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### \*HALS MEETING MINUTES\*

Meeting Name:	Homeless Alliance for the Lower Shore Continuum of Care Committee (HALS COC)		
Date of Meeting:	Aug 14, 2025	Time:	10:00AM - 11:30AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Sharon Creasy	In-person Meeting	521 Mack Ave Salisbury, MD 21801
<b>1. Attendees:</b>			
Carey Kelley (Somerset DSS), Loré Chambers (Zion House), Emily Moore (SCHD), Bridgette Gregory (SCHD), Jessica Pastusak (SCHD), , Leslie Leether (SCHD), Linda Copeland (Zion House), Cristi Richardson (Wic. Library), Shannon Frey (SCHD), Maggie Moore (WCHD), Sharon Creasy (SCHD), Erin Leffew (Life Crisis), Christine Chestnut (City of Salisbury), Gregory Bisset (VA), YoVanda Brown (Labor), Ivy McKenzie (St. James), Jonathan Pobst (MPC), Jody Hurley (LifeCrisis), Kathy Cannon (Compass Health), Knita Cartwright (MYWCPS), Shelly Daniels (Samaritan Shelter), Demettris Dryden (SCHD), Leliya Lindsay (Salisbury PD), Brhe Meece (HALO), Rachel Mitchell (Wor. Youth & Family), Diane Palmer (Sante Group), Amber Green (DHCD), Debi Rossi (HOPE), Denise White (SHORE-UP!), Twanda Redding (MDOL), Jessica Chase (Tidalhealth), Morgan Bowers (Salisbury PD), MaryJo Brotherton (WICHD), Carly Nascimbeni (ShoreLegal), Steve Bradford (WraparoundMD), Jessica Stoner (Tidalhealth), Robyn Brown (LBHA), Greg Johnson (VA), Karen Simmons (Oasis of Hope), Mary Williams (RAHTS), Dan Flora (community member)			
<b>2. Agenda/Topic/Discussion/Follow-Up:</b>			
Welcome	Shannon Frey 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: <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.		
Approval of November Minutes	July meeting minutes were approved by Carey Kelley and seconded by Maggie Moore		
HOPE-Deb Rossi	<b>Light Case management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supportive Counseling, Homeless Verification Letters, Client Advocacy, Assistance with Applications:</li></ul> <b>Dental :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Since 2017, no cost of income is within 200% poverty. Are able to get</li></ul>		

	<p>dentures with the services.</p> <p><b>Day shelter: Coming Soon</b></p> <p><b>Document Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth Certificates, ID cards, Social Security and Secure Document Storage</li> </ul> <p><b>Re-entry: Joshua's HOPE Re-Entry Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This program will end in September.</li> <li>• Are currently incarcerated and within 60 days of release</li> <li>• Have been released from incarceration within the past 12 months</li> <li>• Reside in Wicomico County</li> </ul> <p><b>Lunch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Served on Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 am-1:30pm</li> <li>• Wednesday are Bag lunch</li> </ul> <p><b>Shower Trailers :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• open every Tuesday and Thursday</li> <li>• These are no longer mobile and are now permanent trailers at HOPE</li> <li>• Each guest receives a free toiletry bag with essential hygiene items and a fresh pair of underwear. ensuring they can leave feeling clean, refreshed, and dignified</li> </ul>
<b>Agency Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christine Chestnut</b> (City of Salisbury) right now there are 21 beds available and 15 people housed. Still with 47 on the waitlist, we are losing funding for 11 families this September which includes 4 unaccompanied youth ages (2) 9 and (2) 24 years old.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• <b>Lore Chambers</b> - Emergency planning meeting is happening here on Tuesday August 19th at 6:00 pm This is open to the public</li> <li>•</li> <li>• <b>Kathy Cannon</b> (Compass Health), we are hosting a backpack give away being held on 08/22/2025 from 12pm until they are out.</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>• Diakonia breaks ground on the home on RT 611. This has been in the works for years and is finally happening. It will be done in stages : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The 1st - is food pantry and admin offices</li> <li>○ The 2nd - is the 42 beds of transitional housing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<p>Meeting motioned to close by Jenn Trager and 2nd by Christine Chestnut. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the agenda please reach out to our co-chairs:</p> <p>Jennifer Trager: <a href="mailto:jtrager@ccwilm.org">jtrager@ccwilm.org</a></p> <p>Amber Green <a href="mailto:amber.green1@maryland.gov">amber.green1@maryland.gov</a></p> <p>Tory Stone: <a href="mailto:vstone@diakonia.org">vstone@diakonia.org</a></p>
<b>New Members</b>	<p>Email Sharon Creasy at <a href="mailto:Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov">Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov</a> to be added to the CoC email group.</p>
<b>Next CoC Meeting</b>	<p><b>Thursday, September 11, 2025 @ St James AME Zion Church of Salisbury, MD @ 521 Mack Ave, Salisbury, MD 21801</b></p>