

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARYLAND'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS (ICH)

April 13th, 2017 1:15pm – 3:30pm

United Way Central MD, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 340 Baltimore, MD 21230

Meeting commenced at 1:15 pm, this was an open meeting.

I. Opening Welcome – From The United Way of Central Maryland

- a. Franklyn Baker, President and CEO, United Way of Central Maryland, welcomed committee members and guests
- b. Heather Sheridan introduced three new members (Jeff Garrett, Amanda Harris, Kate Farinholt and Shannon Snow, *(not present at today's meeting)* voted in electronically without objection)
- c. Minutes of last meeting were approved with no opposition

II. Review of 2017 Legislative Session – Regan Vaughan, Catholic Charities

- a. Regan Vaughan, Catholic Charities announced that HB134 had been passed. The bill approves the transfer of Department of Human Resources' Bureau of Homeless Services staff and programs to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) effective July 1, 2017.
- b. Handout detailing all Passed, Failed and Governor approved bills was provided. Such bills include the renaming of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and \$100 to \$200 monthly child support increases to Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) families.

III. Update on other State Initiatives

- a. BHS's School of Public Policy Masters Student, Anne Wagner provided assessment of interviews conducted with CoC staff, Homeless People's Representation Project and Health Care for the Homeless to identify shelter intake, best practices, barriers and resource gaps. Available analysis/summary expected in May.

IV. Discussion of the Homeless Services Framework – Work Group Updates

- a. Written summaries provided from each work group lead.
- b. Health and Homelessness – chair explains that the work group has grown considerably and that their focus is divided into 3 sections based on the framework goals outlined. CoCs have been surveyed about their respite care services offered and a toolkit will be created for CoCs to create respite care in their communities. More to come on all framework goals.
- c. Chair of Veteran's Group revisited 2017 goals discussed at last meeting; An all day work day is scheduled for May 22nd to bring together stakeholders working with homeless veterans to discuss best practices, data and priorities and to develop draft of

coordinated model for the state (current invite list is 50+). New goal to build online directory of resources was developed by summer interns (four page).

- d. Youth work group - Last meeting and 2017 Highlights were discussed; Survey conducted to address struggles and youth friendly practices; group aims to create catalog resource guide to ensure the accuracy of generated information. Youth REACH count was completed in spring, data expected by end of summer.
- e. Coordinated Entry – work group lead reported 15 CoCs responding to survey about what they are doing pertaining to coordinated entry. Group will meet regularly to support CoCs to achieve HUD requirements by January 2018.

V. Housing Cost projection Memo

- a. Per requests made during December ICH meeting regarding cost projections for housing and supportive services for the homeless a 2 page summary memo was prepared by Heather Sheridan and shared with members of the ICH for a brief discussion.

VI. Administrative Items

- a. Email must be completed by end of month; questions should be directed to Young Smith
- b. All ICH members were urged to select and join a Workgroup
- c. Next ICH meeting – July 27th 2017?

VII. Audience Questions or announcements

- a. Youth Empowerment Center launched a Rapid Re-housing tailored to the youth population.

ICH Members in attendance (20):

<i>Sec. Kenneth Holt</i>	<i>Carrie DiSimone</i>	<i>Jeff Garrett</i>	<i>Elizabeth Kinney</i>
<i>Amanda Harris</i>	<i>Patricia Sylvester</i>	<i>Heather Sheridan</i>	<i>Lloyd Day</i>
<i>Dr. Shalewa Noel-Thomas</i>	<i>Dr. Sylvia Lawson</i>	<i>Dana Hendrickson</i>	<i>Jeffrey Kendrick</i>
<i>Courtney Thomas</i>	<i>Terry Hickey</i>	<i>Carolyn Ellison</i>	<i>Sandy Monk</i>
<i>Leslie Dews</i>	<i>Kristina Donnelly</i>	<i>Christina Drushel</i>	<i>Kate Farinholt</i>

Members that sent representatives (3): *Kevin Lindamood, Sec. Lourdes Padilla, Lisa Klingenmaier*

ICH Members not in Attendance (3):

Stevanne Ellis, Patricia Flanigan, Shannon Frey