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9/22/2020 Harford County Continuum of Care (CoC) Meeting Minutes

Guest Speakers:

1) Continuum of Care Funding Recipients:

Core Services Agency – Tracy Kelly

Prologue – Misty Taylor

2) Patty Hammond, Harford County Government

Gave update on CDBG uses in Harford County during the pandemic. There is still money available for households that are in need of rental assistance due to COVID-19.

Introduction:

Natalie Shaw introduced John Donohue from Harford Community College. He is attending meetings on behalf of HCC to see if their LGBTQIA+ community is a good fit for representation in our CoC.

CoC Workgroups:

- Case Management/Supportive Services
 - o Met on 8/20 to discuss remote case management
 - o Next meeting 10/15 at Welcome One Shelter in their socially distanced conference room
- HMIS
 - o Met on 8/24
 - o Many items are being worked on at once:
 - The Sage platform is available for all grant recipients to use to submit their annual reports. All grantees submit their own reports this year. Deven has been sending out calendar invites with grant end dates and Sage due dates; we will continue to do so.
 - All ESG-CV projects have been updated in HMIS.
 - The new intake assessment prioritization scoring system is officially in HMIS and is being utilized in conjunction with the VI-SPDAT to prioritize households.
 - Deven and the HCAA team were trained on new Coordinated Assessment protocols in HMIS. Deven will be training the rest of the CoC shortly.
 - He will also be training the CoC on referrals using HMIS.
 - Next meeting is 10/21 via Avaya Spaces

- Income & Employment
 - o Met on 8/14
 - Meeting discussed who the key players are in employment in Harford County. A list was
 made of all of the temp agencies, workforce networks and partners in the county who can
 help raise the level of a household's income.
 - o Discussed who's hiring in Harford County
 - O Next meeting is 10/9 at 2:00 PM on Avaya Spaces
- Racial Equity
 - o Met on 8/20
 - o Discussed ideas for subcommittees which will be introduced at the next meeting
 - Discussed the inputting of race data for those identifying as Hispanic or Latinx and that
 the State's instruction is to let the household answer the question of race to the best of
 their ability and to allow the client to put doesn't know or refused as a valid option that
 does not interfere with data collection.
 - o Next meeting is 9/24 at 10:30
- Rapid Rehousing
 - o Met on 8/20
 - o Discussed landlord recruitment by having all current landlords in the group on the call.
 - Trying to introduce all in the group to the concept of the RRH program and how it works with security deposits and rental assistance.
 - o Next meeting is 10/2 on Avaya Spaces
- Veterans Homelessness
 - Case conferenced those on the by-name list to make sure they are linked to the VA and other resources
 - o Next meeting is 10/14 at 10:00 AM

New Business

Jose Rosado announced that he is leaving his position at New Day Wellness and Recovery Center but will be staying in Harford County to work with another service provider.

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