



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

April 13, 2017

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions: Dina introduced and welcomed the following people: Katelyn Hamilton and Melissa Grimes (CRS); Tanya Sutton (The Cornerstone); Kay O'Neill (Medic Rescue); Jaime Milligan (Fair Housing Law Center); Jeff DeSantis (Resources for Human Development); and Bobby Wilson (Early Head Start)

The Housing & Homeless Coalition is open to the public and welcomes new members to all monthly meetings. Meetings take place the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm in the CYS Conference Room.

Review of March Meeting Minutes: No changes noted.

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

AGENDA

Cornerstone Update: Marie Timpano, Executive Director Joanne Koehler

Joanne introduced Marie Timpano as The Cornerstone's new Executive Director. She shared the board's enthusiasm in welcoming Marie to The Cornerstone and to the Beaver County Continuum of Care. Marie spoke about the experience that she brings to the position including her work at Life Beaver as an administrator; Director of Merrick House; and various positions she held at Action Housing. In addition, she mentioned her training as a social worker and her deep commitment to housing as a human right. She expressed excitement about her new role and the journey ahead with the CoC.

~~**The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Pittsburgh**~~ — **Theresa Bosco**

Theresa did not attend the meeting. Dina will follow up with her to see if she can reschedule her for next month.

Fair Housing Month

Tom Kaminsky

Tom reported that it is Fair Housing month and he passed out a flyer about the Fair Housing Discussion scheduled for 4/24/17. All are welcomed to attend. *He also mentioned that he can offer fair housing trainings at no cost to any agency associated with housing.* He can be reached at The Cornerstone – 724.846.6400.

Dina encouraged folks to attend the Fair Housing Discussion because fair housing issues can easily be missed among the other multiple housing barriers that many of our clients face.

Federal Budget impact on housing

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina handed out the Housing Alliance of PA summary of the currently proposed federal budget cuts. Dina stressed that this is only a proposed budget and that it is still missing a lot of details so it is an opportune time to contact your elected officials about your concerns and ideas. She reminded folks that phone calls are effective and it can be helpful to prepare a few statements before calling so you do not forget to include your ask. Emails and form letters can also have an impact. She reminded folks that if you are a super voter (voted in the last 3 consecutive elections) that your advocacy efforts are generally more effective. She reminded everyone that 4/17 is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming primary. She shared a

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variety of resources to help folks stay in touch with what is happening with the budget as it develops and for advocacy support (see attached). Dina reminded everyone that non-profit agencies are restricted in the amount of legislative advocacy that they are permitted to do so it is best to check with your supervisor prior to advocating on agency time.

Point In Time survey results

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reminded folks that the 2017 PIT results are posted at bchmis.info. She asked if there were any questions and none were posed. Dina reminded everyone that they are welcomed to use the posted data for their own planning purposes and reports etc.

Dina explained that she and George are now working on the official HUD PIT report (noting that the precariously housed households, and PSH residents are not included in the formal report). She states that we will be reporting 10 unsheltered people which is an increase of 4 people from last year's unsheltered count. She states that this information will become part of the CoC application and that we will provide context for the increase to include: more PIT volunteers, more thorough outreach coverage, and finding a family of 6 people.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina passed out the Bed Availability chart. She noted that Beaver Falls Plaza reported a waitlist of 1 year for seniors and longer for people with disabilities. She states that they purge the list once a year. Judy from Housing Authority spoke of 6 openings in Midland which started a conversation about bus service being cut in that area. Mary Ann from the Women's Center stated that BCTA will be providing individual stops at people's homes 3 days a week – similar to the DART service. See attached flyer for more information.

Dina also highlighted the new 811 program – a subsidized housing program run through the Housing Authority for disabled adults who are either in an institution or at risk of institutionalization. There are units at both Riverview in Rochester and Koppel Terrace but currently there are no vacancies. To complete an application send both 811 and Housing Authority applications to Lisa Kessler at hacblk@comcast.net. Also, Ashley Mancine invited any interested parties to join the 811 Program Stakeholders Meetings at Westbridge apartments in Bridgewater. The next meeting is scheduled for 5/8/17 at 10 am.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Bobby Wilson (Early Head Start) reports that Early Head Start is coming to Beaver County. He will forward eligibility and registration information to Dina to send out to the Coalition.

Mary Ann McDevitt (The Women's Center) announced an event today at PSU to raise awareness around the issue of male victimization. She also passed out information about PFAs, Sexual Violence Protection Orders, and Protection from Intimidation Orders (see attached).

Bobby Catley (HVHS) announced a training on 4/20/17 regarding end of life decisions.

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Ashley Mancine (Self Determination Housing Project) announced that her position has been transitioned to Allegheny County and that she will no longer be covering our area. She states that the transition will take place in June and she stressed that we can still reach out to her if we have questions. She assured us that her replacement Kevin Huey will attend our meetings and provide technical assistance and support as she currently does. Dina thanked her for the many years of support and encouragement that she gave to our CoC. She stated that we will miss her and wished her the best.

Gianna Wright (Urban League of Pittsburgh) asked if anyone had bicycles to donate to two young teenage boys in Ellwood City to let her know. **UPDATE: Bicycles were donated!**

Jeff DeSantis (Resources for Human Development) introduced himself and announced that RHD is the entity bringing 39 inpatient substance use rehab beds to Beaver County. He stated that they will offer three levels of support to include: detox, and both short-term and long-term rehab. He states that the location is still being determined. He also mentioned that there will be job opportunities including a forensic peer specialist. He will provide updates at future Coalition meetings as well through Dina.

Harry Angelo (Job Training of BC) announced that they are looking to hire a crew leader/van driver. This position will work with young workers and also provide mentoring. Interested applicants can call: 724.728.2020 ext 103.

NEXT MEETING: May 11, 2017

SAVE THE DATES!

4.13.17 Sexual Assault Awareness: Boys and Men Healing at 4:30pm at Penn State Beaver sponsored by the Women's Center of BC's Education & Outreach program

4.18.17 Fair Housing Training 10 am-12 pm at 800 Mercer Rd., Butler. Free training and 2 CEUs available.

4.20.17 Teen Social Media Training 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Fairfield Inn (Monaca) To register, email: jennifer@etc-pa.com

4.21.17 Ellwood City Job Fair 10:00 am -12:00 pm 525 Lawrence Avenue Ellwood City (2nd floor)

4.24.17 Fair Housing Round Table from 10 am – 12 pm in the CYS Conference room (1080 8th Avenue, 3rd floor Beaver Falls) sponsored by the Fair Housing Law Center

5.16.17 "LinkedIn for Beginners" from 10 am – 12 pm at CareerLink at the Beaver Valley Mall. Must have an email address. Call 724.728.4860 ext. 250 to register.

FYI – The PA Dept. of Drug & Alcohol Program has established a 24 hour, 7 days/week hotline for individuals and/or their loved ones who are seeking D&A treatment services. The phone number is 1.800.662.4357.

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There is no need to add all your contact information if you are already receiving Coalition emails.

Just sign in with your name.

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