



CECIL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Cecil County Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness Minutes 1/18/17

Attendees: Tahia Glanton, CCHD; Marianne Redding, CCHD; Julie Wright, CCHD; Lisa Smith, On Our Own of Cecil County, Inc.; Kyle Longeway, CCPS; Earl Grey, Public Housing Authority; Eileen Ondra, MD Legal Aid; Gwen Parrack, CCHD; Jean Marie Kelly, Union Hospital; Michelle Lloyd, Cecil County DES; April Foster, STEPS Recovery Resources; Bev Polite, Public Housing Authority; Mike Brandon, Paris Foundation; Barbara Forsyth, UBCSS

Introductions were made.

Morgan DeWeese's Governance Board Interest Form was reviewed and approved to add as a board member. Chris Wiley replaced Mary Ellen McCandless as the emergency solutions grant representative. We are currently still waiting on a new Meeting Ground director to replace Pat Marks on the board. Once that is complete, the board will have all representatives needed. Gwen will have Julie send the revised Governance Board listing out with the minutes from this meeting, via email.

Cecil County is currently in the process of creating a coordinated entry process for families with children. This process is on hold until a new director is appointed at Meeting Ground. The county has already created a process for chronically homeless individuals/families and veterans. Any agency that enters into HMIS can add people to the lists. If they do not enter into HMIS, they can complete a paper form and submit it to the health department. There are currently about nine agencies in Cecil County trained in entering consumers to the list. Jason Burns, our HMIS consultant, manages user trainings for HMIS. Gwen noted that this process is only as good as the ability of everyone to keep it up to date and enter as a matter of routine.

All CoC funding was approved for another year.

Gwen passed out and reviewed with the group a draft report of Social Determinants of Health. Items discussed were: 3.1.1- The group brainstormed and listed existing anti-poverty programs to include: food programs, mental health services, physical health services, and supported employment. Earl informed Gwen that number three "investigate Carol County's program model" should be removed, as after more research Early found it is just a model of having multiple service providers on one site.

3.1.2-Strategy 3: let Gwen know of any general funding opportunities for case management. Strategy 4: Gwen reached out to DSS to see if they want to start a multidisciplinary meeting for adults, as they do in Harford County. Strategy 5: Mike informed the group of a new program in the works LEAF (Law Enforcement Assistance Fund) which is a program where law enforcement will have debit cards that will be available for true emergency situations. Mike will report progress at the next CCIACH meeting. Strategy 7: Habitat Restore was mentioned. Low cost, not free. Mike mentioned that he would like to see a referral only program created that would offer furniture, clothing, food, and would also serve as an emergency shelter for extreme weather events.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15th, at 1:30 pm, in the Cecil County Health Department Auditorium.