



**Cecil County Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness**  
**Minutes**  
**10/13/16**

**Attendees:** Shelly Gulledge, CCHD; Gregg Bortz, CCHD; Julie Wright, CCHD; Pat Marks, Meeting Ground, Inc.; Barbara Bessicks, Union Hospital; Kyle Longeway, Cecil County Public Schools (CCPS); Earl Grey, Cecil County Housing Agency; Autumn Tokash, Cecil County Housing Agency; Brianna Shea, Cecil Whig; Gwen Parrack, CCHD ; Lori Goldsmith, Deep Roots, Inc.

Gwen handed out and reviewed the FY17 CCIACH Meeting Schedule with those in attendance and noted that some of the meetings are not on the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The schedule was sent out prior to the meeting to the entire group, via email.

Gwen handed out and reviewed the Governance Board Membership Listing. There are currently two vacancies. She included an interest form to be filled out by any interested parties which should be returned to Gwen by November 15<sup>th</sup>. The board is required to have at least one member who has been personally affected by homelessness. She encouraged everyone to share the information with those who might be interested in serving on the board. Gregg will also send out, via social media, CCHD website, Whig, etc. If more than two interested candidates apply, the entire CoC membership will vote to choose the two new members.

Shelly gave an update on the Voices of Youth Count that was held on July 12<sup>th</sup>. A provider survey was sent out in August that had a completion deadline of September 9<sup>th</sup>. The CSA and Chapin Hall had a meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the results for both and discussed the next steps in the process. They will be presenting the results at the next LMB meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> and then to all of the community/ public on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Gwen informed the group that the CoC application was submitted by the deadline and expressed appreciation to Cynthia Osborne and Barbara Smith who agreed to be members on the Rating and Ranking Committee. A written Policy and Procedures for all homeless providers to follow will need to be created that ensures that homeless children in the county are identified and their educational needs met by standards set forth in the McKinney-Vento Act. Gwen will create a draft to send out for review. Kyle has a brochure that is currently handed out to families. He will send that information as well as the existing MOU between partnering agencies who review homeless children to Gwen.

Gwen reported to the group that they will need to create a coordinated entry process for children and families as the second phase in the coordinated entry system in Cecil County. It will be structured basically the same as the chronically homeless list. The initial discussion will need to include Lori, Pat, and Jason. A different Vulnerability Scale may need to be created. Gwen encouraged the group to think about changes that might need to be made that are specific to families with children.

Gwen distributed handouts titled Family Connection- Building Systems to End Family Homelessness. Per the handout, three housing program models are needed in the county to end family homelessness: Rapid Re-housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Affordable Housing. It was noted that the Domestic Violence shelter does currently have Rapid Re-housing project.

Gwen handed out and reviewed goals 3.1 and 3.2 of the Determinants of Health Work Plan, along with the objectives, strategies and responsible parties for each. She noted that the Social Determinants of Health Workgroup is the CCIACH committee. Going forward, the CCIACH will be the main platform for reporting updates. These goals will be the focus at the December 7<sup>th</sup> CCIACH meeting. Gwen will be contacting each person who created/suggested these strategies, in the near future to determine progress or invite to the meeting for further discussion. Gwen will send a copy of these goals out via email.

The next meeting is scheduled for **October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm in the Cecil County Health Department Auditorium**. The entire meeting will consist of a Housing First presentation followed by discussion. Gwen encouraged everyone to invite their board members and anyone else interested to attend.

The October meeting was subsequently re-scheduled to December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30, in the Elk Room of the County Government building.