

Background Materials: The following background materials were emailed to Board members on May 11, 2017: the meeting agenda; draft March 22nd Meeting Minutes; background information for Board elections; summary data tables for Philadelphia's 2017 Housing Inventory & Point-in-Time Counts; a number of System & Homeless Services Updates with links to further information; a summary of the status of updates to the City's Emergency Housing Standards and an NAEH infographic of 5 keys to effective emergency shelter; the material that OHS submitted to the Division of Housing & Community Development for the 5-year parts of the proposed FY18-FY22 HUD Consolidated Plan; OHS Director Liz Hersh's written testimony for the OHS Budget Hearing at City Council on May 2. The email also contained a link to the final Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) that the City submitted to HUD in December, which was approved in February, noting the Fair Housing Goals and Priorities section.

Materials Distributed at Meeting: Printed copies of materials sent in advance, as well as the Health and Human Services Cabinet's *Together We Thrive* plan. Applications to join the Young Adult Leadership Committee were also available.

Welcome and Introductions

Liz Hersh, Director of the Office of Homeless Services and Board Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. Homeless Services will make sure that future calendar invitations have clear designated location.

Approval of March 22nd Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Zach Weiss (Action Wellness) moved that the minutes of the March 22nd Board meeting be approved; Emmalee Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously. After the meeting, Homeless Services noticed that Susan Sherman's absence from the March 22nd meeting had not been noted and amended the approved minutes appropriately.

Election of new Board Co-Chair

Leah Staub (Homeless Services) reminded the Board of the need to elect a new Co-Chair to take over for Steve Culbertson, who resigned from the position in March. She reported that John Ducoff (Covenant House PA) had expressed interest in taking on the role. John made a short statement about the moment at which we find ourselves: with serious challenges of potential cuts to funding and otherwise already limited resources and serious opportunities to leverage the City's leadership and the tremendous spirit of collaboration and innovation among all the stakeholders in the effort to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

VOTE: Zach Weiss (Action Wellness) moved that the Board elect John Ducoff to the role of Co-Chair. Gary Tumolo (Division of Housing and Community Development) seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Re-Election of Emmalee Smith and Casey O'Donnell/Impact Services Corporation

Leah Staub stated that when the Board was established, the original Board members drew lots to determine the length of their terms—one, two, or three years. Over the past 3 years, as Board members' first terms expired, they were elected to a second three-year term. As we head into the Board's 4th year, the three-year terms drawn by Emmalee Smith & Impact Services Corporation (now represented by Casey O'Donnell) in 2014 are now expiring, making them the last of the original Board members to require re-election. Both Emmalee and Casey indicated that they would continue to serve if re-elected.

VOTE: John Ducoff (Covenant House PA) moved to elect Emmalee Smith and Impact Services Corporation (Casey O'Donnell) to a second term. Traci Nesmith (Resources for Human Development) seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Homeless Services 5-Year Consolidated Plan Submission

Leah Staub reported that Homeless Services had submitted the material distributed to the Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for inclusion in the Proposed Plan, but that we could make changes before the final plan gets sent to HUD.

Gary Tumolo (DHCD) provided context for the draft Consolidated Plan material. The City is required by HUD to produce a Five-Year Strategic Consolidated Plan to address local needs for homelessness prevention, affordable housing, special needs housing, and development, focused specifically on use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) funds. Recipients of these funds submit a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.

Leah Staub described the three main sections of the five-year plan: Needs Assessment, Market Analysis, and Strategy. The Homeless Services material in the Needs Assessment came primarily from Philadelphia's 2013 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) and the 2016 Point-in-Time count; the market analysis is largely based on the 2016 Housing Inventory Count. These sections are descriptive. The strategy pieces drew from the Annual Action Plan material that the Board approved at the March 22nd meeting for DHCD's Preliminary Plan, looking more long-term. The biggest change in that material from previous years was the use of ESG funds for homelessness prevention.

DHCD has now produced a Proposed Plan, including both 5-year and 1-year plan prompts, on which City Council will hold a hearing on June 5. Once DHCD submits the final plan, if HUD raises no questions, funds should be released about 45 days later.

VOTE: Gary Tumolo (DHCD) moved to approve Homeless Services' submission for the Consolidated Plan. Sheila Armstrong seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of New Homeless Services HMIS Director

Liz Hersh introduced Gbolade (Okestra) Soneyin, the new HMIS Director, to the Board. Okestra started at Homeless Services on April 24th and hit the ground running, but also has plans to visit providers to see first-hand how they use and interact with HMIS. The HMIS team is currently working on migrating Clearinghouse, 100-Day Challenge, and non-current users' data into HMIS. We are in Phase II of HMIS implementation, with emergency, transitional, rapid, and permanent housing programs on board, with the next additions to be incident reporting, the inventory management system, and the Emergency Assistance and Response Unit. Eccovia gave the team a demo of new functionality on May 19, with trainings planned for late June. Casey McCollum (VAMC) asked for confirmation that there is still an intention to add the Veterans By-Name list into HMIS. Liz noted that our end goal is to get everything into HMIS. The HMIS Data Committee will be reconvening in the coming months.

Philadelphia 2017 Housing Inventory & Point-in-Time Counts

Each year in the last 10 days of January, the City undertakes a huge effort to count people living on the street and also captures data on homeless services utilization (including from providers not in HMIS) on that same night, which is the one time of year that we get information about full system capacity.

Philadelphia 2017 Housing Inventory Count								
	# units for households with children	#bed for households with children	# beds for households without children	# beds for households with only children	# beds dedicated to chronically homeless	2017 Total Beds	2016 Total Beds	Difference
EH - Current & New	465	1,559	2,064	29	-	3,652	3,768	-116
EH - Underdevelopment	0	0	25	20	-	45	20	+25
TH - Current & New	392	1,110	477	0	-	1,587	1,905	-318
TH - Underdevelopment	0	0	0	0	-	0	8	-8
SH - Current & New	0	0	85	0	-	85	85	0
SH - Underdevelopment	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
PSH & PH - Current & New	999	3,486	2,693	0	1,497	6,179	6,046	+133
PSH & PH - Underdevelopment	300	900	250	0	105	1,150	1,110	+40
Total - Current & New	1,856	6,155	5,319	29	1,497	11,503	11,804	-301
Total - Underdevelopment	300	900	275	20	105	1,195	1,138	+57

	2017	2016	Difference
RRH PIT Count	1,179	759	+420

Michele Mangan, OHS Director of Performance Management, gave some notes on the Housing Inventory Count:

- The number of EH beds has decreased primarily because a 116-bed privately-funded shelter was added last year, but removed this year, as it is now focused on serving as a support for persons newly in recovery.
- Most of the decrease in TH can be attributed to program conversion from TH to RRH, though there is also a TH program for Veterans that has closed due to loss of funding.
- The 20 EH beds under development for households with children are the same 20 as last year.
- For the Housing Inventory Count (HIC), the safe haven category only includes HUD-funded safe havens, so the safe haven programs run by DBHIDS are included in the EH numbers.
- The PSH increase includes 133 VASH vouchers and 60 new chronic-dedicated beds.

Liz Hersh spoke about the inventory overall. Most of the remaining TH programs are site-based. Though some are considering converting to permanent housing, it's not clear how many more of them could

potentially convert. There was no new HUD funding last year, so other resources need to be found. OHS will receive \$500,000 in State PHARE money (from the Real Estate Transfer Tax) that will add 50 RRH opportunities next Fiscal Year. The Mayor has proposed \$1 million for new RRH and PSH in the City budget. Although the number was not available at the meeting, the total served by RRH in FY16 was 339 (not including SSVF).

Liz gave an overview of the caveats associated with the Point-in-Time Count. Philadelphia changed the time of its count this year, which makes it hard to compare to previous years, though the survey response rate was 35% and one reason that the time was changed was to get better data from the survey. Also, the youth count used the methodology produced by Chapin Hall for the National Voices of Youth Count. As we get better at producing an accurate count, we may end up looking worse. OHS may engage a survey research expert to assist with producing numbers that can be compared year-to-year.

Philadelphia Point-in-Time Count													
All Households/All Persons													
	Night of January 25, 2017						Night of January 27, 2016					Difference	
	EH	TH	SH	Unsheltered	Total		EH	TH	SH	Unsheltered	Total	# change	% increase/decrease
# Households	2,343	771	84	943	4,141		2,626	893	77	696	4,292	-151	-4%
# Persons	3,275	1,378	84	956	5,693		3,656	1,674	77	705	6,112	-419	-7%
Households with Dependent Children													
	Night of January 25, 2017						Night of January 27, 2016					Difference	
	EH	TH	SH	Unsheltered	Total		EH	TH	SH	Unsheltered	Total	# change	% increase/decrease
# Households	478	346	0	1	825		462	423	0	0	885	-60	-7%
# Persons	1,400	948	0	4	2,352		1,482	1,200	0	0	2,682	-330	-12%
Households without Dependent Children													
	Night of January 25, 2017						Night of January 27, 2016					Difference	
	EH	TH	SH	Unsheltered	Total		EH	TH	SH	Unsheltered	Total	# change	% increase/decrease
# Households	1,843	425	84	938	3,290		2,144	469	77	696	3,386	-96	-3%
# Persons	1,853	430	84	948	3,315		2,154	471	77	705	3,407	-92	-3%
Households with ONLY Children (under 18 years of age)													
	Night of January 25, 2017						Night of January 27, 2016					Difference	
	EH	TH	SH	Unsheltered	Total		EH	TH	SH	Unsheltered	Total	# change	% increase/decrease
# Households	22	0	0	4	26		20	1	0	0	21	+5	+24%
# Persons	22	0	0	4	26		20	3	0	0	23	+3	+13%

Clearly, there was a large increase in the number of unsheltered persons counted. The largest increases were in the Concourse and in Kensington. Perhaps because the Youth Count was conducted by youth themselves, for the first time, four unsheltered youth reported their age as under 18. Additionally, Philadelphia counted its first unsheltered family, with two parents under age 24 and two children.

Encountered at 5 am, they reported being kicked out of the father's father's house the previous night and walking for the night until they could seek help in the morning. When Outreach arrived, the family was no longer present.

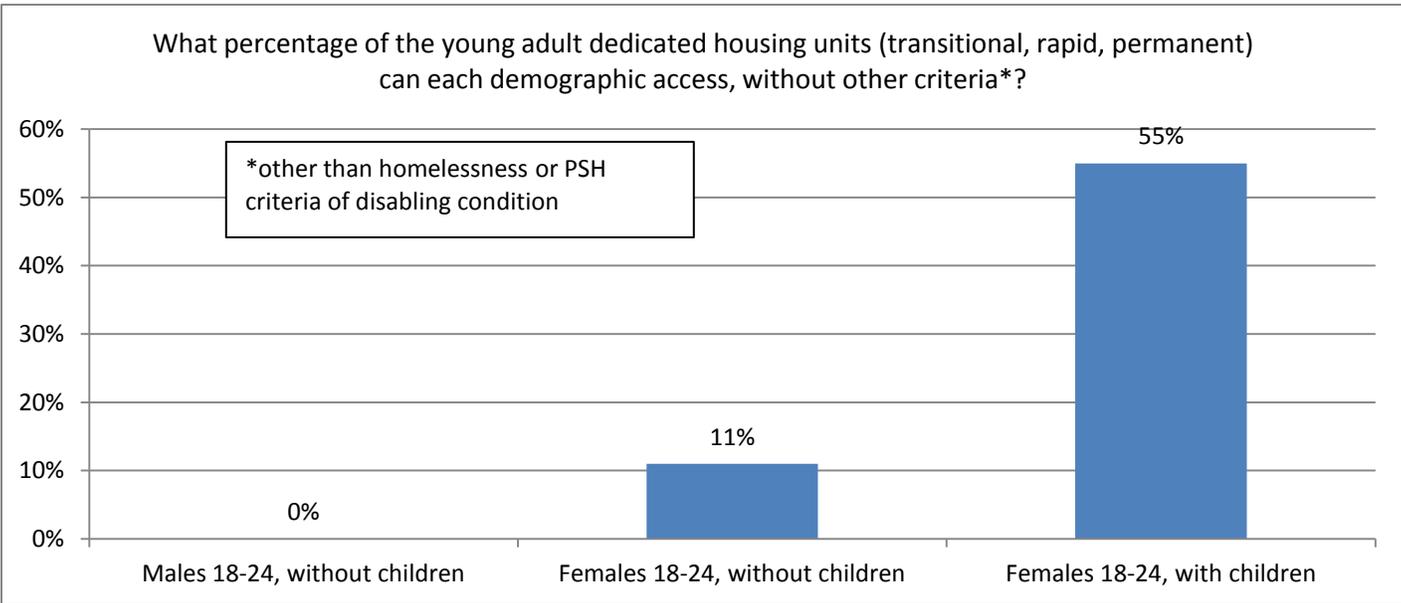
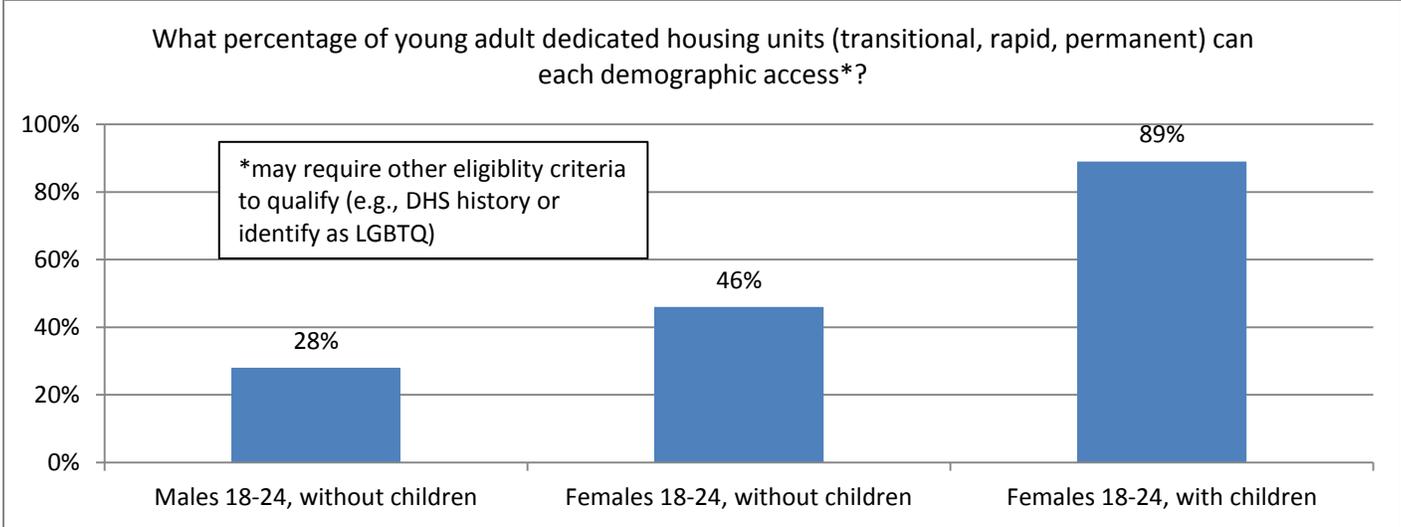
Philadelphia Point-in-Time Count – Subpopulations												
Chronically Homeless												
										Difference		
	EH	SH	Unsheltered	Total		EH	SH	Unsheltered	Total		# change	% increase/ decrease
# Individuals	319	84	474	877		295	77	402	774		+103	+13%
# Persons in Families	21	0	0	21		79	0	0	79		-58	-73%

Philadelphia Point-in-Time Count – Subpopulations									
	Night of January 25, 2017					Night of January 27, 2016			
	Sheltered (EH+TH+SH)	Unsheltered	Total	Percent		Sheltered (EH+TH+SH)	Unsheltered	Total	Percent
Unaccompanied Youth (18-24)	189	82	271	7%		237	25	262	6%
Parenting Youth (18-24)	240	2	242	6%		290	0	290	7%
Severely Mentally Ill	1,091	503	1,594	39%		1,387	375	1,762	41%
Chronic Substance Abuse	1,103	476	1,579	38%		1,487	364	1,851	43%
Veterans	204	40	244	6%		276	17	293	7%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	108	51	159	4%		103	66	169	4%
Victims of Domestic Violence (includes families and singles)	479	180	659	16%		469	179	648	15%

Jessica Sones, Homeless Services Youth Systems Coordinator, presented additional analysis of the HIC and PIT data:

- 12.5% of adult households in the January PIT Count (sheltered and unsheltered) were young adults ages 18-24 (513 out of 4,115 total adult households).
- 5.7% of the current non-emergency housing inventory for adults (Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and Permanent Housing) is dedicated to young adults, or will be by the end of the current grant period (296 out of 5,105 units).

Transitional, Rapid Rehousing, Permanent housing units currently dedicated to young adults ages 18-24 without other specific criteria (other than homelessness or PSH criteria)	
Total units that serve males, without children ages 18-24	0
Total units that serve females, without children ages 18-24	42
Total units that serve females, with children ages 18-24	162



Though Philadelphia has increased transitional housing targeted to young adults and has new City resources dedicated to this population, there remains a gap between need and inventory, particularly for young men without children. Sheila Armstrong and Katie Champlin confirmed that this aligns with their experiences with homelessness. Jessica proposed that as we continue to add to the inventory, we keep this gap in mind. She also noted that in order to better serve the trans* and gender non-conforming youth population, we might consider non-gendered housing options.

Liz noted that the homeless system considers youth age 18-24 to be adults and that though the data that Jessica presented reflects the youth-dedicated projects, youth are also served in the adult system. Homeless Services recognizes that many fall through the cracks of this system, which is not well set-up to attend to their needs, but in light of the slim chances that new resources to devote to dedicated youth programs will become available, is thinking about how to train existing providers and intake workers to be more “youth-friendly.” Homeless Services is considering ways to rededicate resources to target the needs of this population and ensure capacity to serve those who do not want to enter the

adult system. Homeless Services will look at data to determine the size of the youth population in adult shelters. The 100-Day Youth Challenge gave the opportunity for different stakeholders to get to know each other and work together to access resources. Gary Tumolo (DHCD) noted that DHCD has awarded funds to Project HOME to build 30 units of youth-targeted housing, which Rachel Yoder clarified is intended to be LGBTQ-friendly, but not exclusively for LGBTQ-identified youth.

2017 CoC Funding Competition

Lauren oriented the Board to where we are in the funding process. The CoC's HUD Program Registration was due May 1st and the FY 2017 Grant Inventory Worksheet of all eligible renewal projects was due May 4th. We are in the middle of the local renewal competition. A review session was scheduled for May 24th to look at the 15% lowest-scoring applications and varied scores. [Note: there was not a review session, as the new scoring tool did not produce varied scores and questions of how to use scores (relevance of historical scores compared to the new scores, etc.) to inform our ranking strategy will be discussed in the Quality Improvement and Evaluation Subcommittee (QIES) context. Instead, QIES Vice-Chair Jamila Harris-Morrison facilitated a debrief call to get feedback from reviewers on their experiences.]

The Program Registration highlights included:

- A new component to be accessed through reallocation: TH-RRH joint project. We don't know details about this, but it seems that the TH portion is to be used as crisis/ interim / short-term placement. USICH noted this is a good project for communities that do not have the shelter capacity needed and also that it is potentially a good model for youth, dv, and recovery populations.
- Revision to requirements for new PSH created through reallocation: should "primarily serve" the chronic population, not required to be dedicated.

Homeless Services is preparing an RFP to publish ASAP once the NOFA is released and we know more.

Also looking ahead to the HUD application, Lauren has worked to identify the areas where we scored well last year and the areas where we did, not to assess if we can improve our score in this year's competition. In 2016, Philadelphia points last year for the following reasons:

- Reduction in RRH units from 2015 to 2016. This year, we increased RRH units on the night of the PIT/HIC.
- Reduction in chronic dedicated PSH beds from 2015 to 2016. This year, we increased our chronic bed dedication.
- Increase in chronic homelessness from 2015 to 2016. This year, our chronic homelessness numbers are up again.
- Last year, our prevention and recidivism strategy was not strong, nor was our strategy to rapidly re-house families. This year, we have a stronger prevention strategy, but still do not have a strong recidivism strategy in place.

Additionally, this year, our family homelessness numbers are down, our sheltered youth homelessness numbers are down, and our overall youth numbers are down. Our unsheltered youth numbers are up, as our effort to improve our unsheltered count methodology proved successful in identifying more youth on the streets than we have in previous years. Finally, our HMIS Bed Coverage is lower than last year, which will impact our application's score.

System Updates

Homeless Services received official notice that Philadelphia was not selected to receive one of the ten Youth Housing Demonstration Project (YHDP) grant awards. Despite not being awarded a grant, Philadelphia had a great score. The debrief received from HUD suggests that the application primarily lost points around HMIS participation and coordinated entry, which are areas where we are already focusing energy.

Katie Champlin reported that the Young Adult Leadership Committee continues to work on setting goals and coordinating with the 100-Day Youth Team (now called Philly Homes 4 Youth). Current areas of focus include informing coordinated entry planning related to youth, and reviewing youth housing and services inventory to identify gaps and begin to formulate proposals for how to fill gaps and expand availability. The group met with a representative of CCP seeking input on program design for CCP's new creative efforts to increase supports for homeless students. They are also working on identifying needs for training and bringing a youth voice to decision-making processes. Applications to join the YALC were due June 2.

Jessica Sones reported that the 100-Day Challenge Youth Team/Coalition has changed its name to Philly Homes 4 Youth, a name that came from the team and was approved by the YALC. A smaller group of system leaders is working on strategic planning during May and June, and the full Coalition will reconvene in July.

Rachel Yoder (Project HOME) reported that the 100-Day Challenge Chronic Team has been on a sabbatical and is now working on re-visioning, re-strategizing, and re-committing to the collaboration. 242 chronically homeless persons have been housed since last July.

Responses to the RFP for strategic planning support is due on June 9th. Lauren is still looking for board members to participate in the proposal review process.

By texting "Share" to 80077, folks can donate \$5 to the Mayor's Fund for Philadelphia to End Homelessness.

John Ducoff (Covenant House PA) and Rachel Yoder (Project HOME) gave Okestra feedback about why organizations choose not to participate in HMIS and features that would provide value added.

Adjourn

Sharee Heaven moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:52pm. Gary Tumolo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.