

# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

July 15, 2016

## 2016 Continuum of Care Program Competition

Dina reported that HUD put out the 2016 CoC Competition NOFA and she handed out the local competition ad. She provided the committee with the 2015 summary of requested and granted funds. She pointed out that two established housing programs, HMIS, and the new rapid rehousing proposals were not funded. (She reported that the program administrators of the housing programs were confident that they will rehouse the affected individuals). She explained the Tier system including the objective criteria and scoring used to rank the programs. Dina stated that the Tier system will be used again this year; however, Tier 2 includes only 7% of the Annual Renewal Demand as opposed to 15% last year. Dina stated that she still needs people for the Review & Rank sub-committee. Darlene Thomas volunteered to sit on this sub-committee.

Dina explained that HUD will score the projects based on: the overall CoC Score, the CoC priority ranking, and how well the project meets HUD's priorities. Dina handed out the HUD priorities and pointed out the additional local priorities (see attached). She also reported that HUD has not announced the final amount of available funding for our CoC. If a 5% Permanent Housing Bonus is granted, she expects it total \$73,776. The funding amounts should be announced at the beginning of August. Dina reminded this committee that the R&R sub-committee can choose to reallocate funds from existing projects to new project ideas should they feel the new project is stronger. New project ideas are due to Dina on 7/21. At this time, Dina reports that 5 different people informally presented new project ideas to her. Should any of the new potential applicants meet the basic threshold requirements and have an applicable project idea, they will be invited to complete an application. Applications for new projects and renewals are due on 8/5. The R&R committee will rank proposals on 8/17.

Dina also noted that the NOFA this year focuses on overall system performance. In fact, HUD is requiring an additional report this year (due August 1) that details our progress on 7 different performance measures. George is working on this report currently and it will be included in the CoC funding application as well. Our ability to track and report on these measures is expected this year. In coming years HUD will be looking for progress in these areas. The committee should keep this in mind as it provides governance to the CoC.

Discussion ensued regarding the low occurrence of chronically homeless households in Beaver County. Dina explained that it is often difficult for precariously housed individuals to maintain documentation of their homelessness to prove their chronicity. Further, we see a lot of doubling up in Beaver County which according to the HUD's definition makes them housed and not homelessness. Gerard inquired about how many children are homeless in Beaver County. George stated that we could pull that number from HMIS. Dayna stated the homeless families they work with at CYS have very complex needs and that rehousing them permanently is a real struggle. She stated that many are not permitted on Housing Authority property and that this drastically decreases their safe, affordable housing options. Darcy reminded the committee that these folks can ask for a hearing to lift the ban. Linda stated that in their recent survey of about 1,000 people in Beaver County, 8% reported knowing someone who is homeless. The committee was surprised by this number.

## Crossroads Men's Shelter update

Dina announced that Jim Sherwood passed away on June 14<sup>th</sup>, and that Pastor Kim is serving as the interim coordinator of Crossroads until the board can permanently fill the position. Dina noted that the shelter has remained open every night since Jim's death due to Pastor Kim, the staff, and volunteers all putting in extra time. The need for volunteers and staff is critical at this time. Census is down at the shelter and Dina asked that the committee help spread the word that it is in fact open. Crossroads has received its 501c3 status. Lisa



## Beaver County Continuum of Care Steering Committee

inquired if we need to appoint someone from Crossroads to this committee. Dina explained that Pastor Kim is already a committee member but was not able to attend this meeting.

### **The Cornerstone update**

Dina reported that the Cornerstone board is ready to submit their 501c3 paperwork. The board is also working on the fundraiser for the start-up costs. The fundraiser will be a Roast of Carl DeChellis and it is scheduled for 8/27. Tickets are \$40 each and available for purchase at the Cornerstone. Items for the silent auction baskets are also needed at this time.

### **BC On-Call Update**

Dina reports that BC On-Call has been full since it opened in April. They have housed 9 families. Dina states that these families were homeless not as a result of a natural disaster. However there were three families displaced by fire on Monday who Roz is currently working with to see if they need housing. Dina reminded the committee that the apartments can be used by regular homeless households if there are no disaster victims in need of housing at the time. Dina did report that Roz needs assistance with readying the apartments between households. The committee suggested the following to help with this:

- Tiger Paws
- Friendship Homes residents
- Geneva students
- Juvenile and Adult probation (as there is often a community service requirement)

Dina will pass these suggestions on to Roz.

### **Cooling Center Update**

Per the suggestion made at the last Steering Committee meeting, Cooling Centers opened in June. Dina reports that they are open when the Real Feel is 88 degrees or higher. She states that they have been open 6 times. Gerard asked how many people are using them. \*\*UPDATE – None of the sites reported any people using the cooling centers. People are always welcome at the Cornerstone so it is hard to determine if they are seeking refuge from the hot weather. Franklin Center reports people tend to go to Uncommon Grounds when it is hot.

### **Vote on new members**

Dina reminded the group that Carl DeChellis retired from the Housing Authority and will no longer sit on the Steering Committee. The new director, Brian Yaworsky, is willing to take his seat. Darcy motioned that the committee appoint Brian Yaworsky and Joanne second the motioned. Dina also suggested that we vote on including Bryan Shannon, the SSVF Housing Advisor, to the committee to represent homeless veteran needs (this is one of our local and HUD priorities). Tom motioned to appoint Bryan Shannon and Don seconded it.

### **Open Discussion**

Gerard reported that the state budget passed (without the Governor's signature) but that the funding was not yet in place. \*\*UPDATE: The funding is now in place.\*\* Funds should be available on the local level soon. Dina asked if anyone had any comments or questions on the information she sent the committee on housing sex offenders. Darcy stated that she learned a great deal from Jack Wallace about this issue at the Housing Forum. Tom asked if we would like for him to inquire about landlords who would consider renting to sex offenders at the next ACRE meeting. After some discussion, it was suggested that he mention the difference between offences, and highlight that most of the offenders have PO's and possible support from BCBH. At this time, better practices in housing sex offenders include coordinated involvement of PO's, Mental Health, and supportive housing.

**Next Meeting**  
**October 14, 2016 at 12:00 pm**  
**At The Cornerstone**



Issued July 12, 2016

**Request for Proposals  
Continuum of Care PA-603 serving Beaver County, PA**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently released the FY 2016 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition. The CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

As the Collaborative Applicant for the Beaver County Continuum of Care (PA-603), the Community Development Program is accepting proposals for new projects. The total amount of funding available to the CoC is estimated at approximately \$1,549,293. The portion of that total needed to fund current projects seeking renewal is \$1,475,518 and a possible additional \$73,775 may be available through a Permanent Housing Bonus.

Newly proposed and renewal projects will compete for these available funds, and the projects will be prioritized for funding by the Beaver County Review & Rank Committee. HUD will make the final award decisions based on the CoC Application score, project and agency criteria (as outlined in the NOFA), and the Review & Rank Committee's Priority Listing.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

The CoC may create new projects by using funds available through the permanent housing bonus or through reallocation. Only the following types of new projects will be accepted:

- a. CoCs may create new permanent supportive housing projects where all beds will be dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families, as defined in 24 CFR 578.3.
- b. CoCs may create new rapid rehousing projects that will serve homeless individuals and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, and include persons fleeing domestic violence situations and other persons meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness.

Interested applicants should thoroughly review the NOFA found at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5068/fy-2016-coc-program-nofa/>. Then no later than 4:30 pm on 7/21/16, reply via email to [ciabatttonidina@gmail.com](mailto:ciabatttonidina@gmail.com) to present your project idea and demonstrate that both your project and your agency meet the threshold requirements as detailed in the NOFA. If you demonstrate that you meet this criteria, you will then be asked to complete a full application at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5068/fy-2016-coc-program-nofa/> due by 4:30pm on 8/5/16.

Questions can be directed to the CoC Coordinator at: [ciabatttonidina@gmail.com](mailto:ciabatttonidina@gmail.com)

**Summary of 2015 Requested/Received HUD Funds  
And 2016 Priorities**

<b>PA-603 - Beaver County CoC</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>AWARDED</b>
2016-2017 Beaver County Friendship Homes	\$197,330	\$202,181
CARL Renewal Project Application FY2015	\$390,896	\$406,280
CoC Coordinated Assessment	\$33,725	\$33,725
CoC Planning Project Application FY2015	\$59,477	\$59,477
CRS Stone Harbour Renewal 2015	\$387,888	\$387,888
LIFE Beaver County Melrose Place Renewal	\$187,389	\$191,022
Crescent Commons	\$200,066	\$208,422
HMIS Expansion	\$46,000	\$46,000
HMIS	\$37,879	0
Julie's Place	\$39,831	0
TBRA Safety-Net	\$40,458	0
CYS-RRH	\$297,383	0
<b>PA-603 Total Awarded</b>	<b>\$1,918,322</b>	<b>\$1,534,995</b>

**HUD 2016 Priorities**

- Create a systemic response to homelessness
- Strategically allocate resources
- End chronic homelessness
- End family homelessness
- End youth homelessness
- End veteran homelessness
- Use a housing first approach

**Additional Beaver County CoC Priorities**

- Emergency shelter (maintaining the men's and creating a family shelter)
- Transitional Housing for people with co-occurring mental health, substance abuse, and legal histories
- Although we adopted the prioritization of chronically homeless persons, we do not encounter many of them in Beaver County

**Expected 2016 Funding**

Annual Renewal Demand:  
\$1,475,518

Planning:  
\$59,477

Possible Permanent Housing Bonus:  
Up to \$73,776

Possible Maximum Total:  
\$1,608,771

## College Hill Apartments Report

July 14, 2016

In April, 2016, we provided emergency housing for 2 families.

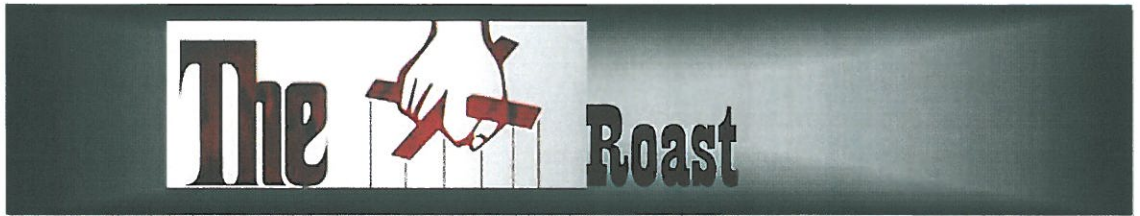
In May, 2016, we provided emergency housing for 4 families.

In June, 2016, we provided emergency housing for 3 families.

We also provided services for families sited above:

- Referred to ESG
- Bus Tickets
- Material Goods
- Referral to Drug Rehab.

We need a volunteers to clean College Hill Apartments once clients exit the program.



Here's an invitation you can't refuse. . .  
 The Cornerstone Board of Directors invites you to  
 A retirement ROAST for  
**CARL DECHELLIS**  
**"THE DON OF HOUSING"**  
 Saturday, August 27, 2016  
 5:30 pm-9:00 pm  
 Center at the Mall Beaver Valley Mall, Monaca, PA 15061  
 Tickets \$40 per person.

In preparation for the award of its non-profit charitable designation, The Cornerstone of Beaver County is excited to announce the details for its signature Roast and Fundraising Event to honor Beaver County Housing Authority's retiring Executive Director, Don Carl DeChellis.

This fun-filled evening will include basket auctions, 50/50 drawing, light dinner fare, cash bar, signature **Don CARLtini** drink, soft drinks, cannoli and coffee and a roast of Carl DeChellis.

All proceeds from the event will benefit "The Cornerstone" in supporting its housing and homeless programs & services for those in need.

**The number of tickets is limited!!!**  
**250 tickets are available at:**  
**The Cornerstone, 1217 Seventh Avenue, Beaver Falls**  
**The Housing Authority, 300 State Avenue, Beaver**  
**or by calling The Cornerstone @ 724-846-6400**  
**For advertising in the souvenir program or to donate auction items,**  
**please call 724-513-5544 or email [cornerstonebeavercounty@gmail.com](mailto:cornerstonebeavercounty@gmail.com).**  
**Auction items and ads must be received by August 19th to be listed in the program.**

**Sponsorship Support Levels**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gold Sponsorship at \$2,500 includes 12 event tickets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Silver Sponsorship at \$1,000 includes 8 event tickets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Opal Sponsorship at \$500 includes 4 event tickets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Marble Sponsorship at \$250 includes 2 event tickets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Travertine Sponsorship at \$100 includes 1 event ticket.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cement Sponsorship at \$50.

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