



Maryland Department of Housing
and Community Development
Secretary Kenneth C. Holt

MARYLAND'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

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AGENDA

I. Updates since August 2018

- a. Rapid Re-Housing Learning Collaboratives**
- b. Ending Youth Homelessness Act, Funding and Youth Report**
- c. LIHTC – Supportive Housing Set Aside**
- d. SAMHSA Award to MDH for opioid response**

II. Work Group Updates

III. Ongoing Work

IV. New Business

V. Upcoming Events

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Rapid Re-Housing Learning Collaboratives & Ending Youth Homelessness Act

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Youth Homelessness Report

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Overview of Youth Homelessness

- Youth experience homelessness for various reasons including domestic violence, conflicts with family members, and system exits without adequate income.
- Youth experiencing homelessness are primarily represented in larger jurisdictions such as Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Prince George's County.
- According to data reported by CoC Point-In-Time and Youth Reach MD youth counts, some youth are overrepresented among youth experiencing homelessness.

Systemic Barriers Affecting Youth Experiencing Homelessness

- Seventy-four surveys were completed by all CoC leads and 54 providers as well as a handful of youth experiencing homelessness between the ages of 18-24.
- Access to housing, transportation, and variations of homeless youth definitions were significant barriers serving youth experiencing homelessness.

ADDRESSING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Youth Homeless Resources Administered Federal

- Emergency Solution Grant (ESG)
- Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Program
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance

State

- Youth REACH MD
- Homelessness Solutions Program (HSP) Grant
- New Futures Bridge Subsidy Program
- Host Homes
- Restoration Gardens (Permanent Supportive Housing)
- Local Management Boards

Systemic Gaps Affecting Youth Experiencing Homelessness

- CoCs, youth and service providers note that affordable and subsidized housing are critical issues within the homeless system.
- Fifty-seven percent of CoCs and homeless service providers indicated that they do not provide housing or services specifically targeted to unaccompanied youth.
- Service providers noted a need for more services for youth transitioning from foster care and services for youth under 18.

THANK YOU!

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Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) – Supportive Housing Set Aside

SAMHSA Award to MDH for Opioid Response

Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness

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LIHTC Permanent Supportive Housing Set Aside

- One PSH Set aside project for the upcoming 9% round
- No more than 50% of all units identified as PSH
 - Affordable at 30% AMI and residents are eligible for services
 - Units must have project based rental assistance committed
 - Letter of support for the project required from CoC
 - Project shall provide a Supportive Services Plan acceptable to DHCD
 - Low barrier entry requirements for the housing
- QAP can be found here:
<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/HousingDevelopment/Documents/lihtc/NEW-Final2019MDQAPSignedbyGovernor2-13-2019.pdf> (pages 17 and 18)

Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness

- Hearing September 26, 2018
 - Summary of Homelessness Solutions Program (HSP) consolidation and provider panel
- Hearing October 23, 2018
 - Findings of Youth REACH survey
 - Preliminary data from 2018 Annual Report
 - Youth Provider SHIP of Frederick
 - Transitional providers
 - DHS shared on TDAP and TCA

Work Group Updates



Permanent Supportive Housing Strategy

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DHCD/ ICH Housing Goals

Increase housing options for approximately **5,000** chronically homeless, youth and veterans over the **next 5 years**.

- Approximate number of Rapid Re-Housing Placements needed: **900 over the next 3 years**
- Approximate number of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Placements needed: **2,800 over the next 5 years**

Permanent Supportive Housing Strategy

- **LIHTC** – New Units and PSH set aside and Turnover of Existing Units
- **Public Housing Authorities** – Dedicating Tenant Based Vouchers and Existing Units to Homeless
- **HUD Funded PSH**
- Project Based Contract Admin. (**Private Landlords**)
- Other DHCD Programs
- **Conversion** of existing transitional housing into PSH

Review and Discussion of the 2018 Annual Report on Homelessness



Upcoming Events

Maryland Youth Homelessness Symposium
May 1st and 2nd in Annapolis

Maryland Community Action Partnership (MCAP) training
May 7-9th in Annapolis

Transition of ICH Chair and Closing Remarks



Audience Questions/Announcements

Thank you!