



The Journey Home Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2015

3:00-5:00pm

The Curran Room

4th Floor, City Hall

100 Holliday Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

AGENDA

I. **Welcome & Review Agenda**

Commissioner Paul Graziano, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 3:18pm.

II. **Approve Minutes from July Board Meeting**

The board unanimously approved the minutes from the August Board Meeting

III. **Board Chair Report**

No report

IV. **Mayor's Veteran Homelessness Challenge**

Jackie Adams from the VA provided an update on recent activities on the Mayor's Veteran Homelessness Challenge. This included individual case conferencing for each veteran to create a housing plan. New criteria for reaching "functional zero" for cities to declare the end to Veteran's homelessness has been released by USICH and Baltimore will be working towards achieving them.

V. **Housing Update – Homeless Services Program**

Vidia Dhanraj, Homeless Services Program (HSP) Director reported that the 750 vouchers in the set aside program have all been matched to clients. Questions about what happens now that the vouchers are all committed led to discussion about the upcoming cold weather and the need for more resources. Additional shelter spaces will be needed in the cold temperatures and the City plans to address this has not been communicated to the Continuum. The Board requested to be updated on the cold weather plans for the City.

VI. **Updates and Announcements**

- Amy Kleine, the Resource Allocation Workgroup Chair, reported that the workgroup will meet on November 3rd to review the rating and ranking of the Continuum of Care applications and approve the collaborative application that will be submitted to HUD by the City. The Notice of Funding Application will be emailed to the Board to review for their edification.



- Amy Kleine reported that the National Center on Employment and Homelessness (NCEH) Journey to Jobs grant has been received for a total of \$36,000 in the first year. NCEH is aware that the Journey Home board is currently in the hiring process for a new Executive Director. NCEH is aware that the Journey to Jobs coordinator for this project will most likely not be hired until the new Executive Director has started. Other project sites began on July 1, and Amy expressed concern that a long delay could pose a problem.
- Vidia Dhanraj reported on the youth count for youth 24 years and under, experiencing homelessness over the past two weeks. This was the first targeted count of this population that will allow for advocacy for services and resources to serve this population. It was noted that the Interim Report on 'Youth and Young Adult - Homelessness Strategic Plan' has not yet been vetted through the workgroup and will be a task for the new director before producing a final version.
- The Journey Home 5th Annual fundraiser, "An Evening of Unexpected Delights", will be on Saturday, October 24th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center.

VII. COC Update

The HSP Director reported that the Continuum of Care project applications were received on October 20th and will be processed and reviewed by staff. This HUD application is different than previous years due to specific targets and measures that were articulated as requirements. The two tier system for ranking the project application this year has the second tier projects competing with other second tier projects nationally. Also, a bonus project is offered to continuums but can only be for permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing. The Resource Allocation Workgroup will review and approve the funding recommendations that will be included in the collaborative application that the City will submit to HUD on or before November 20th.

*Next Board Meeting: December 16th 2015 from 3:00-5:00pm
at City Hall in the Curran Room*