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HALS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	Homeless Alliance for the Lower Shore Continuum of Care Committee (HALS COC)		
Date of Meeting:	May 14, 2026	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 Tingle (SCHD), Jessica Pastusak (SCHD), Leslie Leether (SCHD), Linda Copeland (Zion House), Christine Chestnutt (City of Salisbury), Gregory Bisset (VA), YoVanda Brown (Labor), Cristi Richardson (Wic. Library), Ivonne Lomax (WoCHD), Tina Thomas (Wic.HD), Deb Rossi (HOPE), Detra Kelly (Wor.,DSS), Erin Leffew (Life Crisis), Tory Stone (Diakonia), Tina Thomas (Wic LBHA), Anthony Dickerson (Christian Shelter), Mackensie Bargar (Life Crisis), Desire Daniels (St. James), Demettris Dryden (SCHD), Jody Hurley Life Crisis), Leliya Lindsey (SPD), Ray Lockamy (SCHD), Ivy McKenzie (St. James), Christine Miller (Tidal Health), Maggie Moore (WCHD), Diane Palmer (Sante Group), Jennifer Trager (Seton Center), Denise White (SHORE-UP!), Ginny Poorman (City of Salisbury), Annette Dhanne (GreenLake), Shannon Merritt (GreenLake), Danielle Parsons (Zion House), Jessica Rickels (Wor-Wic), Sara Lee (Wiic. Detention Center)			
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	April meeting minutes were approved by Carey Kelly and 2nd by Linda Copeland		

Presentation- Greenlake Adult Medical Daycare- Shannon Merritt & Annette Dhannie	Greenlake Adult Medical Daycare Our Purpose To serve the elderly and dependent adults who require daily medical supervision and support without leaving their home. Core Objectives ● Enhance Quality of life -Delivering joyful, engaging daily experiences ● Optimize Functional Health: Maintaining and improving physical/cognitive wellness. ● Empower Caregivers: Providing vital respite and peace of mind. ● Foster Social Growth: Promoting engagement through arts, music, and fitness Services offered: ● Transportation: We provide transportation to and from the center, and to medical appointments. ○ Transportation set-up, Escort to medical appointments and visits, Shopping Trips and Community Outings ● Social Services: Professional case management, counseling, and community resource coordination. ● Health Education-Wellness programs, disease management education, and preventive health workshops. ○ On-Site Therapy: Comprehensive Physical, Occupational, and Speech Rehabilitation. ○ Personalized Care: Tailored ADL assistance and goal-oriented care planning. ● Medication Mgmt-Daily medication administration, monitoring, and pharmacy coordination. ○ Medical/Psych/Nursing: PCP Services, Daily health monitoring and assessment by Registered Nurses (RNs/LPNs). ○ Psych & Mental Health Counselling Services, Dementia Care, Nutritional Counseling, Vision, Dental and Podiatry care ● Nutrition: All-inclusive dining featuring breakfast, lunch, and nutritious snacks. ● Engagement: Structured daily programming promoting social interaction. ● Environment: Purpose-built space designed to stimulate learning, socialization, and physical activity. Our Commitment to You: We understand what it means to care for someone you love. Whether you're supporting a parent, a spouse, or a family member with complex health needs, you don't have to do it alone. Our Adult Medical Day Care Program is here to walk alongside you and your loved one—every step of the way.
Update on NOFO- Leslie Leether	● Grants that had already expired have been approved for one more year. Project One is good until February 2027 and Bonus project is good until January 2027. We have not heard anything on the other projects that have not

	closed yet. New NOFO should come out at the end of this month.
Agency Updates	● Loré Chambers (Zion House)- would like to thank everyone that helped with the Stand Down and also to introduce Danielle Parsons as a new case manager with Zion House. ● Anthony Dickerson (Christian Shelter)- are working on opening the doors to their new Men's Transitional house. There are 4 beds and program will not take sex offenders ● YoVanda Brown (Labor)- There will be Lower Shore American Job Center Mini Job Fair on 05/19/2026 from 10-1 ● Christine Chestnutt (City of Salisbury) there are still 80 people on the waitlist but will be updating the questions for the waitlist to make sure they qualify before going on the list. We have had two move out to Village of Hope and one move in. Hoping to be back up to capacity within two weeks. ● Deb Rossi (HOPE) Will have their 2nd Annual Spring Resource Fair on May 28th from 10am-2pm. ● Jessica Pastusak (SCHD) June 1st is Re-entry Simulation at SU from 10am -3 pm. Lunch will be provided. Also we have our Gun Safety and Suicide Awareness event on June 6th at UMES from 10am-2p. We will have vendors, music, food and a speaker. ● Tory Stone (Diakonia) St. Paul is still moving forward with the temporary shelter even with the city giving them til June 8th to comply and close down their shelter ● Tina Thomas (WICHD) has noticed paperwork completion decrease due to continued concerns about immigration status ● Gregory Bisset (VA) There are two more Stand down coming soon ○ June 20th Cambridge at the American Legion and ○ August 22nd at Ocean Pines Library
Old Business/ New Business	Old business: ● none New business: ●
Closing Remarks	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
New Members	Email Sharon Creasy at Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov to be added to the CoC email group.
Next CoC Meeting	Thursday, June 11, 2026 @ St James AME Zion Church of Salisbury, MD @ 521 Mack Ave, Salisbury, MD 21801