

WHO WE ARE

"The Lived Experience Advisory Committee includes diverse people with different experiences. We are parents and grandparents. We are educators. We are people who have owned homes. We are voters. We are business owners. We are caring people. We are productive citizens."



"Each of us have reasons for why we became homeless and how we responded to it. Thousands of people experience homelessness in Baltimore each year. That's thousands of stories and thousands of faces."

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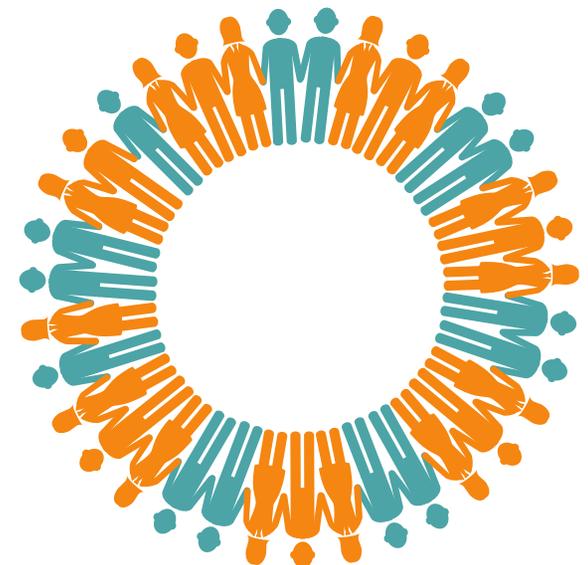


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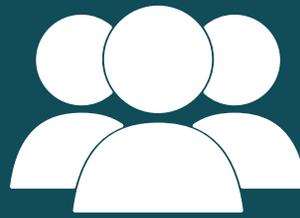
BALTIMORE CITY CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC)

LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



ABOUT US

It is vital that work related to the welfare of people experiencing homelessness includes significant input and guidance from those who have lived experience of the issue. **We are a group of individuals with lived experience committed to preventing and ending homelessness in Baltimore City.** We provide expertise and recommendations to the Continuum of Care (CoC) and the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (MOHS) to improve the quality and effectiveness of the homeless service system in Baltimore City.



The committee meets weekly and is open to anyone with current or past lived experience of homelessness.

*If you are not an individual with lived experience but would like to attend a meeting, share some information, request a speaker for an event, or collaborate with members of the committee, please feel free to reach out via email at journey.home@baltimorecity.gov

CURRENT GOALS

PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

We educate the public about the issue of homelessness and advocate for positive change.

COMMUNITY OF ACTION SUPPORT

We engage people experiencing homeless in shelters and at other locations

REFORMING THE HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM

We perpetually engage MOHS and service providers and provide recommendations for improving the delivery of services in shelters and other parts of the homeless services system.

ADVOCACY FOR HOUSING SOLUTIONS

We review potential opportunities to advocate for housing solutions and have identified an area of focus for the year.



BALTIMORE CITY CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC)

Collaborative body that promotes communitywide commitment to the goal of making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in Baltimore City. Organized to carry out responsibilities required by HUD's CoC Program and coordinates available resources and efforts by all stakeholders. Members include organizations that serve homeless persons, people with lived experience of homelessness and other stakeholders interested in preventing and ending homelessness in Baltimore City.

CONTINUUM OF CARE



CONTINUUM BOARD

COMPRISED OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

- Nineteen – twenty-seven (19-27) Elected Seats (Voting Members)**
 - o Six-Eight (6-8) Homeless or Formerly Homeless Individuals
 - o Four-Six (4-6) Homeless and At-Risk of Homeless Service Providers
 - o Four-Six (4-6) At-Large Representatives
 - o Four-Six (4-6) System Leaders
 - o One (1) City Representative, nominated by the Mayor
- Named designees for up to nine (9) Appointed Seats (Non-voting Members)**
 - o Six (6) City Agency Representatives (appointed by Mayor)
 - o Three (3) Appointed Entities

APPOINTED ENTITIES

The CoC has appointed the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (MOHS) as the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is comprised of the chairs of the LEAC, YAB, and Action Committees. All committee workplans and formal proposals are approved by the Executive Committee or CoC Board.



ACTION COMMITTEES

Led by a Board member with MOHS staff support, Action Committees oversee the implementation of the five key strategy areas and their interventions through the development of a strategy-focused workplan that details measurable outcomes and clear deadlines



CAPACITY BUILDING COMMITTEES

Oversee core functions of the Continuum and develop the necessary capacity to execute the Action Plan on Homelessness



COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

MOHS convenes homeless service providers to implement professional development training projects, system-level protocols, policies, and standards of care. While not formal committees of the Board, these provider-level groups inform and are informed by the Action Committees

