Maryland’s Interagency Council on Homelessness

Tuesday November 18, 2014
Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome by Elizabeth Kinney and Introductions

II. Housing First

III. Reports from Working Groups

IV. Resource Map for Homeless spending in Maryland (Sandy and Heather)

V. Administrative Items
   - Interest in ICH Chair and Vice Chair Positions
   - Ethics Board letter
   - Next meeting – February 4th, 2015 (Wednesday) or Feb. 11th (Tuesday)?
Housing First

- Housing First is an approach in which housing is offered to people experiencing homelessness without preconditions (such as sobriety, mental health treatment, or a minimum income threshold) or service participation requirements and in which rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing are primary goals.
Housing First in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Programs

- PSH projects that use a Housing First approach promote the acceptance of applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or participation in services.
- HUD encourages all recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH to follow a Housing First approach to the maximum extent practicable.
Cost Savings of Housing First

A 2009 American Medical Association Study

- Quasi-experimental design comparing 95 housed participants with 39 wait-listed control participants


- Examined use and costs of services such as jail time, shelter, sobering center use, hospital-based medical services, detox, Treatment, EMS etc.
Cost Savings of Housing First

FINDINGS:
The “Housing First” (HF) participants incurred $8,175,922 ($4,066 per person per month) in costs during year prior to being housed.

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After accounting for program costs, total cost offsets for Housing First group, relative to control group averaged $2,449pp/month after accounting for program costs.
Working Group Updates

• Veterans

• Health and Homelessness

• Young Adults
Thank you!

Next ICH Meeting: Wed. 2/4/15 or Tues. 2/11/15
HUD’s Definition of Homelessness

- People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided.

- People who are losing their primary nighttime residence, which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled up situation, within 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing.

- Families with children or unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and likely to continue in that state.

- People who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, have no other residence, and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.
What do you commit to accomplish between today and our next meeting?