**11/17/2020
Harford County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Meeting Minutes**

27 attendees, meeting recorded on Avaya Spaces

Meeting was shortened to 1-2 PM to allow for participants to hear Governor Hogan’s Covid-19 update.

**Guest Speakers:**

**Laura Burke, Student Wellness and Programming Specialist, Harford Community College**

Insight into Needs of Community College Students in Our CoC

* SEE POSTED PRESENTATION

**Barbara Richardson, Community Development Administrator, Harford County Office of Community and Economic Development**

Office of Community and Economic Development Update

* Grant-in-Aid Application for Community and Economic Development is now open, runs through December 7. Application is available at harfordhousing.org. Community Services has their application open now, too. Their application is for youth and at-risk populations.
* Harford County staff is currently working from home. There is a drop box at the main building and mail is being checked regularly.
* The CDBG public comment period will be after the first of the year. Grant is scheduled to start on time on July 1.
* CDBG-CV is still in use for rental assistance, up to six months’ worth of rent. If you know of anyone who is behind on their rent and meets the following criteria, send them to Harford County Government:
	+ Was not behind on their rent as of March 1, 2020
	+ Was earning income before March 1, 2020
	+ Had an involuntary reduction or loss of income due to COVID-19.

 **Pamela Craig, CEO, Harford Community Action Agency**

 Emergency Winter Shelter Update

* SEE POSTED ONE-PAGER

**CoC Workgroups:**

* **Case Management/Supportive Services** – Met in October, meets again on December 16 @ 3 PM. Anyone with interest in case management or experience is welcome to join. Bulk of work is case conferencing.
* **HMIS** – See posted one-pager
* **Income & Employment** – This meeting has been rescheduled twice but will meet in December. This group is working through the challenges of COVID-19 such as the shut-down of the Harford Transit System (which has since reopened in limited capacity), a lack of sufficient technology for those in need of job applications. This group is working with HCC to build a bridge to opportunities for those in need in our CoC.
* **Racial Equity** – See posted one-pager
* **Rapid Rehousing** – as part of ESG-CV, landlord incentives are being offered. This has helped to get 8 households housed in 6 weeks. There is currently a RRH waitlist at HCAA.
* **Veterans Homelessness** – there has been low monthly membership in this group; there are also few cases of veterans experiencing homelessness that are on the by-name list (3). This group does case conferencing to determine who is in need of what services and whether those services will be provided by the VA or HCAA.

**Emergency Solutions Grant Update**

* ESG-CV Round 2 funding will soon be available.
* 50% must be spent on RRH
* Waiting on the State to put out guidance
* Following issuance of guidance, HCAA will release applications to the CoC which will ultimately be reviewed and ranked by the CoC Board.

**New Business**

 **Announcement:** Victor Sokoya as CoC Board Chairman

 **Announcement:** Forming of PIT Count 2021 Committee

* + PIT Count Committee is forming for a January 2021 Count.
	+ Email Brain Wainwright, bwainwright@harfordcaa.org for more information or to join.
	+ Donna Forbes-Cruz is working on the volunteers for the night of the Count.
	+ Project Homeless Connect is still a go.