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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 12, 2024	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), Ray Lockamy (SCHD), Jessica Pastusak (SCHD), Tina Thomas (Wic LBHA), Leslie Leather (SCHD), Denise White (SHORE-UP!), Erin Leffew (Life Crisis), Amber Green (Shore Legal), Sharon Creasy (SCHD), Cherie Meienschein (Somerset Courts), Leliya Lindsay (Salisbury PD), Knita Cartwright (WCPS), Jackie Deal (WCBOE), YoVanda Brown (Labor), Walter Davidson (HHEH), Christina Williams (Labor), Ivy McKenzie (St. James), Joan Harris (WCBOE), Shannon Thomas (Office of Public Defender), Linda Copeland (Zion House), Rachel Abbott-Gray (SCPS), Sherry Hostetler (ESCJA), Morgan Bowers (SBYPD), Adam Lewandowshi (Joseph House), Anthony Waters (Lead4Life), Michael Brown (Lead4Life)

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

Welcome	Co-chair Amber Green called the meeting to order and warmly 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: Sharon.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	November meeting minutes was approved by Ivonne Lomax and seconded by Walter Davidson
PIT Counts - Leslie Leather	PIT (Point in Time) count is meant to serve as a snapshot of homelessness in the community and provides a sense of the overall scope of homelessness in our area and America. HUD requires CoCs to do a count of people experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered, sheltered in emergency shelters, in transitional housing, and in safe havens on a single night. This year's PIT count will be on 01/29/2025. This year the concern is for Wicomico County as they do not have the staff to help with the count. After some discussion, the group would like to have a

	<p>planning meeting the first week in January to develop a plan to obtain the counts for this area, especially since this is the hardest hit county for homelessness in our tri-county area. A link to a Doodle Poll will be sent out to schedule the meeting date and time.</p>
Agency Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amber Green (Shore Access) - Please encourage any Worcester County residents who have an eviction in the courts to call Legal Access. Will be doing a Town Hall Expungement at the Wicomico Library. ● Amber, Green (Fenix Youth) - FYP is having a donation drive and holiday party at the Wicomico Library on Saturday, December 14. They are also having a virtual movie night on December 19th, and will be showing and discussing a documentary titled “Check It.” ● Leslie Leether (SCHD) - We have a CHW position job opening, and we have it listed on our Facebook page and website. The position is Contractual and full-time. ● Tina Thomas (Wic LBHA) - PATH work posting has closed, and we are hoping the interview process can start.
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"> ● WorWic will not be doing adult services (GED) until 2027. ● Somerset County can go to the Board of Ed. to receive the classes. ● Worcester County also can go to the Board of Ed to receive the classes.
Closing Remarks	<p>Meeting closed by Amber Green. 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</p>
New Members	<p>Email Sharon Creasy at Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov to be added to the CoC email group.</p>
Next CoC Meeting	<p>Thursday, January 09, 2025 @ St James AME Zion Church of Salisbury, MD @ 521 Mack Ave, Salisbury, MD 21801</p>