



Maryland Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

October 2025 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 10 AM - 12 PM

Sojourner Place at Oliver, 1202 E. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

1. Welcome and Introductions

Secretary Jake Day, DHCD

2. Vote to Approve the August 2025 Meeting Minutes

Secretary Jake Day, DHCD

- August 2025 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved

3. Spotlight on Interagency Collaboration: ReEntry Medicaid Enrollment

Nancy Brown, MDH

- Nancy presented on a joint initiative between the MDH Maryland Medicaid team and DPSCS staff to support Medicaid enrollment for incarcerated individuals eligible for Maryland Medicaid, within 90 days prior to release into a community setting with a diagnosis of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or Serious Mental Illness (SMI). For individuals enrolled in the program, the initiative will provide comprehensive case management, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for SUD, and 30 days of Medication for all conditions upon release into the community.
- Maryland received approval to implement this program in 2025 as part of Maryland's existing 1115 demonstration, but is still waiting for CMS approval of the implementation plan to draw funds for services. The program is anticipated to go live in early 2026 in two to four DPSCS facilities in year one, and to serve an estimated 1,500 qualifying individuals.
- Nancy shared an overview of the interagency coordination required to operate the program, including joining coordination on data sharing, case management, Medicaid eligibility reviews, billing, staffing, facility capacity, and participant release of information and consent.

4. FY25 Update on Homelessness Trends

Danielle Meister, DHCD

- Danielle presented on Maryland homelessness trends, highlighting the reductions in vulnerable populations, including a 7% decrease in chronic homelessness, a 10% decrease in veterans, a 19% decrease in veterans experiencing chronic homelessness, a 10% decrease in persons with disabilities, and a 6% decrease in accompanied youth. She flagged the corresponding increases in families with children (25%), non-disabled adults (30%), and adults over 65 (19%). Danielle explained that the significant increases in homelessness since FY23 are largely driven by economic and housing affordability issues, given the increase in non-disabled single adults and families with children entering the homeless system and ongoing reductions in disabled populations.

- The group discussed the need to expand prevention measures and shallow subsidies to serve these populations, highlighting that many households currently experiencing homelessness might be able to remain in their home with a shallow subsidy of \$7,000 per year, compared to \$70,000 per year it might cost to support a family in a shelter environment, with worse long-term outcomes for family well-being. The group also discussed the challenges renters face with poor housing quality and maintenance, alongside rising rents.

5. 2025 LIHTC Awards & Homeless Units

Danielle Meister, DHCD

- Danielle announced the 2025 LIHTC 9% Competitive round Awards, including 25 new PSH units at Sojourner Place at the Falls, a joint application from Episcopos Housing Corporation, and Healthcare for the Homeless, and 96 Homeless Units at or below 30% AMI. The full list is included in the slides.
- Kevin Lindamood, Healthcare for the Homeless, explained that additional units are being produced through the 4% LIHTC awards that aren't presented here.

6. HUD Policy and Funding Shifts & Impacts on Homeless Services

Danielle Meister, DHCD

- Danielle presented on anticipated changes to the CoC NOFO and the potential impacts to Maryland CoCs and providers if funding is delayed or cut. She highlighted that the anticipated funding costs could lead to a loss of \$42-45 million in funding for rental assistance, impacting 2200-2500 households, as well as the immediate risks to providers and households depending on ongoing rental assistance if the grants are further delayed.
- Danielle presented discussion questions on the possibility of scaling supported employment, inpatient/outpatient treatment, and prioritization within other services, as well as the shift to transitional housing and stress outreach, but there was limited time for in-depth discussion.

7. Challenges in the Health Care Funding Environment: And the impact on people experiencing homelessness, and those who serve them

Kevin Lindamood, Healthcare for the Homeless

- Kevin presented on the impact of the recent budget bill, cutting \$1 trillion in funding for Medicaid over the next 10 years, and the anticipated loss of insurance coverage for an estimated 16 million people as a result of Medicaid cuts, the expiration of ACA subsidies, and new requirements. He focused on the changes most impactful to unhoused people, flagging work reporting requirements, address verification, increase in frequency of eligibility verification, cuts to retroactive coverage, increase in costs to households, and the loss of most immigrant coverage, as well as secondary impacts as a result of a decrease in state subsidies, and an increase in penalties and requirements for states.
- Kevin's presentation highlighted the inefficiencies and costs of work requirements, providing advocacy points to participants, and also highlighted the nuanced policies around work requirements for exemptions, helping make the case to advocate for an exemption for unhoused individuals at the state or federal level.

8. ICH Member/Agency Updates and Initiatives

9. Public Comment

10. Upcoming ICH Meetings:

- Thursday, January 8th - 12:30-2:30 PM (Virtual)
- Tuesday, April 21st - 10 AM-12 PM (Annapolis, location TBD)

11. Adjournment