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HALS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	Homeless Alliance for the Lower Shore Continuum of Care Committee (HALS COC)		
Date of Meeting:	Dec 11, 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), Loré Chambers (Zion House), Bridgette Gregory (SCHD), Jessica Pastusak (SCHD), Leslie Leather (SCHD), Linda Copeland (Zion House) Shannon Frey (SCHD), Christine Chestnutt (City of Salisbury), Gregory Bisset (VA), Tasha Jamison (Wic.HD), YoVanda Brown (Labor), Cristi Richardson (Wic. Library), Amy Kelly (WCDSS), Blondine Pierre Saint (Habitat for Humanity), Sherry Hostetler (WorWic), Ivonne Lomax (WoCHD), Teresa Shatney (Tidalhealth), Richard Gooding (Salisbury fire), D. Mills Thompson (Wraparound MD), Tara Thomas (Community Member), Donna Asplen (Community Member), Deb Rossi (HOPE), Detra Kelly (Wor.DSS), Erin Leffew (Life Crisis), Martin Hutchison (United Way), Latoya Ward (PUSH), Tory Stone (Diakonia), Zina Delancey (Wraparound), Larry Rooths (Fenix Youth Project)

2. Agenda/Topic/Discussion/Follow-Up:

Welcome	Tory Stone 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 Minutes	November meeting minutes were approved.
NOFO Discussion	All PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing) Funding from HUD has been cut. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One Grant will end in January ● Another grant will end in February ● A total of 31 Adults and 18 children affected during the first round ● The final grant ends in September. ● We are starting to tell clients this week.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some of our clients are terminal ● With no openings in the Housing Authorities or income based housing units. ● We have HSP funds that we can use to keep the ones ending in Jan and Feb in their homes til April <p>What we know so far on the NOFO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On November 13, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY 2025 ● The new FY 2025 NOFO from HUD (Nov. 13, 2025) cancels and replaces all prior information on FY 2025 funds from the 2024 NOFO ● The next hearing is set for December 19, where the judge will consider the plaintiff’s request for a preliminary injunction and HUD’s opposition.
PIT Counts	<p>Would like to take a vote on whether to do the PIT Count this year or not. We only have to have one every other year,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tasha Jamison, Debbie Rossi, and Christine Chestnutt motioned to skip this year PIT ● Will send an email out for an official vote. ● Diakonia outreach numbers are 289. Can get them to reach out that week to confirm those numbers.
Agency Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christine Chestnut (City of Salisbury) Starting the interviews tomorrow for the Anne St. Case coordinator ● Deb Rossi (HOPE) is looking at emergency shelter options to help with HHEH overflow.
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"> ● The former Lead4Life youth shelter, The Bridge, is now Male Transitional Housing / Reentry. For referrals please reach out to Thomas Ballard from Lead4Life.
Closing Remarks	<p>If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the agenda please reach out to our co-chairs: Jennifer Trager: jtrager@ccwilm.org YoVanda Brown yovanda.brown1@maryland.gov Tory Stone: vstone@diakonia.org</p>
New Members	<p>Email Sharon Creasy at Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov to be added to the CoC email group.</p>

Next CoC Meeting

**Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ St James AME Zion Church of Salisbury, MD @
521 Mack Ave, Salisbury, MD 21801**