



Calvert - Charles - St. Mary's

Local Homelessness Coalition

*Dedicated to ending homelessness.*

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 6, 2025

Via Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Attendees:** Amy Ford, Yvette Montanez, Sue Spindler, Lisa Dickens, Michelle Dennis, Roslyn Young, Jaime Barnes, Glenn Larnerd, Jean Cooperharmon, Jennifer Neff, Sasha Seenath, Neal Bankenstein, Jacquelyn Culver, Kecia Daniels, Calley Leimbach, Corae Young, Larissa Dickens, Kim Phillips, Sara Martin, Sandy Washington, Garcia Dixon, Andrea McDonald-Fingland, Cynthia Brown, Lorie Deel, Becky Sweeney, Lisa Case, Shavonna Butler, Tiffany Bench, Barbara O'Neal, Julia Forte, Kathy Clark, Constance Coggins, Henry Franklin, Shonda Richardson

### **Excused:**

- Approve December 2024 and February 2025 meeting minutes - 1 minute
  - Tabled until April
  
- Old Business:
  - Funding/Grant updates - 5 minutes
    - We have been approved for July through December invoices but the payment has not yet been released.
  - Action item: Lived Experience application for approval - 2 minutes
    - William Briscoe was voted in as a lived experience member
  
- New Business:
  - BoS update - 5 minutes
    - Vice chair Mark Sewell has retired. Chair and vice chair positions will be up for filling by the end of the year as well as all of the BoS representatives.
    - NOFA grant notifications should have been received and include increases to fair market rent rates.

- o Carolyn or Kristen will reach out if your agency needs to draw down CoC NOFA funding.
  - o HUD NOFA announcement - 2 minutes
    - o Currently down from the website
  - o Updates from Housing Authority visits - 5 minutes
    - o Not available
  - o Update from Labor/Employment - 2 minutes
    - o Reentry roundtable will be in Calvert on March 18
  - o Customer service training for spring - 3 minutes
    - o Kecia will send out a survey about possible dates and times to hold a customer service training for staff
  - o Landlord engagement event - 3 minutes
    - o Postponed
  - o Highlight coordination successes - 10 minutes
    - o Angel's Watch resource allocation
    - o Website updates
  - o Shelter updates—current census, bed availability and concerns - 5 minutes
    - o There are 392 people on the wait list for shelter
    - o Three Oaks is out of availability on the family program, 2 people are being assessed for entry into the emergency men's program vacancies, and single women's is full.
    - o Project Echo is in overflow.
    - o LifeStyles is full, except Martha's Place, where 2 people are going into permanent supportive housing. There are 4 vacancies at the DV shelter and 5 beds open in the DV PSH program.
    - o Angel's Watch has 108 in shelter, no vacancies
    - o Agencies are anticipating more need for shelter and assistance as employees are removed from federal employment
- Sub-Committee Reports - 15 minutes:
  - o Executive Committee
    - Need to appoint subcommittee chairs
    - Executive committee will look at contingency planning for region
  - o Membership report--need chair
    - Barbara has volunteered
  - o Co-chair-
  - o Charles vacancy—3
  - o Quality Assurance – Cynthia
  - o Advocacy—Sue/Julia
    - Understanding HB93--pushed back until next week

- This bill is being considered to create a standard for all shelters
  - Info about the bill:
    - HB 93 (Homeless Shelter Certification Program) :  
<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0093?ys=2025RS>  
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  - o Youth–Kellie
  - o Other
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- Next Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2025; 2 pm