**6/23/2020   
Harford County Continuum of Care (CoC)   
Meeting Agenda**

**Attendees: 28 members of the CoC and 1 guest speaker**

**Guest Speaker:** Elisha Harig-Blaine, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

**CoC Workgroups:**

* **Rapid Rehousing** – The RRH workgroup has not met since March because of complications from COVID-19. They plan to recruit new members and meet in July. Using Avaya Spaces, Brian Wainwright, workgroup chairperson, showed the CoC five attachments on HCAA’s RRH program. These attachments are policy updates to the program that mirror the Maryland Unemployment procedures linking continuation of services to case management and job searching. In FY2021, this workgroup would like to merge with a separate landlord workgroup to coordinate work on finding affordable housing into which to place RRH candidates. Please contact Brian at [bwainwright@harfordcaa.org](mailto:bwainwright@harfordcaa.org) to join the FY2021 workgroup.
* **Income & Employment** – This workgroup last met on March 11, but has participated in the chat online on the Avaya Spaces CoC page with updates. They will meet in July. The goal of this group going forward will be to find out who’s hiring, how to apply for those jobs, how to get to work, and how to get home from work for individuals in the CoC. Temp agencies and Susquehanna Workforce Network participate in this workgroup as outside organizations. The workgroup is on the lookout for supportive employment for participants with history of mental illness. They also need leads on jobs and classes and certifications that will increase the chances of employment. Please contact Brian at [bwainwright@harfordcaa.org](mailto:bwainwright@harfordcaa.org) to join the FY2021 workgroup.
* **Veterans Homelessness** – The Veterans Homelessness workgroup has been in weekly communication since COVID-19 hit in March. Tifnie Criner sounds out weekly email blasts on veterans’ affairs in Harford County. This workgroup has been working for a long time to establish a veterans by-name list. That goal has come to fruition! Now, the workgroup is working toward changing the language surrounding asks about military service, as some people who have military affiliation do not consider themselves to be veterans. Please contact Brian at [bwainwright@harfordcaa.org](mailto:bwainwright@harfordcaa.org) to join the FY2021 workgroup.
* **Case Management/Supportive Services** – This group has not met in a few months because of COVID-19, but have noted that case management has been drastically changed by the pandemic. They will restart meetings in the next fiscal year. Please contact Liz Tutino at [ltutino@welcomeone.org](mailto:ltutino@welcomeone.org) to join the FY2021 workgroup.
* **HMIS** – This workgroup looks forward to restarting meetings in July and conducting trainings via our new meeting platform. Over the course of the last year, Deven Chona as HMIS Lead embarked on a data quality improvement project and has reached a milestone of 95% data quality thanks to the hard work of HMIS users in our CoC. Changes will be coming to assessment/intake documents to fit with updating practices in homeless intake. Please contact Deven at [dchona@harfordcaa.org](mailto:dchona@harfordcaa.org) to join this workgroup for FY2021.

**New Business**

Evonne Boroski reported that Harford County Public Schools had their McKinney-Veto audit and did very well. She complimented the entire CoC for the work we are doing to end homelessness. HCPS is a model for the State, and they thanked us for our partnership.

PJ Craig reported that the Homelessness Solutions funding has been announced by the State and that letters would be going out to recipients this week.