

**Howard County Housing Committee Meeting Minutes**

**February 29th, 2024, 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

**Virtual By Zoom**

Present: Dorothy Plantz, Matthew Plantz, Robert Mundy, Patricia Slyvester, Lisa Loraine, Margaret Gold, Diane Dressler, Vicky Crosby, Sarah Hochbaum, Tim Wiens, Char McCready, Andy Krauss, Peter Engel, Lisa Lorraine

1. **Welcome**
2. **Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting**
3. **Lisa Lorraine, Jubilee Association of Maryland: Data, Barriers and Solutions**
4. Breaking Barriers originated in 2/2021, through private foundation funding. The presentation shows Demographic disparities with individuals of Hispanic and Asian descent accessing services at different rates then other individuals living in the community.
5. The presentation gave examples of outreach work that has been done in addition to creating coalition of other disability organizations that provide services in the Spanish language.
6. DDA published the results of the report showing the race and ethnicity data county by county for people that are enrolled in waivers, were placed on waitlists, Transitioning Youths, self-directed services or traditional services, LTSS, and language data as well.
7. Breaking Barriers will soon publish another report with additional information.
8. **Housing by Banneker Fire Station**
   1. Delays in getting property created and there’s been lots of opposition.
   2. Housing that was due to be built by Merriweather Post was denied.
   3. Howard County held a community hearing to discuss future housing projects, but there’s been no progress on any other current projects. Many of them have at least a three-year delay.
9. **Robert Mundy, Maryland Department of Health, Money Follows the Person**
   1. Robert discussed his clinical experience as an Licensed Clinical Social Worker, with the MFP program and working to expand that program to support more individuals supported by DDA.