



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

Nov. 10, 2016
Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina called the meeting to order at 1:32pm. She introduced Paul Lebanik from St. Vincent DePaul – Beaver; Nicole Anderson and Sara Salopak from Allegheny Intermediate Unit; and Patty Gaston from the Franklin Center.

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

Review of October Meeting Minutes

Dina Ciabattoni

No corrections were noted.

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

“Tremendous work is going on at the State and Local level – where the States, local governments, non-profits, faith-based and community organizations, and the private and philanthropic sectors are responsible for some of the best thinking, innovation, and evidenced based approaches to ending homelessness.” – Opening Doors

Dina thanked everyone for their tremendous dedicated efforts to end homelessness in Beaver County.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Darcy Casey (Crescent Commons) Requested brochures, program materials, pens etc. for the resource table at The Annual Christmas Dinner hosted by Christian Assembly in Beaver Falls. Items can be brought to the next housing and homeless coalition meeting or you can call Darcy at 724-846-6400 Extension 13 to make arrangements for her to pick up the items. Ideally between 50 and 75 brochures will be needed from each program.

Mary Kay DeNome (Saint Vincent De Paul Society – St. Monica’s) Handed out brochures from The Pittsburgh Council regarding SVDP services. See attached.

Lisa Smith (Duquesne Light CAP program) Reported that Crisis grants/LIHEAP/Dollar Energy are now open for individuals with termination notices. Winter moratorium begins on 12-1-2016. Contact Lisa with referrals and any questions. 724.846.6400.

Gianna Wright (Urban League) Reported that individuals who need to apply for Crisis or LIHEAP can contact her directly (724.846.6400) and she can complete the application for your client. The client does not need to go to DPW to complete the application.

Charlie Crawford (American Red Cross) Contact the ARC for free smoke detectors; that come with 10 year batteries. She encouraged folks to get them for themselves, their neighbors, and family. She reminded everyone that smoke detectors are now required in each bedroom. 724.431.6368

Charlie also asked who to call in the evening and on weekends if she receives a homeless call. We informed her of the homeless hotline answered by the Crossroads Coordinator in the evenings. The number is: (724) 714-6203

Marie Krechowski (Mental Health Association -Peer Support Program) Announced that individuals with a serious mental illness and a history of psychiatric hospitalizations can be eligible for the Peer Support Program. Also, MHA is having a 2 week training for individuals who would like to become a

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certified peer specialist. The cost is \$1295, and oftentimes OVR can assist with payment for the class. MHA is able to bill Medicaid for this program now so it is able to expand and they will be hiring additional workers.

Dina C. (Housing and Homeless Coordinator) Announced that Mazda and Vehicles for Change will be in the area to assist families with purchasing a car. The cost of the car is \$1100 and they guarantee loans if needed. Requirements include: working 30 hours per week, income below 200% of poverty level, valid PA driver's license, and insurability. Dina will forward the information to everyone.

UPDATE: This program was temporarily cancelled. Dina will provide updates as she receives them.

Dina also mentioned a webinar on 11.16.16 at 3pm comparing Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities with insurance plans available on the Marketplace. She states that the Pa Health Law Project states that MAWD generally is cheaper and offers fuller coverage. Sign up at: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/139424269511776770>

Paul Lebanik (St. Vincent de Paul – Beaver) Asked what he can do for a gentleman who remains in a nursing home due to not having a home to be discharged to. Judy (Housing Authority) stated that the NH social workers have the Housing Authority applications and they can assist the person with filling it out. Also, Ashley Mancine (Regional Housing Coordinator) stated that there are nursing home transition staff who specifically help patients with transitioning to the community.

AGENDA

HMIS Refresh

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reported that all current HMIS users were given a refresher overview of HMIS. She stated that the users had several good suggestions for making the system work better for everyone. Dina reports that she and George are reviewing the logistics of these suggestions and hope to implement many of them soon. Dina reminded everyone that HMIS data is used in a variety of HUD reports, our HUD funding application, and numerous other reports and presentations throughout the year. It is also used in guiding our planning efforts. She states that the data from HMIS is how HUD sees what we are doing with the funding and uses it to monitor our progress in ending homelessness. She states that all users' data is pulled together in these reports and so it is important to make sure we are capturing all of our efforts in HMIS. To achieve this, Dina announced phase 2 of HMIS Refresh which is to expand the user base. She stated that if you consistently work directly with people who are homeless that your information should probably be recorded in HMIS. She passed around a sign-up sheet for anyone who thinks they should be an HMIS user. She states that she plans to have a training for new users in Dec. or January. If interested email Dina at: ciabattomidina@gmail.com

Outreach sub-committee

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina announced that the first meeting of the outreach sub-committee will be 11/21/16 at 1:30pm at the Cornerstone. She asked that you sign-up but all are welcome even if they don't sign up. Dina stated that the purpose of the committee is to conduct outreach on a more regular basis throughout the year and in a more efficient manner. She stated that we tend to find homeless people during the PIT and therefore we will probably find them throughout the year as well. She stated that conducting outreach can mean walking the streets, checking outside places where homeless people are known to stay, but it also means going to soup kitchens, libraries, bus stops etc. She also mentioned that if you have knowledge of homelessness in certain areas that you are welcome to join the meeting just to share your info. Dina stated that this committee will likely be involved with the PIT survey as well.

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For outreach questions, contact Renee at: hacbspeaker@comcast.net

To make donations, contact Dina at: ciabottonidina@gmail.com

Point in Time Survey 1.25.17

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina announced the PIT survey is scheduled for 1.25.17. She described that there will be outreach teams, and drop-in centers again this year so volunteers and donations (small toiletries, non-perishable snacks, warm clothing –gently used) are needed. Dina also asked that the residential programs conduct data quality checks leading up to the survey to ensure accuracy as we will be using HMIS for the sheltered count. Dina states that the survey is required by HUD this year and that the results are reported to HUD. She states that the numbers are also used in the funding application and in our planning efforts so the survey has long reaching impact throughout the year. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Renee. Anyone who wants to donate items, contact Dina.

Cornerstone Board Update

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reports that the Board is continuing to address all of the logistics regarding the transition. She states that they met with the Cornerstone staff to review job duties, time schedules etc and they met with HUD to ensure all contract details are aligned. Dina will continue to update the Coalition as this develops.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina highlighted that there are very few openings at this time in the homeless programs but there are some larger units available with Housing Authority and a few of our subsidized housing partners. She pointed out that Julie's Place has been removed from the list since they lost their funding. She states that Safety Net will be closing next month also due to lost funding. She reported that all participants in these programs have been successfully re-housed- some are able to stay in place, others are being referred to the Housing Authority and CoC funded programs.

NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2016

SAVE THE DATES!

11.16.16 Medical Insurance for Workers w/ Disabilities vs Marketplace Webinar 3-4pm Sign up at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1394242695111776770>

11.17.16 Community Family Meal Nights at Class Academy 5pm-7pm. Also on: 11/17; 12/15; 1/20/17

11.18.16 Prescription Drug Abuse training at ABC Assoc. 9-4pm Register: cmutkus@abc-associates.org

11.21.16 Outreach Sub-Committee Meeting 1:30pm in The Cornerstone conference room

11.29.16 BCCAN/Ethics Training from 9 am-12 pm at the CCBC Library Resource Room To register email Victor Colonna at vcolonna@bccan.org

12.16.16 Rx Use in Co-Occurring Populations at ABC Assoc. 9-4pm Register: cmutkus@abc-associates.org

1.25.17 Point in Time Survey throughout Beaver County. Contact Renee Speaker regarding outreach at hacbspeaker@comcast.net Contact Dina to donate outreach items at ciabottonidina@gmail.com

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