Baltimore City Continuum of Care

CoC General Body Meeting Agenda Draft

June 26, 2025 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Helping Up Mission

Time	Topic	Facilitator
2:00–2:05 PM	Welcome & Agenda Overview Introduction and meeting objectives	Nico Sanders & Jamal Turner
2:05–2:35 PM	Reimagining CoC Work Updates based on Executive and Board meeting discussions on strategic vision	Nico Sanders & Jamal Turner
2:35–2:50 PM	Public Awareness Campaign Share public awareness campaign interest form, outline next steps in educating the public	Jamal Turner
2:50–2:55 PM	Agency Spotlight: Organization of the Month Highlight an agency's impact and current work, celebrate/award	TBD
2:55–3:10 PM	MOHS Updates	MOHS Staff
3:10–3:25 PM	Property Owner/Agent Engagement Report Overview of outcomes and partnerships from the property owner/agent engagement initiative from MOHS, and broader discussion about supporting tenants	Nico Sanders, Jamal Turner, MOHS
3:25–3:55 PM	Community Input and Open Floor Time for member announcements, questions, or concerns	All Participants
3:55–4:00 PM	Closing Remarks Wrap up and preview next meeting	Nico Sanders & Jamal Turner

Agenda Discussion:

Welcome:

- Acknowledgement of leadership absence and well wishes for recovery.

- Celebration of recent milestones, including ribbon cutting ceremonies and groundbreaking events.

Celebration of two significant milestones:

- The successful ribbon cutting ceremony led by the team at Safe Haven, marking the opening of a new service hub dedicated to supporting vulnerable youth and individuals experiencing homelessness.
- A groundbreaking ceremony for Project PLASE and a major housing development project that will expand access to permanent supportive housing and further enhance service delivery for community members in need.

Reimagining the CoC:

- Recognition of challenges due to the federal landscape.
- Emphasis on advocacy and media engagement.
- Highlighted importance of centering impacted communities in discussions.
- Reinforced need for committees to continue advancing objectives and work.

Public Awareness:

- Interest form will be circulated to participate in public awareness campaigns
- Ongoing preparation for future awareness activities.
- Encouragement for all willing participants to sign up.

Agency Spotlight:

- Upcoming meeting will feature highlighted agency and individual contributions.

MOHS Updates:

- Current Code Red alert with open cooling centers.
- Resources available online for safety and hydration, including location of cooling centers: MOHS Releases Annual Code Red Extreme Heat Alert Plan | Mayor's Office of Homeless Services
- MOHS hosted a tent as part of Artscapefair with free clothing, hair care, youth services, food vendors, and emergency services. Since then have also done a clothing swap at Weinburg Housing and Resource Center.
- City budget was signed; MOHS received around $15.2M in funding for FY 26 In progress: FY24 CoC, CFA and HOPWA agreements received. MOHS working with providers to finalize budgets, scopes of work, and contracts.
- Policy collaboration between MOHS and CoC to create new policies to improve victim service response and shorten timeline for people to move into housing.

- Outreach listening sessions and policy trainings planned.
- Preparation for PIT count planning has begun.

Property Owner/Agent Engagement:

- MOHS Deputy Director Lakeysha Williams presented on the HOME program House Baltimore | Property Owner Engagement Initiative | Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (.
- Centralized housing identification and database for providers.
- Landlord incentives include up to $3,000 upfront payments and damage mitigation up to $5,000.
- Program includes 86K in funding, currently supporting 37 households.
- Process and criteria discussed (Padmission, lease-up by client, MOHS intake, etc.).

Open Questions and Clarifications:

- The funds may be available to nonprofit landlords – contact MOHS to discuss furtehr
- Program is time-limited and backed by year-over-year data showing strong RRH outcomes.

Community Input:

- A new youth-focused community hub will open in mid-to-late July at 814 N. Collington Avenue, offering harm reduction services and youth programming. Tours will be available upon opening.
- Beans and Bread has launched a new computer lab and has available space for job fairs. The site continues to offer two meals daily, showers, laundry, harm reduction services, and, beginning July 15, expanded access to food assistance and SNAP enrollment support.
- Interest was expressed in more provider participation in advocacy related to federal policy changes. Members were encouraged to reach out to CoC leadership for coordination.
- It was emphasized that advocacy efforts will require sustained, collective engagement—particularly in the context of federal budget hearings.
- A call was made for leadership: the Local Engagement and Advocacy Committee (LEAC) is currently seeking a Chair and Co-Chair.
- A suggestion was raised to form a CoC committee dedicated to monitoring the political climate in Washington, D.C. It was shared that this likely can be accomplished as part of current committees and some committees have already begun those conversations.
- Members were reminded to continue reporting property-related concerns through 311 and to help ensure tenants are treated with dignity and respect by housing providers.
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Closing Remarks:

- Appreciation for continued commitment to the work.
- Encouragement to stay connected and supported.
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