BALTIMORE CITY COC MINUTES

General Body Meeting

December 12, 2024 | 2 p.m.-4:15 p.m. |*Meeting called to order by Tara Taylor*

Agenda + Discussion

I. Welcome
II. Election Update/Opportunity to Vote
III. Board Election Survey and Project
IV. CoC Committees – End of Year Reports
V. MOHS Updates
VI. Community Comments

Discussion of Agenda Items

Agenda Topic I: Welcome and Overview of the Meeting and CoC- Tara Taylor, CoC Chair & Eddie Blackstone, CoC Vice Chair

Agenda Topic II: Election Update and Opportunity to vote

- The CoC Board Election was discussed and there was an opportunity for CoC members to vote online during the meeting.
- The Governance Committee will review and certify the results of the elections. They will present the CoC 2025 Board election results to the CoC Board meeting scheduled for December 19th, 2024.

Agenda Topic III: Board Election Survey and Project

- Kate Calhoun presented her project to review, document, evaluate, and write an updated CoC Board Selection Process. She is sending out surveys, has gone to CoC meetings, and is meeting with CoC members, individually and in groups, to evaluate the 2024 election, Board transition, Chair and Vice Chair elections, orientation and HUD training. Once completed, the new policy will be presented to the LEAC, YAB, the Governance Committee, and ultimately the CoC Board for final approval. The target date for completion is the Board meeting scheduled for April 24, 2025. Once approved, the CoC Board Selection Process will be included in the 2025 review and re-write of the Baltimore City CoC Charter and Bylaws.

Agenda Topic IV: CoC Committees – End of the Year Reports

- YAB (Levi Johnson and Da 'Mel Ross) reported that the YAB is in transition. They highlighted the need to compensate young people for the work they do for the CoC. Both Levin and Da 'Mel will be transitioning off of YAB and a new generation of young people have to be engaged to continue their work.
- LEAC (Mark Council) reported that the LEAC is going well. That they are identifying the needs of people and particularly want to connect LEAC to the YAB.
- RAC (Aliza Sollins) reported that the RAC worked in partnership with MOHS to submit the NOFA, and that this year, under the leadership of Director Simmons, there is increased transparency and collaboration. She also reported that the RAC must start to fundraise for the CoC, as this has not occurred for several years and the CoC discretionary funds are limited.
- HRS (Ciera Dunlap) reported that the HRS committee is working with MOHS on several policies, including client transfers and reducing the amount of time it takes for households to move from match to housing.
- Shelter Transformation Action Committee (Tara Taylor) reported that the Shelter Transformation Committee had visited the shelters to obtain feedback from the residents. Also, that they created a Shelter Participation Policy, that had been in process for many years.

- Race Equity Action Committee (Eddie Blackstone) reported that this committee had been re-instated by the CoC Board and is in the development phase, working on their action plan and what their focus would be for 2025.
- YHAC (Seleen Lewis) reported that the YHAC is also working on their action plan for 2025, as the mission of the committee had changed now that YHDP is no longer pilot program.

Agenda Topic V: MOHS Updates (Director Simmons)

- MOHS has submitted the NOFA to HUD.
- The PIT Count will take place on January 26 and 27, 2024 and that the CoC is recruiting volunteers.

Agenda Topic VI: Community Comments

- Loving Arms, a program for minor youth, is re-opening. A request was made of the group to help with donations.
- The Homeless Memorial Service will be held on December 21, 2024, at the War Memorial. A handout was distributed.
- Safe Haven reported that they have moved into their new building, and they have space for partnerships/collaborations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM. The next General Body Meeting will be held on March 20, 2025, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Helping Up Mission.