**05/25/2021   
Harford County Continuum of Care (CoC)   
Meeting Minutes**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Deven Chona** (HMIS Administrator, Harford Community Action Agency)

PIT Count Brief Overview

Please see presentation posted to the CoC website.

PIT Count was January 27, 2021

Total Utilization Rate was 88% (173 beds)

Sheltered Count: 139 in Emergency Shelter and 21 in Transitional Housing

Unsheltered Count: 13

The Count was conducted over a full day instead of night due to the pandemic.

Catherine Lozinak asked how many men who were homeless did not have children. There were 50 men without children in the count.

Housing voucher status was discussed; no new vouchers have been awarded to Harford County. A conversation has begun with Harford County government regarding housing preference points. Preferences can only change if the administration changes the plan.

Catherine was connected with Victor Sokoya on the Racial Equity and Legislation committee to discuss advocating for change with legislators.

**Sharon Jacobs (**New-Service Training Employment Program (N-STEP))

Please see presentation posted to the CoC website.

**CoC Workgroups:**

* Case Management/Supportive Services
  + Focus of the group currently is “What are some of the things that we are going to keep doing post-Covid?” Next meeting will be in June, likely the second Thursday at 1:00 PM.
* HMIS
  + Nothing to report outside the PIT and HIC data presented earlier; working on a widespread training for new and current provider employees
* Income & Employment
  + Brian has tried to work with workforce development and job providers, but without much luck. The workgroup is going to be re-thought due to the lack of commitment from providers.
* Racial Equity
  + Group began meeting bi-monthly and next meeting is 5/27, so there is nothing new to report; minutes will be sent out from the next meeting when available.
* Rapid Rehousing
  + Those who have funding allocated for RRH under HSP funds have been included on the calls; looking for locations to cold call landlords with low income housing. HCAA is going to provide a letter on income level plan to landlords to continue to recruit.
* Veterans Homelessness
  + Case conferencing is taking place for veterans in the homeless system

**New Business/Announcements**

1. Natalie Shaw is leaving her job at HCAA to take a position with Harford Community College. Her position at HCAA will be filled shortly.
2. Donna Forbes-Cruz at Harford Family House announced that HFH is currently hiring case managers
3. Brian Wainwright gave an update on outreach efforts and announced his presence at satellite locations such as the EPICCENTER in Edgewood and Aberdeen.
4. Sharon Jacobs invited CoC members to attend June 8, 2021, 6–7:30p.m. FREE Virtual “Rising to the Top” Adult and Youth Mental Health Forum