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### \*HALS MEETING MINUTES\*

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>Homeless Alliance for the Lower Shore Continuum of Care Committee (HALS COC)</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Feb 13, 2025</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>10:00AM - 11:30AM</b>
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Sharon Creasy</b>	<b>In-person Meeting</b>	<b>521 Mack Ave Salisbury, MD 21801</b>
<b>1. Attendees:</b>			
<b>Carey Kelley (Somerset DSS), Ivonne Lomax (WoCHD), Loré Chambers (Zion House), Emily Moore (SCHD), Bridgette Gregory (SCHD), Demettris Dryden (SCHD), Ray Lockamy (SCHD), Jessica Pastusak (SCHD), Leslie Leether (SCHD), Denise White (SHORE-UP!), Erin Leffew (Life Crisis), Sharon Creasy (SCHD), Cherie Meienschein (Somerset Courts), YoVanda Brown (Labor), Christina Williams (Labor), Ivy McKenzie (St. James), Joan Harris (WCBOE), Shannon Frey (SCHD), Rachel Mitchell (Wor. Youth &amp; Family), Gregory Bisset (VA), Kathryn Lewis (WoCHD), Teresa Shatney (TidalHealth), Tory Stone (Diakonia), Denzell Bledsoe (Wic.LMB), Jennifer Trager (Seton Center), Anthony Dickerson (Christian Shelter), Tasha Jamison (WiCHD), Diane Palmer (Sante Group), Hope King (Wic.DSS), Maggie Moore (WCHD), Latoya Ward (Push &amp; Purpose), Shelly Merae (VA), Brooke Bartrom (Wor.DSS),</b>			
<b>2. Agenda/Topic/Discussion/Follow-Up:</b>			
<b>Welcome</b>	Co-chair Jen and Tori called the meeting to order and warmly welcomed everyone.		
<b>CoC Reminders</b>	Funding information is sent out regularly; if you would like to be added to the CoC distribution list, please contact Sharon Creasy: <a href="mailto:Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov">Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov</a> The majority, if not all, of organizations present follow HIPAA guidelines. At no point in time do we share consumers (clients) personal information. We can collaborate to find solutions, however we must not reveal identifying information.		
<b>Approval of November Minutes</b>	January meeting minutes was approved by Ivonne Lomax and seconded by Ray Lockamy		
<b>PIT Counts - Leslie Leether</b>	PIT (Point in Time) count - Leslie would like to thank everyone for their help and hard work. She would like to ask if anyone has any concerns so that we can better prepare for this next year. If so, please email them to Leslie at <a href="mailto:Leslie.leether@maryland.gov">Leslie.leether@maryland.gov</a> . The deadline for submissions of all PIT surveys is 02/14/2025. Leslie will send out a reminder about any outstanding forms.		

<b>ERAP Funding-Victoria Stone</b>	There is no money left in the ERAP funding. Utility calls have increased significantly, mostly due to electric bills. Seton Center has gone through 50,000 in a month. Many applicants still need to be called to let them know we are out of funds.
<b>Agency Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Jennifer Trager-</b> Christine C. is leaving and going to Ann St. Case management will stall until a new CM is hired.</li> <li>● <b>Laytoya Ward- (Push Health)</b> Pushing Health's purpose is centered around mental health and alcohol &amp; drug treatment. Push Health is working on applying for the Good Neighbor Funds to help give back to the community.</li> </ul>
<b>Old Business/ New Business</b>	<p><b>Old business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● none</li> </ul> <p><b>New business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please see link below for an in person training on 03/19/2025- Re-Entry to better understand what someone goes through when being released from incarceration..  <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jxmCXPwZgIkVLic9poIGO-1yrGo5NzeOB2JPGm97HLO/viewform?edit_requested=true">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jxmCXPwZgIkVLic9poIGO-1yrGo5NzeOB2JPGm97HLO/viewform?edit_requested=true</a></li> </ul>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Meeting motioned to close by Tory Stone If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the agenda please reach out to our co-chairs: Jennifer Trager: <a href="mailto:jtrager@ccwilm.org">jtrager@ccwilm.org</a> Amber Green <a href="mailto:Amber@shorelegal.org">Amber@shorelegal.org</a> Tory Stone: <a href="mailto:vstone@diakonia.org">vstone@diakonia.org</a>
<b>New Members</b>	Email Sharon Creasy at <a href="mailto:Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov">Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov</a> to be added to the CoC email group.
<b>Next CoC Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, March 13, 2025 @ St James AME Zion Church of Salisbury, MD @ 521 Mack Ave, Salisbury, MD 21801</b>