



Baltimore City Continuum of Care Meeting

March 3, 2016

Agenda



- I. Journey Home
 - I. Planning Retreat Update
 - II. Journey to Jobs
 - III. Professional Development and Trainings
- II. Coordinated Access
- III. Standards of Care
- IV. Funding
- V. Provider Announcements

Journey Home Updates



□ CoC Planning

- Board members met in February for a planning retreat with the Cloudburst Group. A follow up session is scheduled for March to revisit the CoC governance charter and align the workgroup structure of the CoC more closely with the HEARTH Act and the [Opening Doors](#) goals
- Cloudburst is a HUD technical assistance provider that regularly works with Baltimore and other communities
- More information about next steps will be shared after the second planning session

Journey Home Updates



□ Journey to Jobs (J2J)

- Journey to Jobs, an effort of *The Journey Home*, is a three-year systems-change project focused on improving access to jobs and economic opportunity for homeless job seekers in Baltimore City.
- Funded through a grant from the Heartland Alliance—provides funding for a J2J Program Coordinator:

Welcome Hannah Roberts!

Hannah can be reached at
hannah.roberts@baltimorecity.gov

Conference Scholarships

- The Journey Home board awarded scholarships to the following providers to attend the NAEH Family and Youth Homelessness Conference in February:
 - Scotteana Jones, SHG Lanvale Transitional Housing
 - Lara Law, YES Drop-In Center
 - Paroma Nandi, Paul's Place
- Conference attendees will share what they learned at the next CoC meeting
- The Journey Home board hopes to continue offering providers opportunities to attend conferences throughout the year

Journey Home Updates



2016-2017 Professional Development and Trainings

- Providers will receive a survey in the coming weeks to assess training and professional development needs across the CoC
- A comprehensive calendar of free or low-cost trainings offered through the Journey Home or through coordination with partner agencies is being developed, and will include:
 - CUCS Social Work Trainings
 - Housing First
 - Trauma-Informed Care
 - Cultural Competency for Serving LGBTQ+ Individuals
 - Cultural Competency for Serving Unaccompanied Youth (24 and under)
 - Developing Competitive Applications and Program Models for Homeless Services Grants (any funding source!)

COORDINATED ACCESS

Coordinated Access

- **Coordinated Access** is a citywide assessment and referral process to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness access appropriate housing and support services.
 - ▣ Client can apply for many programs through one process
 - ▣ Ensures scarce housing resources are prioritized in the most fair way possible
 - ▣ Produces more complete system-level data on the need for housing resources.
 - ▣ Required by HUD
 - ▣ Overseen by the Coordinated Access Workgroup, which reports to the Continuum of Care and Journey Home board

Coordinated Access

Workgroup Members

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Achike Oranye, People Encouraging People• Amy Kleine, Weinberg Foundation• Brandi Nieland, 2-1-1 Maryland• Caroline Coffill, St. Vincent de Paul• Carolyn Johnson, HPRP• Colleen Velez, CSH• Danielle Meister, MOHS-HSP• David Smith, GEDCO• Shannon Nicholson, HCAM• Gabby Knighton, MOHS-HSP• Irvin Moore, BHSB | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jackie Adams, VAMHCS• Janice Miller, House of Ruth• Jaquetta Henson, Mercy Supportive Housing• Katie League, HCH• Lametra Pendergrass, Mercy Supportive Housing• Leroy Fowlkes, Mercy Supportive Housing• Lin Romano, GEDCO• Meaghan Messner, Community Solutions• Sandra Eaddy, Mercy Supportive Housing• Sara Hoffman, Bon Secours• Vidia Dhanraj, MOHS-HSP |
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Coordinated Access

- Since the Interim Match Process started on 9/29/15, there have been 151 PSH vacancies (25 announcements).
- Coordinated Homeless Response System (CHRS) draft - Comments will be reviewed at the workgroup meeting on March 8.
- The workgroup completed a reading level analysis of the draft and is working with a JH BSPH grad student to pilot the tool with clients, with the help of UMMC, HCH, HCAM, and Bon Secours (so far).
- ClientTrack is finalizing the software solution description and will begin build-out of components in March.

Standards of Care

- **THANK YOU** to all the providers who have participated in planning sessions, given suggestions and feedback, and shared their best practices!
- Some provider workgroups will have final meetings and/or conference calls to finalize details in March
- Full draft anticipated to be released next week for final round of community feedback and input
- Implementation Date: July 1, 2016

Standards of Care

- The Standards of Care will be updated on a continual basis to reflect changing policy/laws as well as ongoing CoC work that impact the standards
- **Standards of Care 1.0** will not include performance standards or benchmarks/targets. The Data & Evaluation Workgroup will be meeting over the next several months to review the existing metrics and make revisions. This work will also include developing policies/practices around the implementation of performance standards, and communicating the about the metrics with the larger CoC.

FY2015 CoC Program NOFA

- FY2015 NOFA Awards have not been issued yet
 - Tier 1 and Tier 2 awards expected to be released separately, with Tier 1 awards released first
- Contract development and funding for renewal projects included in CoC ranking will continue until further notice

Consolidated Funding Application

- Nearly 50 applications were received!
- Applications are currently being reviewed
- Anticipated Conditional Award Notification to providers in mid-late March
- Awards are conditional until final grant amounts and eligible cost restrictions are received from State/Federal sources

Other Updates

- Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count
 - Please turn in your forms to hmis@baltimorecity.gov ASAP if you have not yet submitted them
 - PIT and HIC results will be shared once all data is received and reviewed for accuracy

- You can now [sign up online](#) for the CoC listserv! A signup form will also be added soon to the website.

PROVIDER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Client Health Insurance Tax Forms

- HCAM has received a ton of 1095-B forms for Maryland Health Connection consumers that reported being homeless on their application. This document will be required for their tax filing.
- If clients (or their advocates) are looking for this document they are welcome to call or email Vanessa Daniels at 410-649-0512; they may also use email vdaniels@hcamaryland.org to check on the status of this document.

Homeless Lobby Day Recap

- From Health Care for the Homeless/SHARP:
 - On lobby day we joined the Behavioral Health Coalition's Rally to Keep the Door Open to behavioral health by indexing provider reimbursement rates to inflation and creating access to 24hr crisis services in every jurisdiction in MD. The Keep the Door Open Act was heard in the house on Feb 25th but has not been voted on.
 - This week the House and Senate heard the MD Healthy Working Families Act that would grant sick and safe leave and Maryland workers the right to take time off work when sick.

Homeless Lobby Day Recap

- The Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) Act has been introduced and heard in the house. This is the bill that would deconcentrate poverty by prohibiting landlords from discriminating based on a persons' legal source of income—including Housing Choice Vouchers. The bill has already been heard in the house, advocates expect a vote soon.
- Sent teams to meet with the House Appropriations and Senate Budget and Tax Committees to prevent cuts to critical safety net programs.

Homeless Lobby Day Recap

- Advocated for repealing Maryland's notorious unit rule that currently states that if one charge within a unit is ineligible for expungement, then no unit is eligible for expungement. Repealing the unit rule would ensure that criminal records more accurately represent a persons' offenses and not additional charges.
- Job Opportunities Task Force's Reentry lobby day is coming up next Tuesday on March 8th in Annapolis.

Next Meeting

- Tentatively April 28th, 2pm
- Location to be announced!

- Please sign in on your way out if you have not already!