



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

July 14, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina called the meeting to order 1:33pm. She welcomed: Sue Thorn from Pa Interfaith Impact Network; Gina Farzati from Domestic Relations; and Sondra Plunkett from Neighborhood Legal Services

Review of June Meeting Minutes

Dina Ciabattoni

There were no changes/corrections for the minutes.

Archived Coalition Meeting Minutes are available at www.bccan.org and www.bchmis.info

The Beaver County Housing and Homeless Coalition Meeting is open to the public and welcomes new members to all monthly meetings.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Pastor Kim Rapczak (Crossroads Shelter) reported they are in need of qualified candidates to apply for the Coordinator position. This will either be 3/4 or Full Time position. Also the Crossroads board is looking for applicants for the Director position. The shelter is also in need of competent/dependable overnight staff from 12 am-7 am with a possibility of extending to 9 am. These staff must be male and the starting wage is a little more than minimum wage. Volunteers are always needed especially from 7pm to 12 am. You can contact Pastor Kim for additional details or to apply at 724.714.6203.

Eligibility requirements to apply for paid positions at the shelter include the ability to work with the population, familiarity with substance abuse/mental health issues, experience with homelessness, case management experience, a passion for this type of work, and an understanding of the unique challenges that the guests face.

Dina Ciabattoni announced that the Alliance for Consumer Protection is looking for a part-time office manager. Call their main office at 724-770-2078 for more information or if interested.

Rosalyn Johnson (Franklin Center) provided an update on BC On-Call located at the College Hill Apartments. Currently one family with 3 children is residing there. June had 4 families, and May had 3 families. Ros reports the program is going well. She states that so far no households affected by natural disaster have been housed there. She did report on the recent Midland fire where 3 families including 7 people were affected. She reached out to them to offer housing but so far they have declined. BC On-Call is in need of volunteers to help clean the apartments when there is turn-over. The challenge is not knowing when the apartment will turn over, so volunteers need to be flexible. Moffett House is in transition, but willing to work with Ros on the possibility of doing the cleaning.

Karen Florence (TRAILS Ministry) reports that they have received funding from the Patterson Foundation to resume the Beaver County ID Project to help people obtain an ID. The program will resume on 7/19. Karen pointed out that the Patterson Foundation has placed additional requirements on who will qualify so folks should expect some changes. The main criteria is that folks requesting an ID must have a legal record. Call 724-622-2859 for assistance. Also see attached for more details on eligibility requirements.

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Karen Florence (TRAILS Ministry) continued --

Karen also talked about their summer program for the children in Beaver Falls. They have worked to bring a traveling Black Museum to the Hope Center (918 7th Ave Beaver Falls) on 7/21-7/22. See attached. Also she announced that on Saturday (7/23) TRAILS will be having an Underground Railroad event at 3pm at the Hope Center.

Andre West (Friendship Ridge LTSR) announced that Friendship Ridge has officially changed its name to Brighton Rehabilitation and Wellness Center.

Dennis Sutter (Habitat for Humanity) announced that they are accepting applications for a new construction home to be located at 316 12th Ave., in New Brighton. There are requirements for potential applicants – these can be found on their website. He also announced that as of June 30th Linda Swaney retired and Denis is now the Director. Congratulations to Denis!

He reported that they are looking to hire for the Restore - truck driver position. The position pays \$10 per hour with benefits and vacation. It is a full time position at 37.5 hr/wk. The schedule is Tues - Sat. The driver picks up and processes donations. Applicants must be able to lift 100 pounds. He states it is a difficult and physically demanding job but the driver never works alone. Applicants must have a clean driving record and no criminal background. Applicants do not need a CDL. They are also accepting donations but clothing, chemicals, or electronics will not be accepted.

Charlene Crawford (Red Cross) announced that 2nd Baptist Church in Beaver Falls is hosting a Family & Friends day this Sunday (7/17). It starts at 10am and everyone is welcome to enjoy the fellowship. There will be an informational table if you want to share brochures or information about your agency. The theme is: "You won't leave there the way you came".

Cassie Mutkus (ABC Associates) announced the next Town Hall meeting will be on October 28th. The theme is about prescription drug addiction and navigating the system. The focus will be on having agencies available to distribute resources about their services.

Sue Thorn (Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network) works to bring interfaith congregations together on social injustice issues. Some of their recent work has focused on: public safety, and the "Fight for 15" (which focuses on a living wage for low wage workers). She mentioned that HVHS nurses are having a 1 day strike next week. See attached for more information on PIIN.

Sandy Hutchison (Crossroads Shelter) is the new administrative assistant at Crossroads. Pastor Kim gave her a special thank you for her help with organization at the shelter.

AGENDA

2016 CoC Program Competition update

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina announced that HUD put out the 2016 CoC Competition NOFA. The NOFA and local competition details can be found at: www.bchmis.info

Dina shared the list of current projects seeking renewals. New project ideas for permanent supportive and rapid rehousing projects are due to Dina on 7/21 by 4:30 pm. The ideas will be reviewed and if they meet HUD's criteria as well as local need they will be asked to complete a formal application which

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along with the renewal applications will be due by 8/5. All applications will be reviewed by the Review & Rank Committee. The committee will use both HUD priorities and criteria as well as local priorities to rank the proposals. The committee will rank the applications into two tiers. 93% of the funding will go into Tier 1. Tier 1 projects are historically funded. Tier 2 will constitute 7% of the available funding which is a decrease from 15% last year. Tier 2 projects are at greater risk for not being funded. The available funding amounts have not been announced by HUD yet. There is a chance that Beaver County may receive a Permanent Housing Bonus which could be up to 5% of the Annual Renewal Demand amount. Please feel free to contact Dina with any questions.

Crossroads Shelter update

Dina Ciabattoni

For those who were not aware, Jim Sherwood passed away unexpectedly on 6/14/16. Jim was passionate about the work he did and he laid a solid foundation for the shelter. The Board is working diligently to continue his efforts. The shelter has remained open since his passing but the census has dropped. Please help spread the word that it is in fact open.

Volunteers are needed for 7pm to midnight or any portion thereof. They will be trained and initially teamed with an experienced volunteer.

Crossroads also received its 501c3 designation which is retroactive to August 2015. If anyone has contributed to Crossroads since that time, they can now provide you with tax documentation.

Cornerstone Board Update

Dina Ciabattoni

The 501c3 application has been completed and approved by board. The Beaver County Treasurer's office is cutting the check and will send the application out soon. The Board has also been working on the start-up cost fundraiser – the CARL DeChellis Roast. See attached invitation. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the Cornerstone. Tickets are going fast. The board is also looking for items for the silent auction baskets such as wine, liquor, sports items, etc. Contact information is on the attached invitation.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

See attached. Dina reminded everyone to always call for up to date availability. Crossroads has several openings. And CYS is adding 4 new units but they are not open yet.

NEXT MEETING: August 11, 2016

SAVE THE DATES!

8.4.16 Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures present: Matthew Desmond (Harvard Urban Sociologist and author of *Evicted* – A book about the devastating impact of extreme poverty based on years of study in Milwaukee's poorest neighborhood. The book transforms our understanding of poverty/economic exploitation and provides fresh ideas for solving it) 8/4/16 at 7pm at Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland Tickets are \$10
More information can be found at: <http://pittsburghlectures.org/new-noted/matthew-desmond/>

8.27.16 The Cornerstone Start Up Costs Fundraiser – Carl DeChellis Roast!!
5:30-9:00pm Center at the Mall; Beaver Valley Mall Sponsorships & tickets (\$40) available at the Cornerstone

8.31.16 Deadline for Senator Vogel's 2016 Photo Contest (see flyer for more information)

9.9.16 Senator Vogel's 55+ Senior Expo from 10am-1pm at CCBC
Exhibitor registration due no later than 8/12

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**Beaver County Individual Design Project
(Project ID)
Provided by TRAILS Ministries**

Project ID is a reentry initiative, enabling deeper impact in the lives of adults and young adults returning from prisons, jails, and placement sites. Through Project ID, Trails Ministries is able to assist individuals with obtaining one or all of their vital records such as a Birth Certificate, Social Security Card and Photo ID/Driver's License. Per the grant allowing Trails to provide this service, there are criteria that must be met. The following is a list of how services will be carried out:

Individuals Served -

- All recipients must have a history of incarceration.
- 1st Served - Clients in Trails Ministries programs.
- 2nd Served - Clients who are currently in programs that provide case management (ex. CYS, NHS, Cornerstone.)
- Walk-ins

Please have individuals contact Pam McKelvey at 724-622-2859 to schedule an appointment to confirm eligibility.

2016 FREE SUMMER EVENT



BLACK HISTORY 101 MOBILE MUSEUM

**July 21-22, 1-6 p.m.
The Hope Center**

An innovative traveling table top exhibit depicting black memorabilia spanning slavery to Hip Hop.

TRAILS
MINISTRIES

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The Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN) is a network of congregations and organizations in Southwestern Pennsylvania committed to drawing together people of faith to act powerfully on local and regional issues of justice and fairness through the process of community-building, direct action, and negotiating with decision-makers.

PIIN organizes congregations and faith-based organizations to collaborate on their missions to transform our communities, region, and state into the **Beloved Community** that all of our diverse faiths call on us to foster and become.



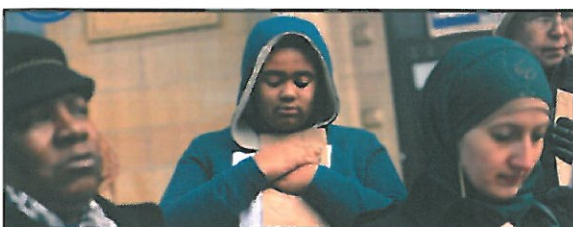
Through PIIN, congregation members compel social transformation by building relationships, surfacing broadly- and deeply-held community concerns, researching and identifying solutions, strategizing, coordinating, taking targeted and powerful action, and holding decision-makers accountable.



PIIN continues to address poverty and racism through supporting family-sustaining jobs, equity in education, police accountability and fair labor practices. PIIN has formed task forces on Ratemayer Justice in the ALCOSAN sewer fix, Fair & Adequate Education Funding and Community Schools, Worker Organizing and Public Safety. We also convene Spiritual Leaders Caucus, Regional & State Expansion Team, Congregational Assembly, and Executive Board.

As PIIN looks forward, we aim to dig up the *roots* of the injustices we see in our communities by:

- Creating structural racial equity,
- Building people's control of government,
- Building community control of the economy, and
- Expanding the public sphere.



"MOVING PEOPLE OF FAITH INTO ACTION"

A Member of Gamaliel

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 ciabottonidina@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: ciabottonidina@gmail.com

2015 McKinney-Vento Funding
Summary of 2015 HUD Funds

PA-603 - Beaver County CoC	AWARDED
2016-2017 Beaver County Friendship Homes	\$202,181
CARL Renewal Project Application FY2015	\$406,280
CoC Coordinated Assessment	\$33,725
CoC Planning Project Application FY2015	\$59,477
CRS Stone Harbour Renewal 2015	\$387,888
LIFE Beaver County Melrose Place Renewal	\$191,022
Crescent Commons	\$208,422
HMIS Expansion	\$46,000
PA-603 Total Awarded	\$1,534,995

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 people, we do not encounter many CH people