



# Maryland's Interagency Council on Homelessness

Wednesday September 24, 2014



# *Members of the Interagency Council on Homelessness*

## 12 State Agencies

- DoA
- DBM
- DHMH
- DHR
- DHCD
- DLLR
- DPSCS
- DOE
- MDOT
- MDVA
- DJS
- The Governor's Office

## 3 Continuums of Care

- Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Human Services
- Montgomery County DHHS
- MD Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies

## 7 Advocacy Groups

- The Lighthouse Shelter
- Health Care for the Homeless
- MD Center for Veterans Education and Training
- Tri-County Alliance for the Homeless
- United Way of Central MD
- Allegany County
- Community Advocate



## *Timeline for the ICH*

**MAY 2014**

- SB 796 passed, established the membership and purpose of the ICH
- HB 813 passed, established a joint oversight committee within the legislature to oversee work of ICH



**SEPT. 2014 –  
JUNE 2015**

- First meeting of the ICH is held, subcommittees are established priorities are set.
- Meetings to be held every 2-3 months
- Subcommittees shall meet in between ICH meetings



**JUNE 2015**

- Joint legislative committee of 5 House and 5 Senate members will begin meeting, purpose to oversee the work of the ICH which may include hearings or passage of legislation



## ***SB 796 Requires the ICH To:***

- Coordinate state policy recommendations and working relationships among state, local, and nonprofit agencies concerning efforts to remedy and prevent homelessness across the state.
- Disseminate information and educate the public about the prevalence, causes of and responses to homelessness.
- Coordinate data sharing between local Continuums of Care (CoC) and make annual recommendations to the state legislature that are in compliance with federal policy initiatives and funding strategies.



## ***SB 796 Requires the ICH To:***

- Analyze the need for and availability of affordable and accessible housing resources and recommend changes necessary to move towards a statewide housing first approach.
- Solicit input from the advocacy, business and faith communities as well as from consumers, regarding policy and program development for the homeless population and identify supportive services necessary to best serve special populations such as veterans, youth, families and individuals with behavioral health barriers to housing.

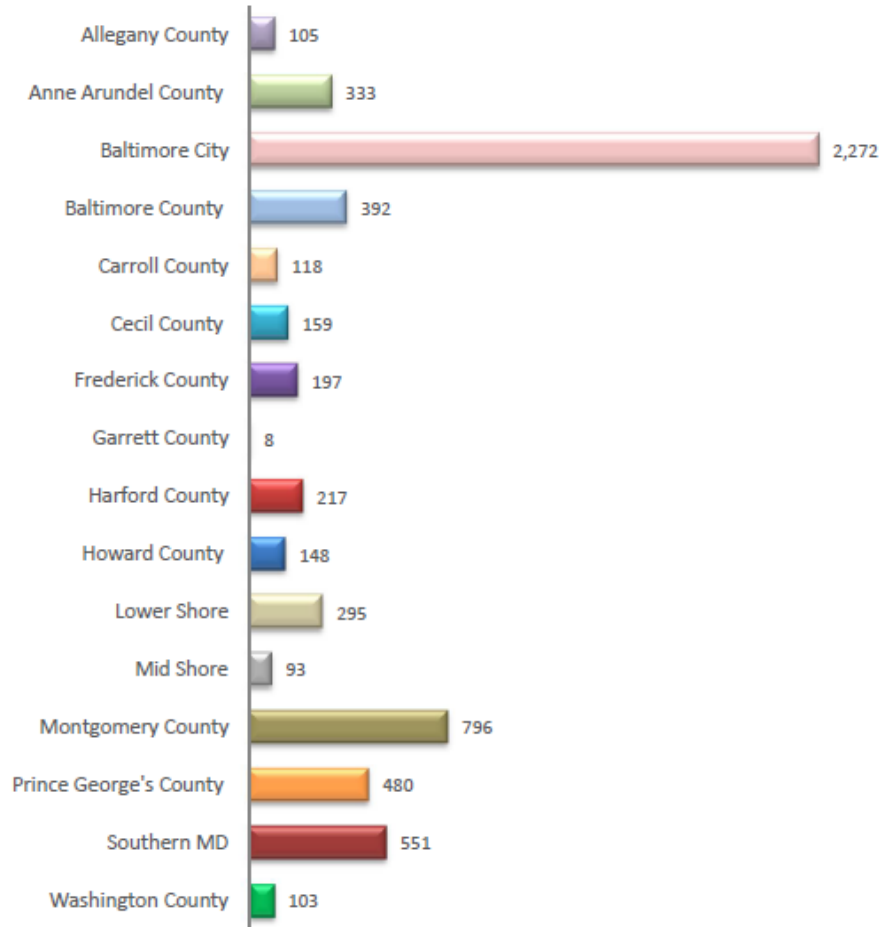


## ***HUD's Definition of Homelessness***

- 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.

# 2014 Point in Time Results by CoC

|                        | Count | %   |
|------------------------|-------|-----|
| Allegany County        | 105   | 2%  |
| Anne Arundel County    | 333   | 5%  |
| Baltimore City         | 2,272 | 36% |
| Baltimore County       | 392   | 6%  |
| Carroll County         | 118   | 2%  |
| Cecil County           | 159   | 3%  |
| Frederick County       | 197   | 3%  |
| Garrett County         | 8     | 0%  |
| Harford County         | 217   | 3%  |
| Howard County          | 148   | 2%  |
| Lower Shore            | 295   | 5%  |
| Mid Shore              | 93    | 1%  |
| Montgomery County      | 796   | 13% |
| Prince George's County | 480   | 8%  |
| Southern MD            | 551   | 9%  |
| Washington County      | 103   | 2%  |



Lower Shore Counties = Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester

Mid Shore Counties = Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot

Southern MD Counties = Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's



## 2012 Compared to 2014

|                | Sheltered<br>Count for 2012 | Sheltered Count<br>for 2014 | Difference<br>Between Years |  | 2012<br>Poverty<br>Rate for the<br>County |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Allegany       | 96                          | 105                         | 9                           | Increase                                   | 17%                                       |
| Anne Arundel   | 311                         | 333                         | 22                          | Increase                                   | 6%  |
| Baltimore City | 2014                        | 2272                        | 258                         | Increase                                   | 24%                                       |
| Baltimore Co.  | 522                         | 392                         | -130                        | Decrease                                   | 9%  |
| Carroll        | 131                         | 118                         | -13                         | Decrease                                   | 6%  |
| Cecil          | 171                         | 159                         | -12                         | Decrease                                   | 10%                                       |
| Frederick      | 214                         | 197                         | -17                         | Decrease                                   | 6%  |
| Garrett        | 16                          | 8                           | -8                          | Decrease                                   | 11%                                       |
| Harford        | 177                         | 217                         | 40                          | Increase                                   | 7%  |
| Howard         | 148                         | 148                         | 0                           | Same                                       | 5%  |
| Lower Shore    | 221                         | 295                         | 74                          | Increase                                   | 15%                                       |
| Mid shore      | 73                          | 93                          | 20                          | Increase                                   | 11%                                       |
| Montgomery     | 852                         | 796                         | -56                         | Decrease                                   | 7%  |
| Prince Georges | 475                         | 480                         | 5                           | Increase                                   | 9%  |
| Southern MD    | 351                         | 551                         | 200                         | Increase                                   | 6%  |
| Washington     | 126                         | 103                         | -23                         | Decrease                                   | 12%                                       |
|                | <b>5,898</b>                | <b>6,267</b>                | <b>369</b>                  | <b>sheltered population<br/>since 2012</b> |   |





## ***What Will the ICH Focus on First?***

- ❖ New resources and how to better utilize existing
- ❖ Coordination across jurisdictional lines
- ❖ Veterans
- ❖ Housing for young adults
- ❖ Health and homelessness
- ❖ Others?



***What do you commit to  
accomplish between today and  
our next meeting?***



***Thank you!***

*Next ICH Meeting: Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-noon*

*Location DHR 10<sup>th</sup> floor*