



**Cecil County Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness
General Membership Meeting - Notes
4/26/17**

Attendees: Tahia Glanton, CCHD; Julie Wright, CCHD; Earl Grey, Public Housing Authority; Gwen Parrack, CCHD; Jean Marie Kelly, Union Hospital; Mike Brandon, Paris Foundation; Cynthia Osbourne, Elkton Housing Authority; Karen Parker, Cecil County Detention Center; Tifnie Criner, VA; Kyle Longeway, CCPS; Lori Goldstein, Deep Roots, Inc.; Dr. Alan McCarthy, County Executive; David Trolio, CCDCS; Kathy Glace', CMUS; Gordon English, CMUS, Marc Holdren, CCMS; Anthony Rice, CCMS; Dan Coulter, CCHD; Jason Burns, HMIS; Chris Wiley, Help Center; Gladys Lacey, Meeting Ground; Brad Krener, Cecil Whig; Amanda Graves, OOO; Shelly Gullege, CCHS; Frank Esposito; Bob Imperatrice, Paris Foundation; Marianne Redding, CCHD; Sherry Boyd, BHA

Introductions were made.

Jason Burns gave a presentation on the PIT survey Results. County Executive Dr. Alan McCarthy asked how the survey distinguishes alcohol and drug abuse from mental illness. Jason informed the group that this survey was completed via self-report, so the results are dependent upon how individuals identify the issues. Dr. McCarthy also asked what percentage of the chronic homeless are veterans. Jason reported that of the 39 veterans counted, two were identified as "chronically homeless". Gwen noted that this is consistent with what the veteran's subcommittee has found in that there have not been many unsheltered veterans found in Cecil County by local providers. To be considered chronically homeless, an individual has to have been living in emergency shelter or place not intended for human habitation for one consecutive year, or on four separate occasions over the course of three years.

Gwen Reported-

- Notice of Registration for HUD's Continuum of Care funding was just issued. Cecil County is currently registered. Projects funded through this source include the DV program's rapid rehousing project and Upper Bay's permanent supportive housing project.
- The county's ESG application is currently underway. On a positive note, two providers submitted project proposals to do rapid rehousing. This will help our overall continuum of care as RRH has been shown to reduce the length of time that individuals and families are homeless. It also puts us in better alignment with federal guidance on how to end homelessness. There is an overall push to prevent homelessness, and when it occurs, to help people get back into a stable permanent housing situation as soon as possible. There is a strong movement away from philosophies of transitional housing which presume up to two years length of stay.
- State Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness – has become very active in the last year with their own various subcommittees addressing coordinated entry, veteran's homelessness, etc. Gwen attended the state meeting on Thursday, 4/13 along with a coordinated entry meeting. There is a blue print meeting scheduled for Monday, May 22nd, 9:30-4:30 on ending veteran homelessness.
- Coordinated Entry – next phase is for transitional housing

Announcements:

Jason informed the group that there are statewide bi-annual CoC meetings with the next one scheduled for 6/29/17 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the DHCD office. Norm Suchar from HUD will be there and other members from local CoC's are encouraged to attend as a larger meeting space will be available for this one.

Mike Brandon gave an overview of the LEAF program and reported that it is up and running. Donations can be made to the fund through the Paris Foundation.

Lori reported that Deep Roots has hired an Executive Director, Rodney Burris, who is set to begin on Monday, 5/22/17.

Cynthia informed the group that the housing authority has accepted the challenge to collaborate on a day of service for its employees, and are looking for a community partners who could use their volunteer hours. Cynthia can be reached at 410-398-5018, for anyone interested.

The next meeting of the general membership is scheduled for Wednesday, 10/18/2017, from 1:30-3:00pm, location to be determined.