



Calvert - Charles - St. Mary's

Local Homelessness Coalition

*Dedicated to ending homelessness.*

## **Meeting Minutes**

April 3, 2025


Via Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Attendees:** Amy Ford, Sue Spindler, Wayne Millette, Sandy Washington, Najwa Ansari, Sheila Milburn, Sarah Winter-Kolbe, Jean Cooperharmon, Shonda Richardson, Constance Coggins, Michelle Dennis, Kathleen Ruben, Mary Levy, Calley Leimbach, Susan Seufert, Gina Rendina, Jacquelyn Culver, Julia Forte, Lisa Dickens, Kimberly Suarez, Corae Young, Barbara O'Neal, Tiffany Bench, Andrea McDonald-Fingland, Kecia Daniels, Becky Sweeney, Larissa Dickens, Sara Martin, Blair Copeland, Jacquelyn Culver, Taunya Greenwell, Sasha Seenath, Henry Franklin

**Excused:** Jaime Barnes

- Welcome & Introductions - 3 minutes
- Approve December 2024, February 2025, March 2025 meeting minutes - 1 minute
  - Tabled
- Old Business:
  - Funding/Grant updates - 5 minutes
    - HSP payments July - December has been approved and unpaid at the comptroller's office. We should receive the payments next week. Everything through February has been submitted. January payments have been approved by DHCD.
- New Business:
  - BoS update - 5 minutes
    - In-person meeting schedule for June 17.
    - Joined Coordinated Entry in September 2024. Since then, 389 households have been on the by name list (BNL), 29% (111) exited to permanent housing, 26% were considered chronically homeless, on

BNL approximately 104 days. Statistics are consistent with other LHCs.

- o BoS would like to create youth action board to be able to apply for youth funding.
- o Overview of HUD NOFA funding—planning to move forward. If you have not gotten a grant agreement, make sure to review once you receive it.
- o Total request to HUD was \$8.4 million, we received 103% of that total to include fair market rent increases.
  - o In SOMD, we have 12 projects, \$3.9 million (45% of the BoS total).
- o QA—HUD NOFA - 3 minutes
  - o The NOFA process has been shared. There is a Google form this year along with your budget page. They are due next week and then QA will rank and rate the applications.
  - o QA reached out to ensure that corrective actions were resolved. Please stay in compliance with the grant, make sure invoices are submitted, and that APRs are good.
  - o You'll have followup on what participation in the LHC means.
- o Update from Labor/Employment - 2 minutes
  - o None available
- o Workforce training for shelter clients at CSM - 2 minutes
  - o LifeStyles has a homeless cohort working toward certifications through CSM. Working to connect CSM to other shelters in the region.
- o Highlight coordination successes - 10 minutes
  - o  So MD LHC Shared Shelter Waitlist
    - You can see the data we've been tracking. The number of people on the shelter waitlist is large.
  - o Project Echo: four residents moved into housing. One moved into employer-sponsored housing, and three had vouchers to move into housing.
- o Shelter updates—current census, bed availability and concerns - 5 minutes
  - o Angel's Watch has 96 people, 63 are children. Currently full. Had a meeting with Dr. Wilson about CSM education for shelter residents. 20 people moved in the last month, 90% to permanent housing.
  - o Three Oaks is full, seeing additional children. Emergency men's program is full, as is single women's shelter. Client that previously became ineligible for placement returned ready for placement and is now successful this time around.
  - o Project Echo has 2 beds available and got placements from LHC admin. Also seeing more children than usual.

- o LifeStyles has openings at White Plains and Martha's Place, Haven of Hope, and Gail's Place.
  - o LHC Facebook page - 2 minutes
    - o Send Kecia information to put on the Facebook page.
    - o Social media policy is suggested.
- Sub-Committee Reports - 15 minutes:
  - o Executive Committee
  - o Membership report--Barbara and Corae
    - o Charles vacancy--3. We may have two replacements in the queue.
    - o Full report next month on renewals
  - o Quality Assurance – Jacquelyn
    - o See above
  - o Advocacy–Sue/Julia
    - o HB93 has been taken off the table to address some particulars.
    - o Danielle will review the shelters to see what is needed to adjust the bill language.
  - o Youth–Kellie
  - o Other
- Next Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2025; 2 pm