

Meeting of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

May 14, 2018 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Maryland Dept. of Housing & Community Development

7800 Harkins Road, Lanham, MD 20706

Meeting began at 1:02pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions-

- a. Heather Sheridan (DHCD) opened up the meeting welcoming members and audience participants.
- b. Meeting Notes from November 2017 were reviewed and approved.

II. New Business

- a. Update of the Homelessness Solutions Program Grant Consolidation
 - i. Stuart Campbell (DHCD) gave an overview of the recent consolidation of several programs which address homelessness in the state of Maryland into one grant program administered by DHCD. Eligible applicants are Continuums of Care throughout the state and applications are due by tomorrow (May 15, 2018).
- b. Accomplishments of the 2018 Legislative Session
 - i. Lisa Klignemaier (Maryland Alliance for the Poor) gave an overview of several accomplishments and other updates on legislative bills related to the work of ICH. The accomplishments were broken down into the following categories: Safety Net Programming, Food Insecurity, Children & Youth, and Other. Handouts regarding the information summarized were provided to attendees.
 - ii. Asuntha asked about expanded access to behavioral health services due to the opioid crisis, and noted that she would send a follow up email to Heather with more information.

III. ICH Housing Goals – Youth, Families, Vets and Chronically Homeless

- a. Heather reviewed the ICH Homeless Services Framework goals & provided updates on progress made since the last ICH meeting in September 2017. Highlights include:
 - i. The New Futures (Pilot) Program, which features a rental subsidies plus case management. 217 households have been placed into units since the program was launched in May 2017. DHCD has requested additional funding for the program from the Governor's Office and from HUD.
 - ii. 3 projects, totaling 120 units, have recently been funded by DHCD, including:
 1. Perry Point -75 units of PSH for Homeless Veterans
 2. Restoration Gardens II- 42 units for Homeless Youth
 3. Sojourner Place – 12 units for individuals
 - iii. Rapid Re-Housing work in Baltimore City was highlighted, where 25 youth were recently housed (34 including children/infants).
- b. Next, Stuart Campbell gave an overview of the Rapid Re-housing Learning Collaboratives
 - i. Partnership between the National Alliance to End Homelessness and the University of Maryland School of Social Work.
 - ii. Highlights have been sharing of tools, best practices, technical assistance, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities for providers around the state.

- iii. A 100 Day Challenge is kicking off tomorrow (May 15) with a collective statewide goal of housing 477 households within that time frame.
 - c. Secretary of the Maryland DHCD, Kenneth Holt suggested that we explore opportunities to leverage the data we've been collecting to tell the story about the work we are doing, pinpoint the costs associated with achieving our collective goals, and target "like-minded" corporate and philanthropic organizations who have the capital we need to achieve these outcomes.
 - i. Amazon, for example, has already invested millions in addressing homelessness, in San Francisco, for example.
 - ii. Sect. Holt noted that our state (MoCo) is still in the running for Amazon's HQ2 location.
 - d. Sec. Holt also requested that ICH members think about how we might persuade HUD to make it mandatory for any new units constructed to be associated with the appropriate matching number of Housing Vouchers, and to send him any good arguments or concepts to help put together that pitch.
 - i. Noted that we should advocate for unlimited housing vouchers (e.g. project-based vouchers for New Construction).
 - ii. Sect. Holt referenced a recent visit to the Loyola-Dorsey Facility in Jessup, which has 37 PSH units. He was told that the site could probably support another 90 units of housing, however, the housing vouchers weren't available to support the development.
 - iii. Terry Hickey (City of Baltimore) noted that even with more housing voucher, there are still challenges.
 - e. BWI Homelessness Outreach Initiative
 - i. The Airport has noted many individuals who sleep at the airport overnight throughout the last 6-8yrs, and have counted as many as 80 at a time, in addition to several encampments in the surrounding vicinity.
 - ii. The BWI Police have been actively reaching out to local providers and to DHS.
 - iii. Efforts are somewhat complicated by aviation & property jurisdiction laws.
 - iv. DHCD issued an RFP and awarded funding towards an Evaluation/ Assessment project (phase 1); which should last for about 8-12 months, starting June 1, 2018.
 - v. Hopefully after that, MDOT might pay for a second phase in which individuals would be referred to shelters throughout the state, given opportunities for Rehab/Detox treatment, PSH, etc.
 - f. Workforce Development Update – Discussion of the DLLR State Plan
 - i. Survey about how people are being discharged from Jails, etc.

IV. Work Group Announcements/Requests

- a. Youth Workgroup Update
 - i. Several years ago, a Task force was created to conduct a study about Youth Homelessness, which led to the creation of YouthREACH, for example.
 - ii. Now they are working on a survey & will be requesting updates from CoCs/ Providers to evaluate current challenges.
 - iii. YouthREACH Handout Update was provided to attendees.

V. Administrative Items

- a. Membership reminders – ethics filing, 2 year terms are up
- b. Vacancies – Discussion about how to fill vacancies
- c. Upcoming ICH meeting –7/26 in afternoon or Thurs. 8/2 in the morning
 - Potential Topics – More details about CAB Project, Youth REACH Count Outcomes

V. Training Opportunities

- a. Veterans Legal Assistance Conference – June 1, 2018 – register: [probonomd.org/veterans conference](http://probonomd.org/veterans-conference)
- b. SOAR Conference Training June 21, 2018 – organized by MDH, BHA
- c. Harm Reduction Conference (FREE) - June 28, 2018 – organized by MDH, BHA

VI. Audience Questions or announcements

ICH Members in attendance (16):

<i>Sec. Kenneth Holt</i>	<i>Elizabeth Kinney</i>	<i>Kevin Lindamood</i>	<i>Sandy Monk</i>
<i>Amanda Harris</i>	<i>Leslie Dews</i>	<i>Patricia Sylvester</i>	<i>Heather Sheridan</i>
<i>Patricia Flanigan</i>	<i>Terry Hickey</i>	<i>Kate Farinholt</i>	<i>Stephanie Slowly</i>
<i>Shannon Snow</i>	<i>Bridget Patton</i>		

Members that sent representatives (3): *Stevanne Ellis, Lisa Klingenmaier, Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Kevin Lindamood, Randi Walters*

ICH Members not in Attendance (5): *Carrie DiSimone, Shannon Frey, Jeff Garrett, Jeffrey Kendrick, Dana Hendrickson*