



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

# CONTINUUM OF CARE COMMUNITY-WIDE BIENNIAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
3:30 – 5:00 pm  
Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Third Floor Hearing Room  
Rockville, Maryland 20850



# UPDATE ON INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS

# OVERVIEW OF INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS

The Interagency Commission on Homelessness (ICH) was established by Montgomery County Council in 2014 and began its work in 2015 to promote efforts to prevent and end homelessness in Montgomery County. The ICH has also been designated as the Governing Board of the Continuum of Care (CoC)

The mission of the ICH is to promote a community-wide goal:

- to end homelessness,
- develop a strategic plan,
- educate the community about homelessness,
- promote partnerships to improve the County's ability to prevent and reduce homelessness,
- monitor programs that are components of the Continuum of Care and
- make recommendations to the County Executive and County Council to improve the CoC



**UPDATE: MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
TEN-YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS  
STRATEGIC PLAN**

# OVERVIEW

- Ten Year Plan approved October 2014 with community input
- Four Over Arching Goals:
  - End Veteran Homelessness by 2015
  - End Chronic Homelessness by 2017
  - End Family Homelessness by 2020
  - Set a Path to Ending all Homelessness

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS – YEAR I

- Veterans Homelessness - Reached Functional Zero
- Continuum of Care (CoC)-wide Housing Prioritization Process
- CoC-wide performance measures
- Homeless Resource Day 2015
- Disability definition and uniform documentation
- Community Education
  - AFI Film Screening
  - Community Events
- Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) limited local preference for Veterans
- Pay for Success
- Medicaid Waiver

## PLANNED WORK – YEAR 2

- Comprehensive Analysis of Homelessness
- Street Outreach Strategy
- Continue to Strengthen Coordinated Entry System
- Develop Communications Plan
- Use Outcomes to evaluate CoC system/programs

## PLANNED WORK – YEAR 2

- Partner with HOC, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) for additional housing resources
- Implement Medical Respite
- Landlord Engagement and Incentive Fund
- Maximize Utilization of Medicaid





# ZERO2016 UPDATE ON CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

# THE GOAL

- Montgomery County is committed to providing permanent housing to all County residents experiencing chronic homelessness by December 31, 2017.
- Per directive from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for Montgomery County to effectively end chronic homelessness, there should be ***no more than three unhoused*** chronically homeless individuals or families in the County at any time.

# DEFINITION OF CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

1. Have a disability,
2. Live on the streets, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; or
3. Live in an institutional care for fewer than 90 days and immediately beforehand have been living on streets, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
4. Have been homeless continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions (7+days) in the last 3 years where the combined occasions must total at least 12 months.

# BY-NAME-LIST

- The work to identify and prioritize chronically homeless individuals and families for housing will be based on a consolidated list of names of all County residents who meet the chronic homeless definition.
- The initial list has been created based on:
  - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data
  - Outreach providers
- By the end of the year, all information for the chronic homelessness By-Name-List will be in HMIS

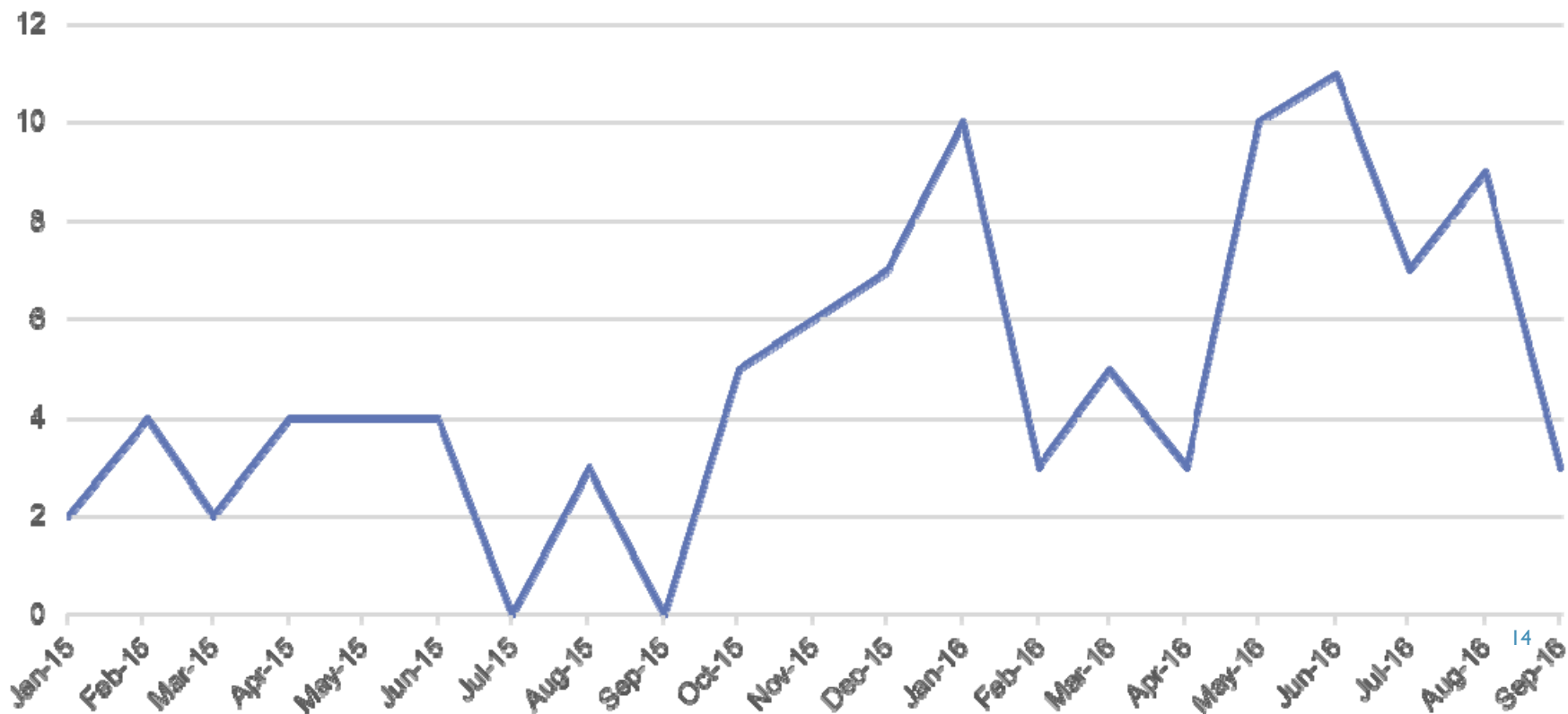
# BY-NAME-LIST METHODOLOGY

- The work to identify and prioritize chronically homeless individuals and families for housing will be based on by a consolidated list of names of all County residents who meet the chronic homeless definition.
- To create the initial version of this “By-Name-List”, HMIS data as well as information from outreach providers is being reviewed in detail to confirm disability and length of time homeless for each person.
- A targeted outreach effort was done on October 19-21, with the goal of getting more complete assessments on persons now living outside throughout the County. The information gathered through this “Outreach Blitz” is currently being analyzed.

# CHRONIC PLACEMENTS DASHBOARD

CH placement (January, 2016 - September, 2016) – 61

Chronic Homeless Permanent Housing Placements By Month



# ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PERSONS – HPC LIST

## Chronic Homeless Persons as October 2016

VI-SPDAT scores of 10+	35
VI-SPDAT scores of 5-9	43
VI-SPDAT scores of 0-4	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>

# ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PERSONS – OUTREACH

	Number of Individuals
Outreach Blitz - Total Contacts	210
Outreach Blitz - Completed VI-SPDAT	135
Outreach Blitz - Unable or Refused to provide info	75
Current Active Outreach List	102
<b>Estimated Chronic Count from Outreach Blitz and previous engagements</b>	<b>116</b>



# EXISTING AND NEW PSH RESOURCES

## Housing Resources Available in the next 15 months

PSH available through Turnover of existing units (4.85 per month)	72
New CoC PSH (MCCH Key First)	28
New Progress Place PLQ PSH	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>

# ESTIMATING THE SUPPLY GAP

	Numbers
Current estimated number of chronically homeless individuals (93+116)	209
Estimate available PSH units available from existing and new PSH units coming online	121
<b>Gap</b>	<b>88 + inflow (3 per month)</b>

# IDEAS FOR HOW TO MEET THE GAP

## I. **Strategies to make more housing options available for chronically homeless persons, including:**

- Additional Landlords and Property Managers who are willing to be providers of housing for individuals and families exiting chronic homelessness
- New resources to spur the development of permanent supportive housing units
- Better utilization of rapid-rehousing and other time-limited rental assistance programs for individuals and families who do not need long-term supportive housing.

# IDEAS FOR HOW TO MEET THE GAP

## 2. **New Approaches to Using Existing Resources, including:**

- Transitioning Out or “Moving Up”, for clients who reach the point where they no longer need a high level of services attached to their placement but still require a housing subsidy.
- Reducing the Time Between Housing Placement and Move-in.

## 3. **Putting additional emphasis on Prevention/Diversion, particularly working with those at-risk of becoming chronically homeless so that they are connected with permanent housing earlier.**

# NEW STAFFING RESOURCES

As part of the County's FY16 Budget, three new staff positions have been identified to assist in the effort on chronic homelessness:

- HMIS Support Specialist to assist in furthering a more data-driven system.
- Outreach Coordinator, to help establish system-wide protocols for identifying and engaging homeless individuals and families who are either minimally connected or not currently participating in any social services programming.
- Housing Coordinator to help strengthen relationships with landlords and housing developers to create more and better opportunities for affordable and sustainable housing placements.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



# QUESTIONS

