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**CC Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness**  
**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

Attendees: Gwen Parrack, CCHD; Julie Wright, CCHD; Earl Grey, Cecil County Housing Agency; Jason Burns, HMIS; Dana Brady, UBCSS; Issa Lee-Hall, OEEP; Kathryn Barakat, DSS; Sherry Boyd, MHA; Gladys Lacey, Meeting Ground; Pat Marks, Meeting Ground; Debbie Parker, UBCSS; Daryl Martin, Settlement House

Gwen gave a Continuum of Care update. Tier one renewal projects of the CoC grant that were awarded include Community Coalition for Affordable Housing and the CoC project (formerly Shelter Plus Care). We are still waiting to hear about new project-Rapid Re-housing-DV and HMIS. Tier two and any new projects will be announced at a later date, but we do not know when.

Gwen gave an update on the Strategic Planning Subcommittee. The committee has met two times. Their time was spent reviewing the Federal Strategic Plan, Maryland's State Strategic Plan, and another county's Strategic Plan. The subcommittee will begin to work on their mission/vision statement and develop a crosswalk of all funding in Cecil County that addresses homelessness. The next meeting is tomorrow, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Cecil County Health Department.

Jason Burns reviewed the final PIT results with the group. The count was down 39 from last year. The feeling is that Clairvaux Farms closing down may be the largest reason for this difference. He also reviewed the Housing Inventory Count with the group. He will post all of this information on the HMIS website. There were concerns from the group as to why the utilization of emergency and transitional programs are not at 100%. It was discussed that this could have been due to people leaving that day or the day prior and not having the beds filled yet. Jason encouraged all to make sure that they are filling beds as quickly as possible, so funding is not taken and used elsewhere. HUD likes to see at least 86% utilization. Jason will forward the full version of the Housing Inventory Count to Pat Marks, at her request. Jason asked that any discrepancies be sent to him via email.

Sherry Boyd reminded the group that the Homeless ID Project is available for those who are homeless or at risk of homeless AND have a mental illness or co-occurring disorder in Cecil County and are in need of their birth certificate or identification card. So far, we have only issued two for the county. She encouraged the group to use the money. The program will pay up to \$50.00 and the funds can also be used for out of state IDs. Gwen will send the referral form out to the group via email.

Gwen informed the group that Beacon Apartments/ Acorn Management in North East currently has some vacancies and accepts section 8 vouchers. Interest parties should contact Terrie at Beacon Apartments. They may be able to reduce required amount for move in.

The next meeting will be on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, in the Health Department Auditorium.