



Maryland's Interagency Council on Homelessness

Tuesday November 18, 2014



Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome by Elizabeth Kinney and Introductions**
- II. Housing First**
- III. Reports from Working Groups**
- IV. Resource Map for Homeless spending in Maryland (Sandy and Heather)**
- V. Administrative Items**
 - Interest in ICH Chair and Vice Chair Positions
 - Ethics Board letter
 - Next meeting – February 4th, 2015 (Wednesday) or Feb. 11th (Tuesday)?



Housing First

- Housing First is an approach in which housing is offered to people experiencing homelessness without preconditions (such as sobriety, mental health treatment, or a minimum income threshold) or service participation requirements and in which rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing are primary goals.



Housing First in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Programs

- PSH projects that use a Housing First approach promote the acceptance of applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or participation in services.
- HUD encourages all recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH to follow a Housing First approach to the maximum extent practicable.



Cost Savings of Housing First

A 2009 American Medical Association Study

- Quasi-experimental design comparing 95 housed participants with 39 wait-listed control participants
- Between Nov. 2005 and March 2007 in Seattle, Washington
- Examined use and costs of services such as jail time, shelter, sobering center use, hospital-based medical services, detox. Treatment, EMS etc.



Cost Savings of Housing First

FINDINGS:

The “Housing First” (HF) participants incurred **\$8,175,922** (\$4,066 per person per month) in costs during year prior to being housed

	Housing First Group
Median Monthly costs, after being housed 6 months	\$1,492
12 months	\$958

After accounting for program costs, total cost offsets for Housing First group, relative to control group averaged \$2,449pp/month after accounting for program costs.



Working Group Updates

- Veterans
- Health and Homelessness
- Young Adults



Thank you!

Next ICH Meeting: Wed. 2/4/15 or Tues. 2/11/15



HUD's Definition of Homelessness

- People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided.
- People who are losing their primary nighttime residence, which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled up situation, within 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing.
- Families with children or unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and likely to continue in that state.
- People who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, have no other residence, and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.



***What do you commit to
accomplish between today and
our next meeting?***