



Calvert - Charles - St. Mary's

Local Homelessness Coalition

Dedicated to ending homelessness.

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2020

Via Zoom Meeting

Meeting Attendees: Corae Young, Florence Brooks, Sara Martin, Jaime Barnes, Morgan Wyman, Elizabeth Farrar, Dennis Nicholson, Wayne Millette, Nadya Richberg, Lanny Lancaster, LaShann Freeman, Jacquelyn Culver, Jason Burns and Samantha Bochinski – Team HMIS, Carolyn Curry and Danielle Meister – DHCD/BoS, Mike Bellis, Rita Wood.

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

- No meeting minutes were presented. September and October will be presented for approval at November's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- **HMIS TRANSITION:** Jason Burns, HMIS Lead, participated in meeting and provided a recap of the HMIS update. Merge has been completed. Support structure will remain the same. Jason will submit all HMIS reports to BoS; however, will work with local leads for input. Florence Harrod will continue to be our local lead. New BoS-CoC website coming soon. Old HMIS sites are available as back-up in case access is needed to obtain info that did not transition. HMIS team are working closely on merge tasks and will send announcements to all users if there are any system changes. Trying to make transition as seamless as possible. There will be minor changes. Tweaks are underway but should not affect data input. Discussions underway for assignment of reporting licenses for advanced reporting tools. Utilizing new reporting software and custom reports will not carry over. They will be offering a training in the future and all will receive an invitation. Multi performance and dashboard reports will continue to be created so programs can monitor quarterly progress/data. Areas of concern

will be highlighted to bring to program attention. This is not a shaming tool! In Jason's jurisdiction, higher performing projects have been asked to do presentation to CoC to share best practices, etc. Merger webinar was recorded and will be shared with Florence for distribution to those who missed it.

- **Balance of State:** Carolyn Curry, BoS Lead at DHCD, presented a Balance of State overview via PowerPoint. Presentation will be distributed to LHC membership. Dennis had questions and concerns about expanding the access points and coordinated entry. Corae explained that there is concern about over burdening DSS as our current single point of access and so it has been recommended and voted on by the BoS to expand the opportunity for other agencies to serve as access points. Training is required and currently there is no funding to support this concept at this time.

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) funding/hypothermia planning/CRD submitted application for additional COVID-19 funding for emergency rental assistance to be administered through Lifestyles; commissioners approved funding for emergency rental assistance and forbearance assistance for mortgages. Working with emergency services to formulate plan for hypothermia shelter operations; anticipating limited shelter season and locations and need for some hoteling; CRD is in planning process and will be later than normal. **Charles** (reported by Corae Young) CBDG Phase 2 planned application for \$750,000 for 100 households in partnership with DSS and Housing Authority; County CARES funding for rent and utility assistance to SMTCCAC that must be used by December 31st; hypothermia shelter November 1st combination of hoteling and host churches; still working on shelter in White Plains; Dept of Health going out with homeless outreach to conduct COVID-19 testing; plans to conduct COVID-19 testing at shelters; CRD October 28th at Blue Crabs Stadium; Mike reported that United Way is looking for additional funding for CRD due to additional needs. **St. Mary's** (reported by Lanny Lancaster) funding: \$200K CDBG grant to help support regional COVID19 needs; St. Mary's received a \$400,000 CBDG grant to be used for winter sheltering; they requested \$1M for 100 households to support rental evictions (average of \$4,800/ family); hypothermia shelter plan includes 3 – 5 bedroom townhomes separated by gender; female beds are open and full; hoping to open male beds by end of month; homeless

prevention plan in place; homeless navigator in court for eviction processes will refer to DSS/TOC for assistance; Sara CRD outreach event teams of 3-4 to go into homeless areas with resources (ie. Backpack, etc.); aiming for first week in November over 3-4 days. Corae reported additional ESG COVID \$ Phase 2 – information will be shared in next few weeks; at least 50% must be spent on RRH; push to bring on additional partners.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Services - Coordinated Entry & By-Name List:** Sara reported the By-Name List to date includes 168 total - 27 from Calvert, 101 from Charles and 40 from St. Mary's; In September, 36 people were housed or self-resolved.
- **Executive Committee:** No report.
- **Behavioral Health:** No report. Reinstatement of meetings tomorrow at 9 a.m. SM LBHA will be partnering with TOC and DSS to assist with individuals with high MH or SUD needs.
- **Domestic Violence:** No report.
- **HMIS:** No modifications to performance measures to date. Need to look at data and connect with Florence. Disparity data is a possible area of concern.
- **Membership:** No report.
- **Point in Time:** Lanny will be local PIT Coordinator.
- **Public Relations:** No report.
- **Quality Assurance:** No report.
- **Resource Development:** SM Housing Authority waiting for decisions on several project applications, which will increase housing stock. Corae offered letters of support from the BoS. Must be submitted by LHC to BoS for approval.
- **Youth:** No report.

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

ADJOURN

Jacqueline moved to adjourn; Wayne seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Thursday, November 5th at 2:00 p.m.