna Brennan.

The meeting was called to order by Corae Young at 2:02 p.m. Zoom or similar online platform will be the structure of meetings for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19 restrictions.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting minutes were presented. Jacquelyn Culver motioned for approval and Dennis Nicholson seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- Executive Committee vacancy: Corae nominated Jacquelyn Culver to fill the Vice Chair vacancy. Jacquelyn accepted the nomination and was unanimously approved by a motion initiated by Donna Brennan and seconded by Renee Curry.
- Eviction Moratorium: The CDC issued an order to temporarily halt residential evictions of covered persons for nonpayment of rent during September 4, 2020, through December 31, 2020 based on guidance from CDC, HHS, HUD and DOJ. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/04/2020-19654/temporary-halt-in-residential-evictions-to-prevent-the-further-spread-of-covid-19#footnote-5-p55293> Eligible parties must have income of less than \$99,000/year, attempting to pay rent and would be homeless if evicted. Renee Curry reported that tenants can still be evicted for other reasons and legal/court fees can still be added on. Jocelyn Richardson reported that SMTCCAC is working with certain types of loans and working with homeowners to pay what they can. Lenders are offering modifications, forbearance or extended payment plan on a case-by-case basis. Marty Kane reported that

landlords are taking the brunt of it because tenants cannot pay and that utilities are also an issue.

- Balance of State: Corae reported that she is trying to provide accurate info to LHC; however, DHCD not responding unless Governor Hogan issue guidance; Corae will provide written update by month's end after 9/16 BoS meeting and will share any documents/forms as they are developed/approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- CARES Act and COVID-19: Corae combined County Reports with COVID-19 updates, as conversations need to be intermingled with what counties are doing, what they need (shelters/homeless impact/prevention planning) and how the LHC and/or BoS can help support your work; Calvert (reported by Jacquelyn Culver) applied for round 1; denied for rental assistance; quarantine shelter still operating; traveling nurse to reach out to isolated population; applying for round 2 funds – if anyone has data to share, please do, including how much rental assistance to apply for (Corae suggested calling larger apartment complexes to see how many people are on roles); started spreadsheet for Calvert providers; Sheriff's deputy that conducts evictions is on committee and provided insight into timeline for evictions; only received 1 referral from 160 court cases this week; Calvert Health and Resource Fair this month – churches hosting privately; no definitive plans for CRD- may want to consider outside location; no guidance from HUD or DHCD as to whether CRD is required this year. Charles (reported by Corae Young) COVID-19 relief collaborative group presented to commissioners this week; no wrong door approach to ensure access to all available resources; 2 Charles Co residents tested positive, but were in PG, so quarantined there; housing is trying to figure out who will be applying for round 2; Community Resource Day – October 28th. St. Mary's (reported by Lanny Lancaster) 60+ referrals for eviction prevention; concerned that none of us have data needed to provide to CDBG application; 58 individuals on the BNL developing outreach team with SMCHD and DSS for health and housing; established CRD committee at recent meeting – in development.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Services - Coordinated Entry & By-Name List: Lanny reported that we will be using the self-sufficiency matrix, which cannot be used as a screening tool for prevention. A training module is in the works.
- Executive Committee: Response to DHCD monitoring – 5 finds, 3 resolved; neglected to follow-up with additional 2, but will get response to DHCD; no alarming findings; all COVID ESG & HSP funding applicants should have received templates from Jackie Green; CDBG – no feedback from DHCD; will be meeting with QA Committee.
- Behavioral Health: Jaime Barnes reported that SMCHD seeing residents for very limited services in building; PT Care Coordinator (Tori); reconvening BH

subcommittee to focus on resources/services available in Tri-County; will reach out to schedule virtual meetings.

- Domestic Violence: Need subcommittee chair.
- HMIS: Jason Burns is currently working on merging our HMIS into the BOS HMIS. The demo site will be completed within the next few days. Once completed, Jason and Florence will review the site to ensure all active projects and users have been accurately duplicated. From that point, Wellsky will configure the new site. That process will take several hours. At the time users will not have access to the old site. Once the new site is active, our old site will be disabled. Florence will inform all users prior to this happening. Once the new site is active, all users will receive an email containing the web address for the new site. All login credentials will remain the same. From what Florence was told the new system will look and function the same as the old site. If anyone has any questions they can email fharrrod@threeoakscenter.org.
- Membership: Coming up on end of terms in December 2020; gaps in counties (3 vacancies in SM; 2 vacancies in Charles).
- Point in Time: Have not seen anything from DHCD yet.
- Public Relations: Hoping everyone is using our website; all info is being posted there.
- Quality Assurance: No report.
- Resource Development: No updates.
- Youth: Need subcommittee chair; have not heard about Youth Count reinstatement; new grant opportunity- homeless youth initiative - HUD asked BoS if interested in potentially considering for next year.

Renee Crampton reported that Calvert County court system is still moving forward with eviction proceedings; must show decrease in income due to COVID-19.

Corae was notified by IRS that info about unemployment being non-taxable is incorrect - all unemployment benefits are taxable - will share flyer.

Lynda asked about ways to get info to clients if we are not seeing them in person - text, fax, email, social media were all suggested.

We will continue to meet virtually on a monthly basis for the remainder of the year.

ADJOURN

Donna Brennan moved to adjourn; Renee Curry seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Thursday, October 1st at 2:00 p.m.