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Member Introductions
Approval of November 2019 Meeting Minutes
Review Agenda

Secretary Carol Beatty

ICH Chair, Maryland Department of Disabilities

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2020 Legislative Session Preview

Session Open: January 8 - April 6

Senate Bill Filing Deadline: February 3

House Bill Filing Deadline: February 7

[Link to Session Calendar](#)

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Homeless-Specific Bills

- HB0231 - Housing Opportunities Made Equal Act
- HB0206 - Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter and Supportive Services
- HB0746 - Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program
- HB0754 - High School Graduation Requirements - Students in Foster Care or Homeless Youth
- HB0815 - Workgroup on Funding for a Low- or No-Interest Mortgage Program

See handout for additional bills addressing poverty and affordable housing.

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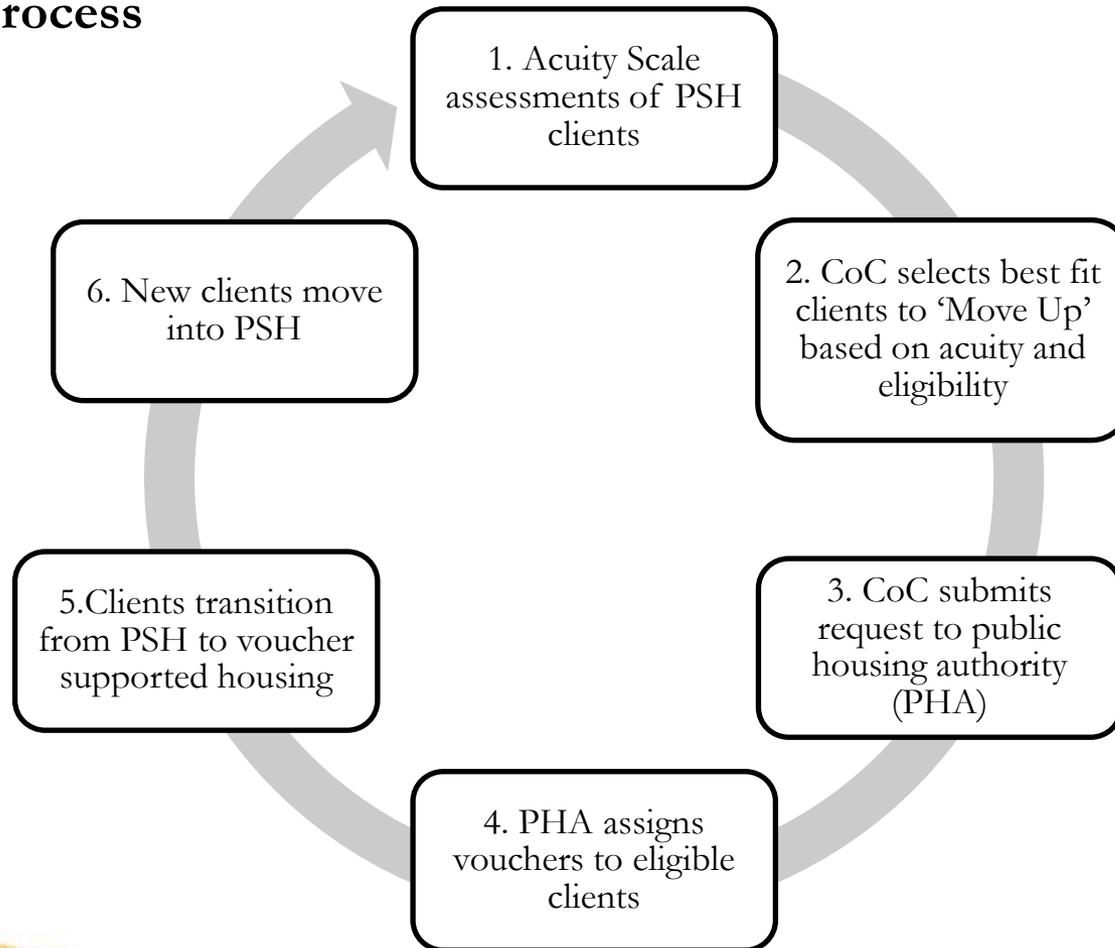AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Move Up Initiative

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The Move Up Initiative provides an opportunity for eligible PSH residents who no longer need intensive supports, but still require a voucher to remain housed, to 'graduate' from service intensive housing to Section 8 vouchers set aside by the public housing authority.

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Move Up Process

1. Acuity Scale assessments of PSH clients

2. CoC selects best fit clients to 'Move Up' based on acuity and eligibility

3. CoC submits request to public housing authority (PHA)

4. PHA assigns vouchers to eligible clients

5. Clients transition from PSH to voucher supported housing

6. New clients move into PSH

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Initial Move Up Initiative CoCs

- Montgomery County
- Garrett County
- Allegany County

Pending:

- Frederick County
- Lower Shore (agreement submitted)
- Mid-Shore

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Balance of State

Steve Holt

Assistant Director, Homelessness Solutions Programs, DHCD

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As of January 27th, HUD has officially recognized a new Balance of State Continuum of Care:

MD-514 Maryland Balance of State Continuum of Care

Maryland DHCD is serving as the new Lead Agency / Collaborative Applicant for MD-514

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CoCs Merging into the Balance of State

- MD-500 Cumberland/Allegany County CoC

- MD-507 Cecil County CoC

- MD-508 Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's Counties CoC

- MD-510 Garrett County CoC

- MD-512 Hagerstown/Washington County CoC

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Next Steps

- Acting Board, including local and state representatives, is being established

- HMIS, Coordinated Entry, and other CoC-level functions will be standardized by the new CoC Board and administered by Maryland DHCD

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BWI Homeless Outreach Program

Stuart Campbell

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BWI OUTREACH

- DHCD and BWI partnered to provide outreach to people experiencing homelessness at airport 2018-2019. Prologue, Inc is current service provider.

- BWI will continue providing outreach services via new contract awarded through RFP

- New COMAR changes establish operating hours for the public at BWI – 4am to 11pm (ticketed passengers have access 24/7). Expected to go into effect March 2020.

- Contracted service provider(s) will provide additional outreach ahead of and during transition

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Maryland Race Equity Analysis

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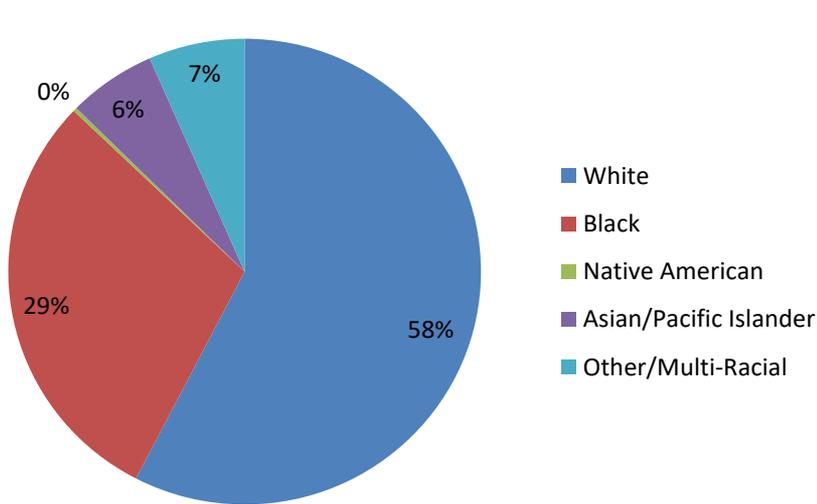AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Goal: To explore the homelessness service delivery system through a race equity lens. This study focuses on the varying outcomes, experiences, and service utilization of clients compared across racial groups, as well as the overall demographics of clients in the system.
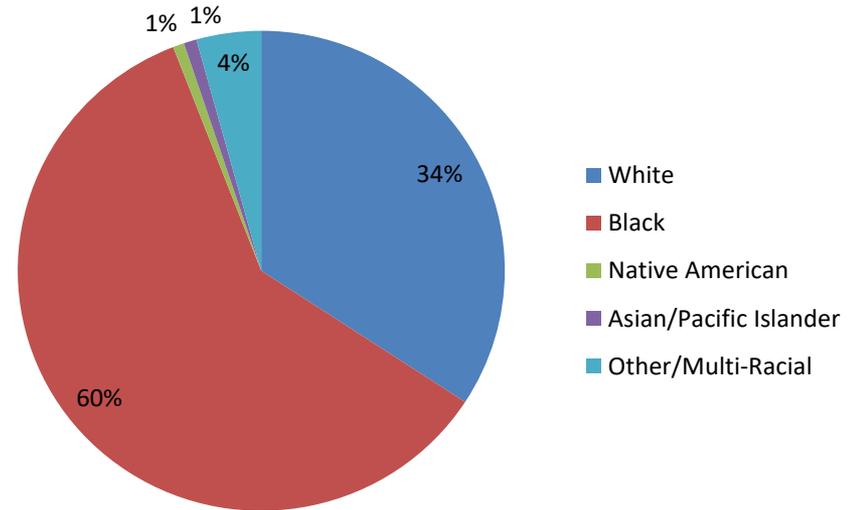
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Phase 1: Quantitative Analysis

- Data for this analysis was gathered from 2 publicly available sources.
  - (1) HUD's Racial Equity Analysis Tool
    - https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5787/coc-analysis-tool-race-and-ethnicity/
  - (2) Maryland State Homelessness Data Warehouse
    - https://teamhmis.com/maryland

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State Population vs Experiencing Homelessness

State Population (Race)

Legend:
- White
- Black
- Native American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Other/Multi-Racial

(0%, 6%, 7%, 29%, 58%)

Experiencing Homelessness (Race)

Legend:
- White
- Black
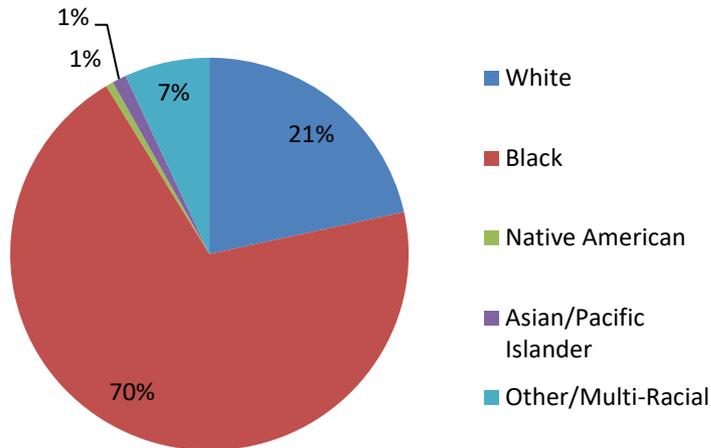- Native American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Other/Multi-Racial

(1%, 1%, 4%, 34%, 60%)
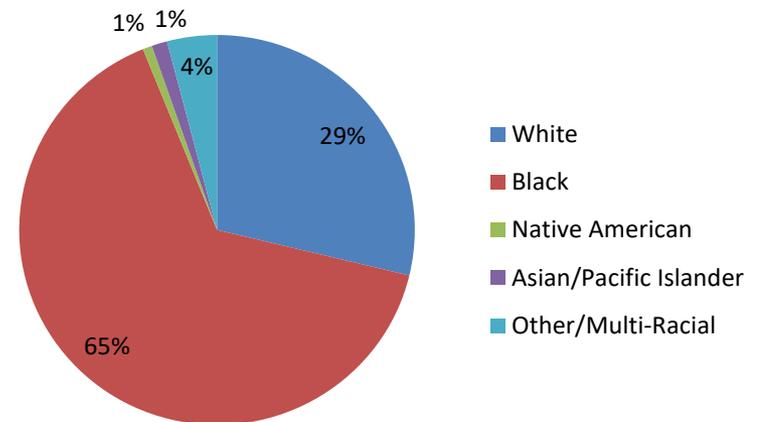
While representing only 29% of the state population, Black people represent 60% of the population experiencing homelessness.

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Families vs Youth

Families Experiencing Homelessness (Race)

- White — 21%
- Black — 70%
- Native American — 1%
- Asian/Pacific Islander — 1%
- Other/Multi-Racial — 7%

Youth Experiencing Homelessness (Race)

- White — 29%
- Black — 65%
- Native American — 1%
- Asian/Pacific Islander — 1%
- Other/Multi-Racial — 4%
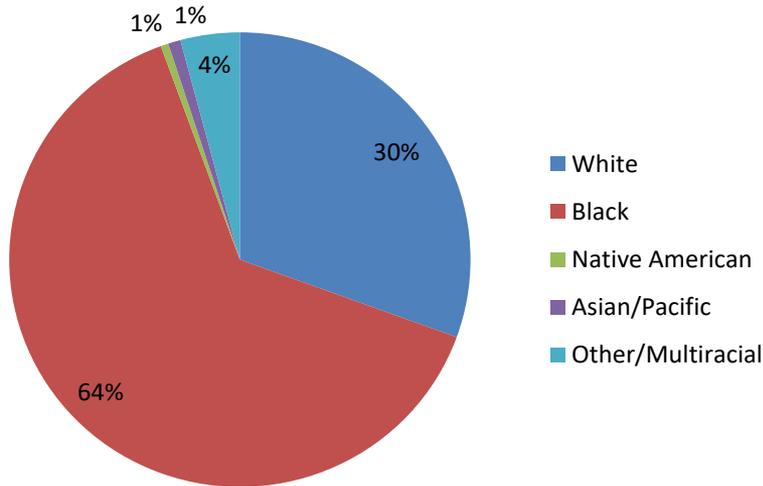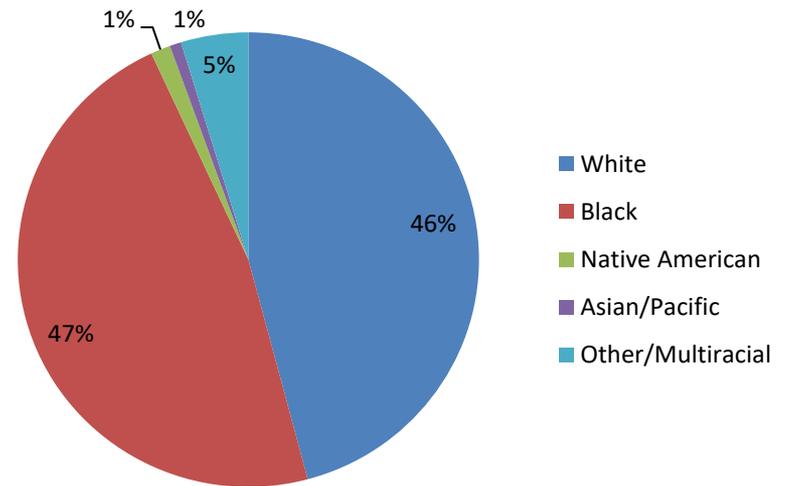
The disparities are greater in the Family (70%) and Youth (65%) sub populations. There is even a greater disparity when looking at some of the CoCs individually.

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Sheltered vs. Unsheltered

State Sheltered Homelessness

1% 1%
4%
30%
64%

- White
- Black
- Native American
- Asian/Pacific
- Other/Multiracial

State Unsheltered Homelessness

1% 1%
5%
46%
47%

- White
- Black
- Native American
- Asian/Pacific
- Other/Multiracial

There is a discrepancy in the Sheltered (64%) and Unsheltered (47%) sub populations.

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Phase 2: Qualitative Analysis

- Race Equity Survey

- Qualitative Interview with Lead Agencies for Added Context

- Facilitated Discussions and/or Workshops for Interested CoCs

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What are others doing?

- Analyzing Bias in VI-SPDAT (Washington State)
- Focus Groups, Community Listening Sessions, Town Halls (Los Angeles)
- Integration of a Race Equity Agenda in Final Action Plan (City of Baltimore)

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Vision for 2020

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Where are we now? What guides our work?

- Homeless Services Framework
- ICH Committee Structure
- Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness
- PSH Strategy
- Local Continuum of Care Needs
- HUD/USICH Priorities and Best Practices
- Special Initiatives – Ending Youth Homelessness Act, etc

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What do we need to accomplish in 2020? What are upcoming opportunities?

- Continue progress on Homeless Services Framework

- Develop policy recommendations for Joint Committee on Homelessness by late/summer early Fall

- Explore new opportunities – Youth App, State Symposium on Homelessness

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Step 1: Small-Group Brainstorm

10 Minutes

What role should the ICH play?
(ex: Convener, Educator, Policy Maker, etc)

List ideas for strategic priorities the ICH should take on in 2020

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Step 2: Report Out

5 Minutes

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Step 3: Prioritize

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Place your dots next to top 3 priorities

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Step 4: Debrief

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- **Member announcements and updates**
  - ***Harm Reduction 101 for Service Providers*** - Southern Maryland: Tuesday, March 3rd, 1-4PM, Calvert Library Prince Frederick. Central Maryland: Thursday, April 16th, 9:30-12:30PM, Behavioral Health System Baltimore
- **Next Meeting Date:**
  - May 21st, 2020, 1PM-3PM, Maryland Department of Transportation
  - 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076, USA
- **Other Meetings & Announcements**

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