Meeting of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

November 15th, 2019 10:00AM – 12:00PM
7201 Corporate Center, Hanover, MD, US, 21076

I. Welcome – Meeting began at 10AM
   a. Member introductions
   b. Approval of September 2019 meeting minutes: approved.

II. New Business
   • Behavioral Health Administration Housing and Recovery Supports – Priya Arokiaswamy, Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration
     ▪ Overview of the Federal and State Grants managed by the BHA targeted to Housing and Recovery Supports. These include:
       • Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH),
       • State’s Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABH),
       • Continuum of Care (CoC) - Tenant and leasing-based rental subsidies,
       • SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR),
       • Housing First Pilot, and the
       • Homeless ID Project.
     ▪ See the presentation slides for more details on specific programs.
     ▪ Additional priority areas: Harm reduction (Naloxone kits for CoCs), Evidence-based interventions, training to support LGBTQ homeless communities.
     See presentation or contact Priya Arokiaswamy, Priya.Arokiaswamy@maryland.gov, for more information.

   b. Lived Experience Representation Workgroup – Kate Farinholt, Executive Director, NAMI Maryland
      ▪ Review of the Lived Experience Framework and strategies to increase representation of individuals with lived experience with homelessness on ICH.
      ▪ Additional considerations: criminal background might prevent individuals from wanting to complete the application, regional and transportation challenges, could we expand call-in options to make meetings more inclusive?
      ▪ ICH moved to approve the above framework, and to designate the open advocate position for a representative with lived experience.

   c. Open board position – Suzanne Korff, Program Officer, DHCD
      ▪ It was confirmed that the intention of the board is to fill the next four open advocate seats with representatives with lived experience starting with the current open position.
      ▪ Please send all recommendations for representatives with lived experience to Suzanne Korff, Suzanne.Korff@maryland.gov.

   d. 2019 ICH Policy Recommendations – Suzanne Korff
      ▪ Discussion:
        • Can we add something on allocating state bonds? DHCD to research where bond issuances originate.
Add tuition waiver recommendation.
Add minor youth right to consent to housing.

- Voting: Request to add a week review period. Vote to occur via e-mail by the end of the week.

III. Department and Member Updates

- **YHDP Award & Workgroup to Study Shelter and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors** – Stuart Campbell, Director of Community Services, DHCD
  - Announcement of the YHDP award ($3.7 million to Baltimore City, $3.48 million to Prince George’s County) and an update on the recommendations of the Workgroup to Study Shelter and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors.

- **Accessibility Assessment of Shelter Services** – Chelsea Hayman, Policy Director, Department of Disabilities
  - **Goal of the project:** To identify gaps and areas of opportunities within Baltimore shelter system to understand how to better serve older adults and individuals with disabilities.
  - MDH and DoD developed a survey to explore ADA compliance and create policy recommendations to improve accessibility of shelter services.

IV. Work Group Updates

- **Health and Homelessness** – Dr. Olubukola Alonge, Maryland Department of Health
- **Youth** – Christina Drushel-Williams, Governor’s Office for Children
- **Workforce** – Erin Roth, Maryland Department of Labor

V. Administrative Updates & Announcement

- **Member announcements and updates**
  - Annual Report on Homelessness – Suzanne Korff, DHCD – available for review and comment within the next week, vote to approve will be via e-mail.

- **Next Meeting Date:**
  - February 6, 2020, 10AM-12PM, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, 7800 Harkins Road, Lanham, MD 20706.

- **Other Meetings & Announcements**
  - December 5, 2019, Minority Health and Health Disparities Health Equity Conference.

ICH Members in attendance (18):

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ICH Members that sent a representative (3): Amanda Harris, Erin Roth, Secretary Kenneth Holt

ICH members not in attendance (4): Dana Burl, Kevin Lindamood, Leslie Dews, Dr. Sylvia Lawson