

Meeting of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

November 15th, 2019 10:00AM – 12:00PM
7201 Corporate Center, Hanover, MD, US, 21076

I. **Welcome** – Meeting began at 10AM

- a. Member introductions
- b. Approval of September 2019 meeting minutes: approved.

II. **New Business**

- **Behavioral Health Administration Housing and Recovery Supports** – Priya Arokiaswamy, Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration
 - Overview of the Federal and State Grants managed by the BHA targeted to Housing and Recovery Supports. These include:
 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH),
 - State’s Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABH),
 - Continuum of Care (CoC) - Tenant and leasing-based rental subsidies,
 - SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) ,
 - Housing First Pilot , and the
 - Homeless ID Project.
 - See the presentation slides for more details on specific programs.
 - Additional priority areas: Harm reduction (Naloxone kits for CoCs), Evidence-based interventions, training to support LGBTQ homeless communities.
See presentation or contact Priya Arokiaswamy, Priya.Arokiaswamy@maryland.gov, for more information.

b. **Lived Experience Representation Workgroup** – Kate Farinholt, Executive Director, NAMI Maryland

- Review of the Lived Experience Framework and strategies to increase representation of individuals with lived experience with homelessness on ICH.
 - Additional considerations: criminal background might prevent individuals from wanting to complete the application, regional and transportation challenges, could we expand call-in options to make meetings more inclusive?
- ICH moved to approve the above framework, and to designate the open advocate position for a representative with lived experience.

c. **Open board position** – Suzanne Korff, Program Officer, DHCD

- It was confirmed that the intention of the board is to fill the next four open advocate seats with representatives with lived experience starting with the current open position.
- Please send all recommendations for representatives with lived experience to Suzanne Korff, Suzanne.Korff@maryland.gov.

d. **2019 ICH Policy Recommendations** – Suzanne Korff

- Review of the 2019 ICH Policy Recommendations.
- Discussion:
 - Can we add something on allocating state bonds? DHCD to research where bond issuances originate.

- Add tuition waiver recommendation.
- Add minor youth right to consent to housing.
- Voting: Request to add a week review period. Vote to occur via e-mail by the end of the week.

III. Department and Member Updates

a. YHDP Award & Workgroup to Study Shelter and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors – Stuart Campbell, Director of Community Services, DHCD

- Announcement of the YHDP award (\$3.7 million to Baltimore City, \$3.48 million to Prince George’s County) and an update on the recommendations of the Workgroup to Study Shelter and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors.

b. Accessibility Assessment of Shelter Services – Chelsea Hayman, Policy Director, Department of Disabilities

- Goal of the project: To identify gaps and areas of opportunities within Baltimore shelter system to understand how to better serve older adults and individuals with disabilities.
- MDH and DoD developed a survey to explore ADA compliance and create policy recommendations to improve accessibility of shelter services.

IV. Work Group Updates

a. **Health and Homelessness**– Dr. Olubukola Alonge, Maryland Department of Health

b. **Youth**– Christina Drushel-Williams, Governor’s Office for Children

c. **Workforce**– Erin Roth, Maryland Department of Labor

V. Administrative Updates & Announcement

a. Member announcements and updates

- Annual Report on Homelessness – Suzanne Korff, DHCD – available for review and comment within the next week, vote to approve will be via e-mail.

b. Next Meeting Date:

- February 6, 2020, 10AM-12PM, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, 7800 Harkins Road, Lanham, MD 20706.

c. Other Meetings & Announcements

- December 5, 2019, Minority Health and Health Disparities Health Equity Conference.

ICH Members in attendance (18):

Bonnie Ariano

Brian Wainwright

(Chair) Secretary Carol Beatty

Christina Drushel-Williams

Christine Kay

Jennifer Spangler

Jerrienne Anthony

Kate Farinholt

Kristina Donnelly

Meg Barrett

Olubukola Alonge

Patricia Flanagan

Rachel Bitter

Renee Pope

Sandy Monck

Shannon Snow

Shawn Jones

Sue DeSantis

ICH Members that sent a representative (3): *Amanda Harris, Erin Roth, Secretary Kenneth Holt*

ICH members not in attendance (4): *Dana Burl, Kevin Lindamood, Leslie Dews, Dr. Sylvia Lawson*