Baltimore City Continuum of Care

CoC Board Meeting Agenda

June 11, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Our Daily Bread Employment Center, 725 Fallsway, Baltimore, MD, 21202

10 Mins	Welcome and Agenda Overview	Review agenda, confirm quorum, and approve prior minutes.	Nico Sanders
15 min	Board Attendance	Review Board attendance history	Jamal Turner
15 min	Updated CoC and ESG Written Standards (tentative)	Discussion and vote on updated CoC and ESG Written Standards	Crystal Pitt
15 min	Stipend Policy and Form (tentative)	Discuss and vote on stipend policy and form	Jeanette Gibbs
20 min	Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)	Updates on the status of the CoC NOFO	Aliza Sollins/Ernestina Simmons
15 Mins	MOHS Updates	Updates on current and upcoming priorities	Ernestina Simmons
15 min	Youth Action Board Discussion	Discuss items related to the Youth Action Board	Nico Sanders
20 Mins	Open Discussion	Board member questions or discussion items Open floor for public attendee	All

		questions or comments	
5 Mins	Closing and Next Steps	Summary of action items, upcoming meetings, and next steps	Nico Sanders

Board Attendance: Aliza Sollins, Renee Lau, Lara Figures, Kemmesha Thomas, Jeanette Gibbs, Levy Johnson, Crystal Pitt, Kenisha Lee, Carolyn Johnson, Eddie Blackstone, Shannon Nicholson, Dana Carr, Shannon Peterson, Lolah James, Jamal Turner, Ernestina Simmons

MOHS Staff: Lakesysha Williams, Mary Rode

Welcome and Agenda Overview: Jamal Turner, CoC Co-Chair

Minutes

- **Board Attendance**
  - There was a discussion concerning CoC Board members who do not attend meetings. The Charter and Bylaws have guidelines for Board attendance.
    - **Action Steps:**
    - MOHS maintains an attendance chart of all meetings.
    - MOHS will provide the Governance Committee the attendance sheet, the Board membership list, and the Charter and Bylaws pertaining to attendance.
    - The Governance Committee will review this information, discuss next steps and will bring to the August Board meeting a recommendation for discussion and vote

Youth Action Board (YAB):

- Two members of the public, representing one of two Youth Action Boards in Baltimore City, demanded to speak, for an unlimited amount of time.
- Discussion occurred over whether this was a violation of Board process, including the prioritization of this discussion over other agenda topics.
- The Board heard a motion to let the YAB speak. The motion was seconded. Thirteen members voted; 11 in favor, 1 voted no and 1 abstained.
- The motion was approved and the YAB discussion, led by 2 community members, made a presentation.

- The YAB members presented the information that was in an email that had previously been sent. They wanted to be heard and the Board to know that an alternative YAB had been recruited by the leadership of the CoC. They stated that the CoC Leadership is making independent decision, outside of Board approval.
- The YAB members had contacted HUD about their concerns, and a meeting had been held with HUD, MOHS and the CoC Leadership. They shared there was a lack of communication and collaboration with the CoC.
- The newly created YAB, supported by YES, presented the work that group has undertaken including working with the State on YHSI, and supporting the NOFO. The had elected a Chair and a Co-Chair. The plan had been to merge the 2 groups, but this never happened.
- There was concern by Board members that they were not fully informed of the issues with YAB.
- The Board heard a motion to table the conversation until the next meeting, when the Chair was present. The motion was amended to include if the Chair wasn't present in the next meeting, that the conversation would occur. The motion was seconded. Fourteen members voted; 12 in favor, 0 voted no and 2 abstained.

CoC Standard Operation Practices – Revision: Crystal Pitt, Chair of the HRS Committee, presented the work that has been done to edit the to comply with the Federal Executive Order of 2025.

- The edits need to be reviewed by the LEAC and the YAB. The Governance Committee and Board had previously discussed and reviewed them.
- MOHS will distribute a google doc with the SOPs for edits and comments.
- The YAB and LEAC will review and provide edits and feedback.
- A CoC Board vote will occur when the final draft is ready for review.

MOHS Updates: Director Simmons

- CoC NOFO – Director Simmons showed a Power Point and discussed the NOFO. This includes the risk to the Baltimore City community, with the potential loss of funding.
- MOHS will hold a Bidders Conference on June 16th.
- The community must have a commitment to people who are currently housed in PSH, who may lose housing.
- We need to focus next year on improving our Report Card. This includes our Workforce Development outcomes, including in our shelters.
- Baltimore City has contracted with First Step Staffing. This is a Workforce Development agency. They will be working in Baltimore City shelters to connect people to employment.

The CoC Board meeting ended at 4:30 PM.

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