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HALS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	Homeless Alliance for the Lower Shore Continuum of Care Committee (HALS COC)		
Date of Meeting:	Jun 12, 2025	Time:	10:00AM - 11:30AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Sharon Creasy	In-person Meeting	521 Mack Ave Salisbury, MD 21801
1. Attendees:			
Carey Kelley (Somerset DSS), Ivonne Lomax (WoCHD), Loré Chambers (Zion House), Emily Moore (SCHD), Bridgette Gregory (SCHD), Jessica Pastusak (SCHD), , Leslie Leether (SCHD), Linda Copeland (Zion House), Kathryn Lewis (WoCHD) Cristi Richardson (Wic. Library), Shannon Frey (SCHD), Tim Gebhardt (Worcester Public Schools), Maggie Moore (WCHD), Sharon Creasy (SCHD), Denise White (SHORE-UP!), Erin Leffew (Life Crisis), Christine Chestnut (City of Salisbury), Gregory Bisset (VA), Jennifer Trager (Seton Center), YoVanda Brown (Labor), Ivy McKenzie (St. James), Jonathan Polest (MPC), Jody Hurley (LifeCrisis), Stephanie VanGasbeck (Diakonia), Tina Thomas (WICHD)			
2. Agenda/Topic/Discussion/Follow-Up:			
Welcome	Co-chair Tory called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.		
CoC Reminders	Funding information is sent out regularly; if you would like to be added to the CoC distribution list, please contact Sharon Creasy: Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov 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.		
Approval of November Minutes	May meeting minutes was approved by Carey Kelley and seconded by Ivy McKenzie		

Agency Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ivonne Lomax (WoCHD)- The bid went out for our TCM (targeted case management) Looks like Wraparound won the bid and will now be handling the TCM for Worcester County. ● Christine Chestnutt (City of Salisbury) Planting in the Garden 06/16/2025 from 4 pm-6 pm. Can be used for Student hours. ● Leslie Leeter (SCHD)- we sent out an email about SOAR training(SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery). 18 people have shown an interest in this so far. I have attached additional information on registration, and if you would like to read more about SOAR, please go here: https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/about-the-model https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/states/maryland Please let her know by the end of business tomorrow- classes will be at least a month out Somerset Health Department is putting on a Gun Safety event on the 21st. 1 pm-4pm there will be food and vendors and give aways. ● Jennifer Trager (Seton Center) Bethany house will be fully staffed by the middle of next month.. We now have a new case manager and the 3rd family is moving in today. ● Carey Kelley (Somerset DSS) - we have noticed a significant reduction in Shore -up payments. with you can only apply for an arrearage once every 7 years. We have been noticing a lot of disconnection notices without a lot of options
Old Business/ New Business	<p>Old business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● none <p>New business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
Closing Remarks	Meeting motioned to close by Jenn Trager and 2nd by Christine Chestnutt. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the agenda please reach out to our co-chairs: Jennifer Trager: jtrager@ccwilm.org Amber Green Amber@shorelegal.org Tory Stone: vstone@diakonia.org
New Members	Email Sharon Creasy at Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov to be added to the CoC email group.
Next CoC Meeting	Thursday, July 10, 2025 @ St James AME Zion Church of Salisbury, MD @ 521 Mack Ave, Salisbury, MD 21801