

## PA-504 Continuum of Care Governing Board Meeting Minutes

2/24/2023

11:00am-12:00pm

via Zoom

### Distributed Documents:

CoC Governance Charter  
PA-504 Montgomery County CoC Housing Resource Center Review Team Memo 02.23.23

### Attendees:

**Governing Board Members: Synethia Hill, Mark Boorse, Vera Zanders, Jade Utz, Stacey Woodland, Barbara Wilhelmy, Cynthia Heron, Dennis Miller, Jason Alexander, Karin Eyrich-Garg, Meg Snead, Meghann Radick, Robert Mott, Brian Gralnick, Trevor Reinhardt, Michelle Connor, Adrienne Aiken, Penny Johnson**

**Guests:** Kayleigh Silver, Mikaela Lanford, Ruth Almy, Sabrina Lyons

### Notes

- I. Welcome - Stacey Woodland
- II. CoC Governance Charter Rules – Dennis Miller
  - Attendance – reminder of policies and offer of reminders
  - Participation in Advisory Teams
  - Confidentiality
- III. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) – Jason Alexander
  - Applications Due March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Montco Received \$353,050.00
- IV. Preliminary Point-In-Time Count Results – Trevor Reinhardt
  - These are preliminary numbers from the PIT Count on 1/24/23
  - Total households: 245; Total persons: 329
  - Number of unsheltered individuals: 96
  - This is an increase from last year; several factors

for this change are discussed including change in methodology and the closure of the CHOC.

- Along with the increase in the unsheltered count, an increase in the chronically homeless count
- Question about change in breakdown of racial distribution in transitional housing number and relationship to equity
- Trevor will send preliminary data to Board members who request it for review

V. 2022 YWH Annual Survey Feedback – Ruth Almy

- 212 responses total
- Data: Highest and 2<sup>nd</sup> Most highest Respondents based on Demographics
  - Black or African American (48.34% or 102 responses)
  - White (41.71% or 88 responses)
  - Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx (7.77% or 16 responses)
  - Non-Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx (78.64% or 162 responses)
  - Woman/Female (73.93% or 156 responses)
  - Man/Male (23.93% or 50 responses)
  - 25-41 (47.39% or 100 responses)
  - 42-57 (30.81% or 65 responses)
- How long have you lived or worked in Montgomery County?
  - Highest response 21 or more years (40.76% or 86 responses)
  - 1-5 years (29.86% or 63 responses)
  - Do you believe you experienced discrimination from Your Way Home service providers based on any of the following? 67 out of 212 respondents did indicate experiencing some form of discrimination, which is 31% of all respondents
- What type of YWH program are you enrolled in right now?
  - Nearly 50 % of respondents enrolled in prevention services; next largest groups Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter
- Did your Your Way Home service provider(s) help you with ways to increase your income?

- Nearly 80% replied “No”
- If you had an issue with your landlord, did your Your Way Home service provider help you resolve it?
  - 19% of clients said No, 30% said yes; 51% had no issue with a landlord
  - Narrative examples given of positive and negative feedback with examples from clients
  - Discussion of response of clients who said that they did not receive help increasing their income

VI. Request for Proposals (RFP) – Synethia Hill

- Coordinated Entry, Housing Resource Center, EPIC Program
- These are planned to be released in April 2023

VII. HRC Performance Review Team Meeting Feedback – Stacey, Jason, Dennis

- Team shares positives and negatives from review of HRCs
- The goal of this was to identify what are the gaps in services in the current HRC system
- General summary is shared with the committee and discussed, including systemic issues to providing services, concerns across all three HRC around professional development, service delivery, DEI, and staff
- Committee shares recommendations for current HRCs and RFP process, including requirements for professional development, centering race and equity, providing outside resources, and establishing an HRC Advisory Team under the CoC Governing Board for HRCs to engage in shared learning and discussion

VIII. Feedback & Input, Announcements, Closing Statements

	(Open to Group) IX. Adjourn - Stacey
Action Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers will be needed to review EFSP applications</li> <li>• Board members will need to sign a confidentiality statement</li> <li>• OHCD will be reviewing outcomes of HRC review team's feedback and providing details to all three HRC agencies</li> <li>• HMIS Manager to distribute preliminary PIT count results to board members who requested, not for distribution</li> </ul>
Next Meeting	<b>April 28 at 11:00am</b>