

Work Group Updates

HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS – Dr. Olubukola Alange, Maryland Department of Health

- Next meeting: Monday, December 9th, location TBD

YOUTH – Christina Drushel-Williams, Governor's Office for Children

- The Youth Workgroup last met on November 7, 2019
- The Workgroup is currently drafting a report and set of recommendations entitled "A Systems-Level Response to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness in Maryland." This will be a formal update to the 2013 Taskforce Report to highlight successes and achievements made and new challenges to be addressed. The report includes 7 sections relating to education, child welfare, health, economic stability, and housing. Monthly working sessions are held to discuss each section and invite additional stakeholders and subject matter experts to discuss and shape the language of the recommendations.
- Many workgroup members are participating in the Workgroup to Study Shelter and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors led by chairs of the Joint Committee on Homelessness.

WORKFORCE – Erin Roth, Maryland Department of Labor

- Reviewed the 2018 ICH Goal 6 (Reduce or eliminate workforce barriers, increase training opportunities, sustainable employment options and earning potential to ensure those experiencing homelessness can be self-sufficient) and accompanying objectives and strategies
- Identified 2 Labor team members to staff and contribute to the new subcommittee
- Identified individuals to invite to new workforce subcommittee that will help to achieve goals and strategies. Invitees include leadership from State and local government, non-profits, and philanthropy