Maryland's Interagency Council on Homelessness

Department of Human Resources

September 15, 2016

Agenda

I.   **Welcome –** Opening, Introductions, Approval of Minutes

II. **2016 Accomplishments of the ICH and Upcoming Items**

III. **Update from the Joint Legislative Committee on Ending Homelessness**

IV. **Discussion of the Homeless Services Framework**

V.   **Other Highlights**

VI. **Administrative Items**

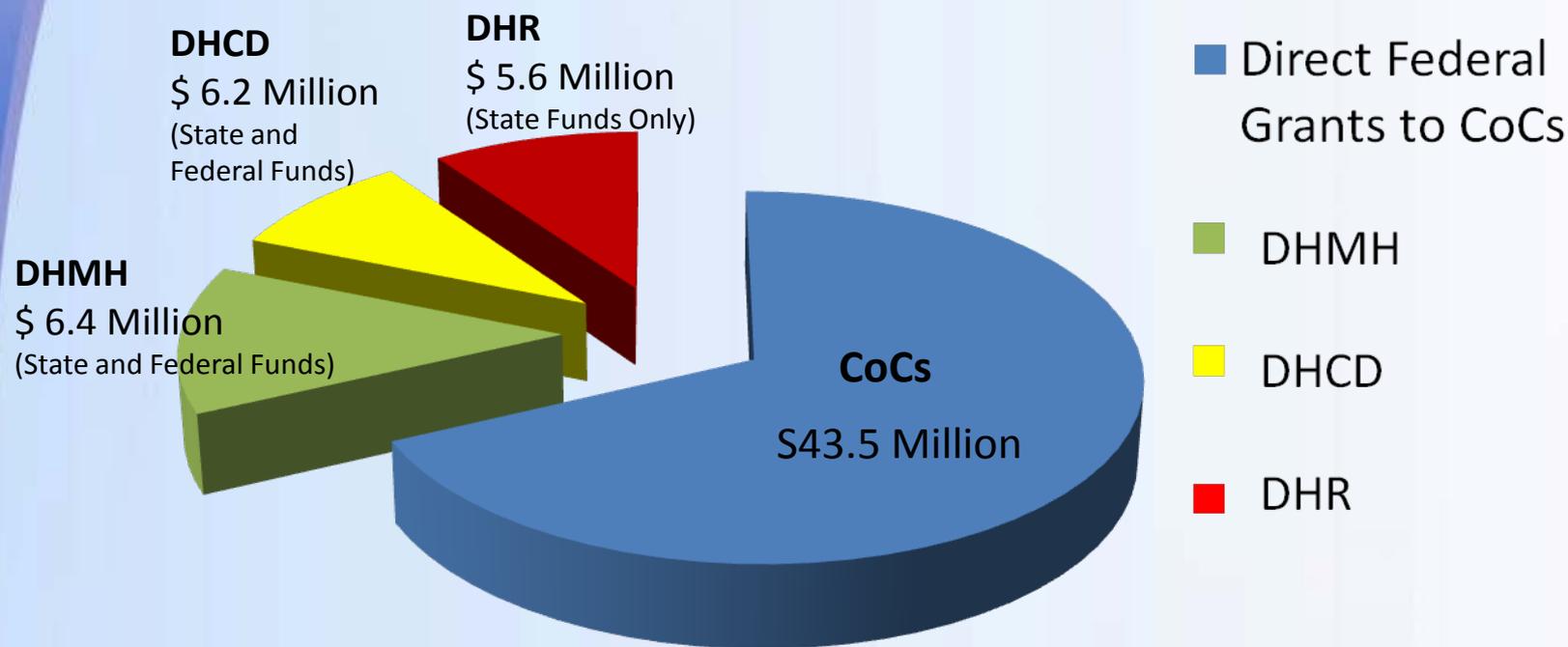VII. **Audience Questions or announcements**

2016 Accomplishments of the ICH

Goal 1 – Housing

- Summary of homeless services funding sources.
- Adoption of a Housing First definition.
- Tally total housing units created/rehabbed for the disabled and homeless statewide, publish information in Annual Report.

Funding Broken down by Maryland Agencies and Continuums of Care (CoCs)

DHCD
$ 6.2 Million
(State and
Federal Funds)

DHR
$ 5.6 Million
(State Funds Only)

DHMH
$ 6.4 Million
(State and Federal Funds)

CoCs

$43.5 Million

- Direct Federal Grants to CoCs
- DHMH
- DHCD
- DHR

2016 Accomplishments of the ICH

Goal 2 – Emergency Needs

- Assessment of regional inclement weather planning practices and identify areas for improvement between providers and emergency management leads.
- Assess low-barrier shelter availability statewide.
- Developed a system to track deaths of the homeless statewide and publish information in Annual Report.
- Assess number of Rapid Re-Housing units statewide and determine ways to expand.

2016 Accomplishments of the ICH

Goal 4 – Homeless Veterans
- Created a Homeless Veteran Resource Guide
- Surveyed Continuum of Care (CoC) leads about service and housing gaps, summarized data to publish in Annual Report.
- Created plan to designate employment specialists in all Job Centers for homeless Veterans to receive specialized job supports.

2016 Accomplishments of the ICH

Goal 5 – Homeless Youth and Young Adults
- Completed Youth REACH count in 8 jurisdictions (6 CoCs)
- Will expand count to 4 additional jurisdictions.
- Surveyed CoC leads about service and housing gaps for this population.
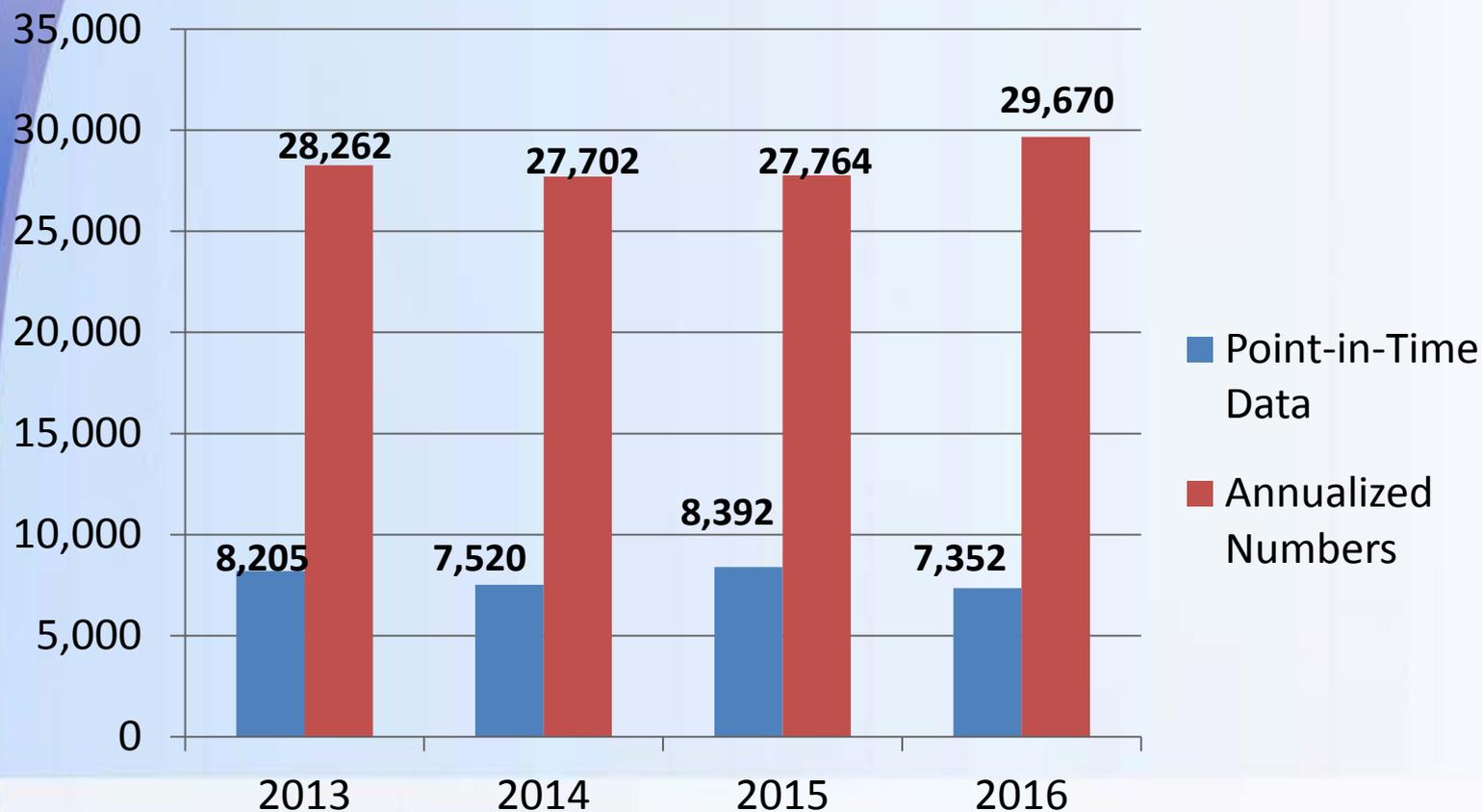
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Annualized Homeless Numbers

Point-in-Time Data (blue) and **Annualized Numbers** (red)

Year	Point-in-Time Data	Annualized Numbers
2013	8,205	28,262
2014	7,520	27,702
2015	8,392	27,764
2016	7,352	29,670

Note: Sheltered and Unsheltered counts are higher counts and only done on odd years (2013, 2015).

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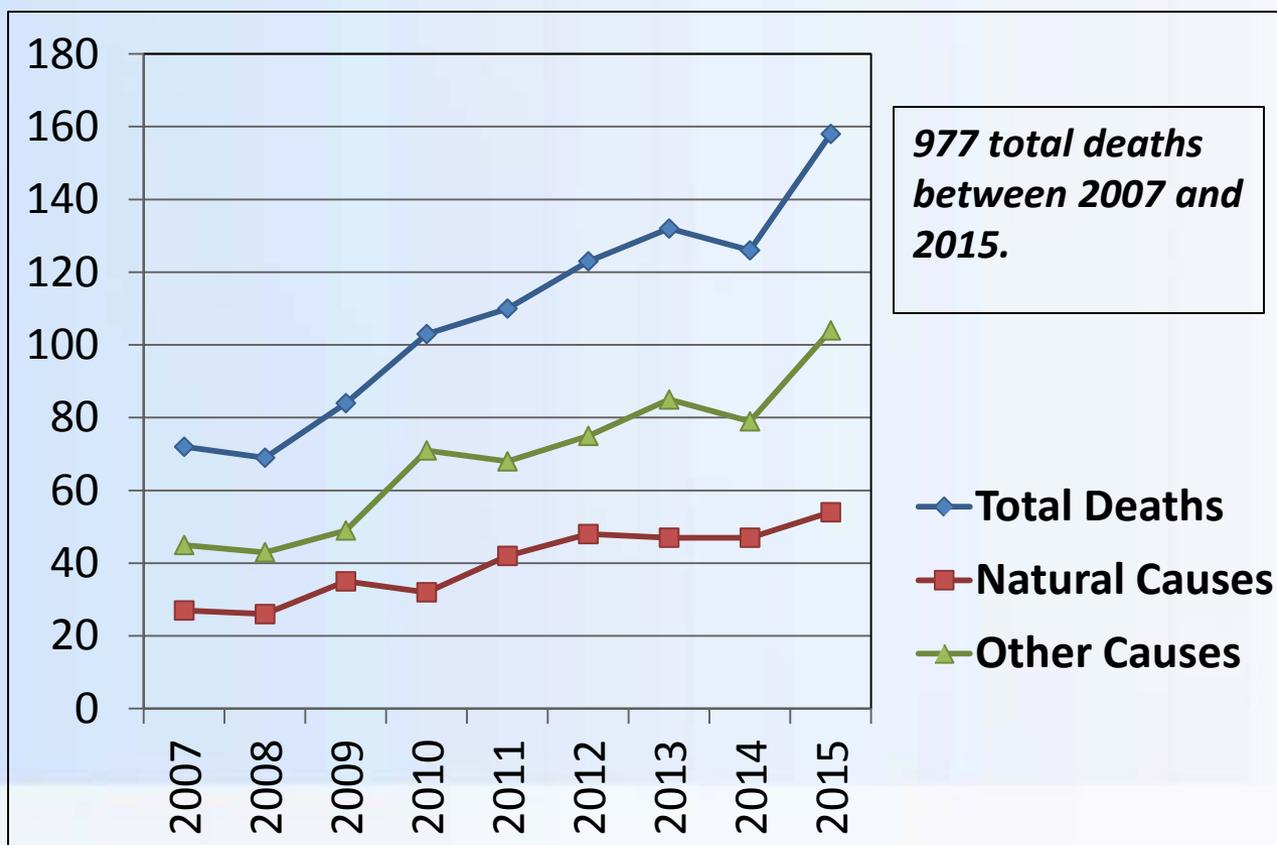- Outcomes of the Youth REACH count.

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Presentation from the Joint Legislative Committee on Ending Homelessness

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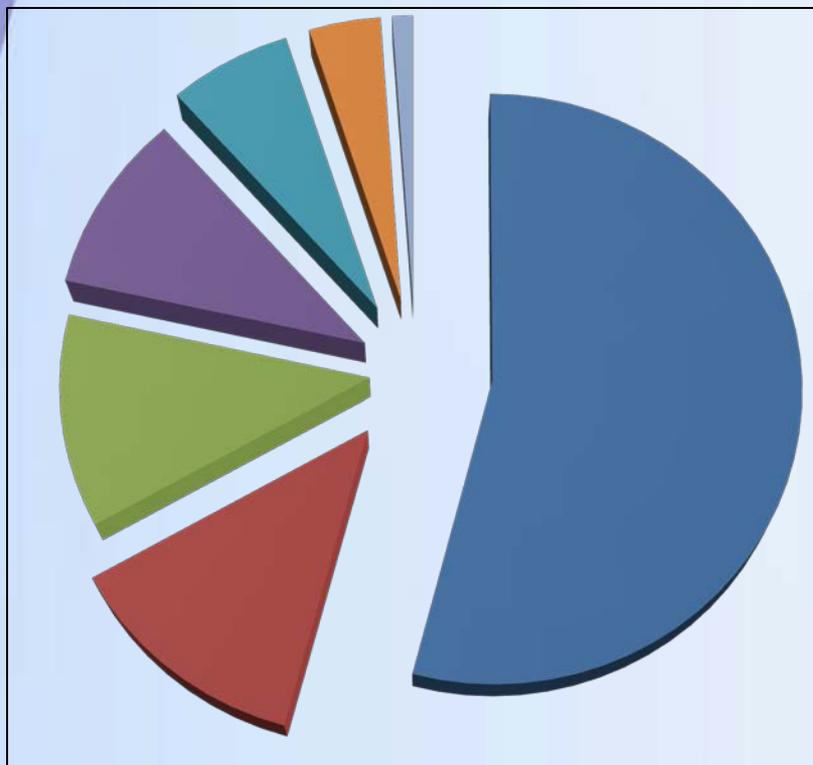**Senior Policy Analyst,**
Dept. of Legislative Services

Discussion of the Homeless Services Framework

Homeless Death on the Rise Since 2007

977 total deaths between 2007 and 2015.

Legend: Total Deaths, Natural Causes, Other Causes

Data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) Database

Cause of Homeless Deaths (2014 & 2015)

Data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) Database

- Drugs or Alcohol (55%)
- Accident or Other Injury (13%)
- Hypothermia (cold) Related (11%)
- Homicide (10%)
- Suicide (6%)
- Unknown (4%)
- Hyperthermia (hot) Related (1%)

Interested Continuum of Care Representatives

Christine Kay – Carroll Co.
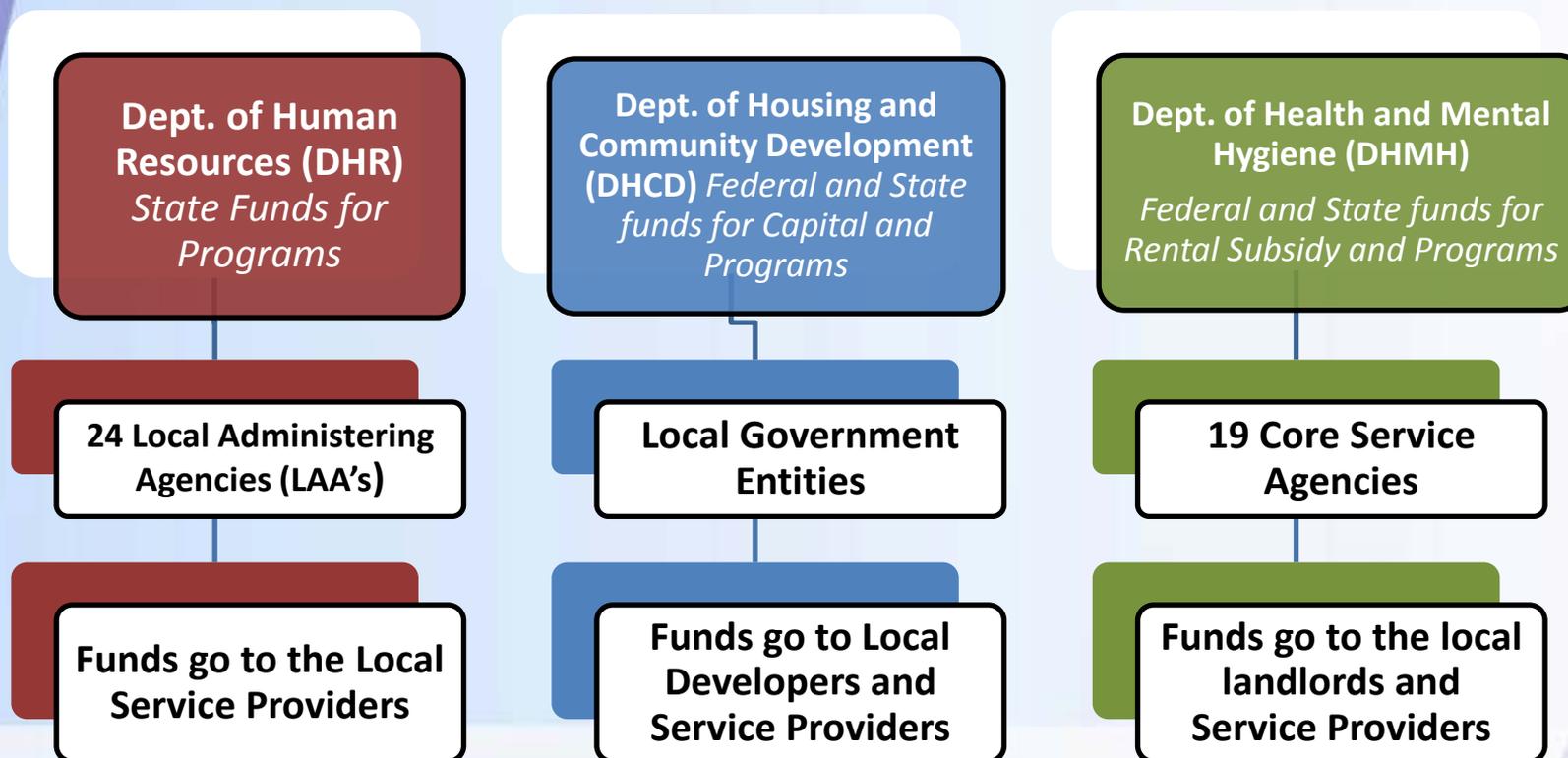
Carrie DiSimone – Garrett Co.
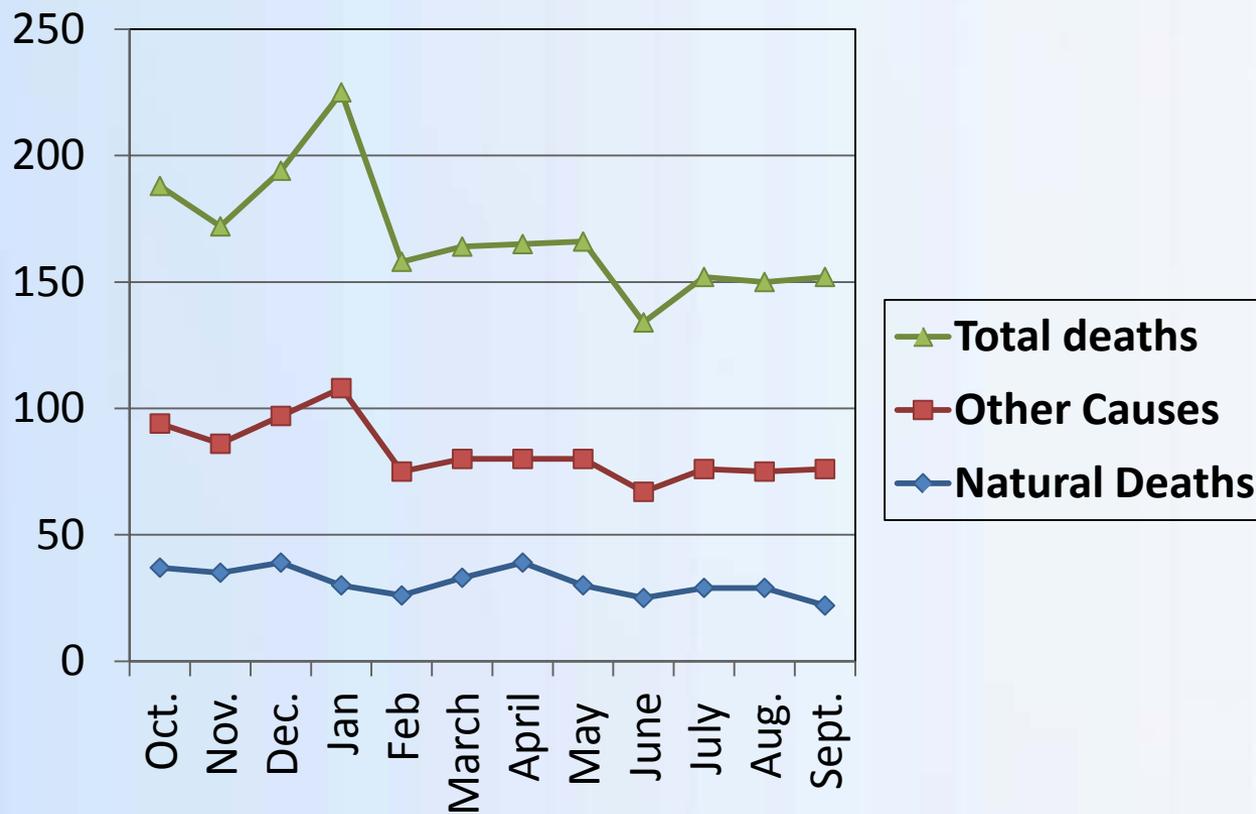
Diana Fulchiron – Washington Co.

Questions or Announcements from the Audience

How Funding Flows from the Agencies to the Local Jurisdictions in Maryland

Dept. of Human Resources (DHR) *State Funds for Programs*

Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) *Federal and State funds for Capital and Programs*

Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) *Federal and State funds for Rental Subsidy and Programs*

24 Local Administering Agencies (LAA's)

Local Government Entities

19 Core Service Agencies

Funds go to the Local Service Providers

Funds go to Local Developers and Service Providers

Funds go to the local landlords and Service Providers

Data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) Database