CoC General Body Meeting- June 13, 2024, from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. at Helping Up Mission

Sign-up sheets were available to recruit members to participate in the CoC Committees and CoC members were encouraged to become involved in the work of the committees.

Welcome by Jeff Garrett, CoC Chair

Review of Agenda Items:

- CoC Board News and Updates- Jeff Garrett
- CoC Capacity Building Workgroup Report- Jeff Garrett + Due East Partners
- CoC Comments on Capacity Building Workgroup Report- Continuum Members
- MOHS Updates- Lakeysha Williams
- CoC Board Committee Reports- CoC Committee Chairs
- Community Announcements- Continuum Members

CoC Board News and Updates- Jeff Garrett

- Race Equity Committee is recruiting, contact Eddie Blackstone for more information.
- PIT count workgroup is recruiting for planning efforts.
- ARPA funds rolling out into the city, supporting with affordable housing, 270-unit building being built using ARPA funding, hotels are being purchased.
- Jeff discussed the need for the CoC to work toward addressing the aging population.

CoC Capacity Building Workgroup Report- Due East Partners- Doug Schmidt + Renee Lau

- Doug Schmidt, Executive Director of Chimes, Resource Development Committee and CoC Board member shared updates with Due East highlighting that the goal is to establish an independent nonprofit to manage the work of the CoC.
- 5 Key Reasons for Forming a Nonprofit Organization:
    - Serve as a unifying force for Baltimore's work to reduce homelessness.
    - Lead efforts to convene and coordinate with all stakeholders.
    - Emulate best practices and lessons learned from peer cities.
    - Support the talent and creativity of the all volunteer CoC Board members.
    - Provide CoC with dedicated staff that are directly accountable to the CoC.
- Renee Lau of Baltimore Safe Haven shares that the recommendations are to launch an independent nonprofit in 2024 to support the work of the CoC with the following proposed plan:
    - Recruit initial nonprofit board for the new nonprofit.
    - Create bylaws.
    - Incorporate a legal entity.
    - File paperwork with IRS seeking 501c3 status.
    - Work with Uplift Alliance (fiscal sponsor) to identify additional functional support needed.
    - Finalize the first-year budget to secure 2-3 years of funding.
    - Hire CoC staff person or consultant to lead the start-up work of building a new nonprofit including:

        - Build out the nonprofit board and governance structure (policies and procedures).
        - Assist the CoC Board in converting the CoC governance council.
        - Build the operational structure and infrastructure.
        - Work with CoC governance council restructure.
    - Reimagine the partnership between CoC and MOHS, gradually building more of the HUD required functions outside the City government starting with supporting the work of the CoC
        - Clarify rules, responsibilities and expectations.
- Community discussion:
    - There was discussion regarding the hiring processes for the new entity and the ways the workgroup intends to solicit input from community members. Decisions regarding hiring have not yet been determined. All decisions will be made by the CoC with the Board ultimately having veto/approval power.
    - The CoC will decide these processes and the proposal to have a separate entity supports the CoC's work by making the CoC someone's primary role, rather than a secondary, voluntary position, highlighting the way that the new entity will also ensure HUD compliance. The entity would be reviewed by HUD annually.
    - There was discussion about the collective agenda/action plan and Lauren Mattox of Due East agreed to share with the larger CoC body.

<u>MOHS Updates – Lakeysha Williams</u>

- Lakeysha provided updates on behalf of Director Simmons stating that the ESG and CoC written standards that were approved last month. Invites to the subrecipients will be sent in the coming weeks.
- There was discussion regarding the role of MOHS support staff on the CoC's subcommittees. MOHS staff support varies from committee to committee, dependent upon committee leadership preferences. Mary Rode agreed to follow up with MOHS staff regarding staff support for the YHAC.

<u>CoC Board Committee Reports:</u>

- Homeless Response Systems Committee (Ciera Dunlap, chair): HRS reported our systems challenges involving transfers from RRH to PSH. Previously, people could transfer from RRH to PSH because eligibility was determined at the time of transfer. Now, they must be eligible for PSH prior to being housed through Rapid Rehousing. This poses problems because people were previously approved for PSH no longer quality. MOHS has approved the RRH grants until September so there is sufficient time to find different housing placements for RRH families. This is concern because people who need PSH may not be eligible. Meetings are held virtually on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Shelter Transformation Committee (Tara Taylor, chair): This committee is responsible for improving shelters in Baltimore. They solicited feedback regarding the Shelter Standards which were recently passed. Meetings are once monthly on the last Tuesday at 1 p.m. via Zoom.

- Youth Housing Action Committee (YHAC, Ciera Dunlap, Saleen Lewis and Levy Johnson): YHAC has selected Levy Johnson and Saleen Lewis at co-chairs. Their next meeting will be on 6/20 at noon via Zoom.
- Resource Allocation Committee (Dan McCarthy on behalf of Chuck Callhan): RAC is working on changes to scoring criteria for NOFO which will be completed in the Fall. The RAC will bring the scoring changes to the Board sometimes during the summer. The criteria will be used to determine the awardees for NOFO. RAC has worked through the CIFA application and decisions will be announced in the next couple of weeks by MOHS.
- Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC, Mark Council, member): Meetings are held every Friday at Our Daily Bread from 10 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Governance (Dan McCarthy on behalf of Kevin Lindamood): The governance committee is in the process of creating a subcommittee with the goal of revitalizing the Bylaws and Governance Charter. The subcommittee will be meeting next Friday 6/21 at 9 a.m. to examine the Bylaws. The subcommittee will bring recommendations to the Governance, then to the Board then to the General Body. The Governance committee is starting a review on Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) that need attention and working on a plan to address them.
- Youth Action Board (Levy Johnson, chair): The YAB is working on bylaw and orientation creation and expanding their resource guide. They also have a podcast on YouTube (bmoreyouthimpactpodcast).
- Race Equity Committee (Eddie Blackstone): The Race Equity Committee relaunch started about two weeks ago and they have had their first meeting. They are actively recruiting, and their meetings are held on Fridays at 10:30a-11:30a. Individuals interested in joining should complete the Google Form that was distributed via Member365 on 6/13.

<u>Community Announcements</u>:

- Renee Lau: June 29 is the Trans Pride Parade on Charles St.
- Tshawi Winkler and Barbara Johnson: They are from Royal Family of Planetary Change in Washington DC who have been assigned as community helpers in Baltimore City.
- Dan McCarthy: The grant application for grant application for *Fund for Housing and Opportunity-Community of Practice for Homeless Response Systems Seeking to Incorporate Lived Experience into Systems Redesign* was submitted, and decisions will be made on July 12. If selected, the funds will flow through UpLift ($70-$100k) and at that time there will be meetings to discuss allocation.

Meeting adjourned 3:43pm