



# Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

June 8, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

## Welcome and Introductions

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Dina introduced new members and guest speakers: Christine Albayh (MHA Representative Payee); Harry DeNome (St. Vincent DePaul Society); Zachary Putty (Best Friends, Inc.); Beth Ann Patricelli (Good Samaritan Hospice); Kevin Huwe (Regional Housing Coordinator from the Self Determination Housing Project); Debra Littles (TRAILS Ministry); Court Hower (Disability Options Network); and Dee Gilbert (Crossroads Men's Shelter)

## Review of May Meeting Minutes

Dina Ciabattoni

They have been posted. No one reported any difficulty with accessing the minutes.

*Archived Coalition Meeting Minutes are available at [www.bccan.org](http://www.bccan.org) and [www.bchmis.info](http://www.bchmis.info)*

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

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## OPEN DISCUSSION

**Herta Madder** (BCBH) shared the attached save-the-date flyer for the Western Region Housing Options Coalition Housing Conference scheduled in October. Registration information will be forthcoming.

**Bobby Catley** (HVHS) reminded everyone that tomorrow is the Community Health Fair at the Heritage Valley Family Medicine Center on 7th Ave in Beaver Falls. In addition to the fair, there will also be a free Walk-In Clinic. He also shared the attached Faith in Action Beaver County flyer. Faith In Action offers BC residents age 60+ free transportation to medical appointments within the county. Call 1.800.207.6701 for more information. He reports this model has been successful in the Sewickley area.

**Beth Patricelli** (Good Samaritan Hospice) provided information on Hospice - Charity Care. See attached. She reviewed hospice services and stated that Good Samaritan has 3 inpatient settings. Hospice care is fully covered by insurance or Charity Care. She also announced an upcoming Butterfly Memorial Release in Brady's Run in August. Each Butterfly is \$10. If interested in purchasing a butterfly, contact Beth Ann at [bpatricelli@good-samaritanhospice.org](mailto:bpatricelli@good-samaritanhospice.org)

**Kay O'Neill** (Medic Rescue) spoke about the Stop the Bleed Program sponsored through the Dept of Homeland Security and UPMC. This training teaches first responders and the general public about how to stop bleeding wounds until EMS can arrive. Medic Rescue is just kicking off this initiative in Beaver County and they will be starting with school districts. Kay states that they will soon be available to provide the training at social service agencies. If interested, notify Kay at 724-728-3621 option 2 CPR/First Aid Trainer.

**Sally Ricci** (TRAILS Ministries) announced a summer lunch program at St. Monica's in Beaver Falls for children age 18 and under. The program starts June 12<sup>th</sup> and operates from 11 am - 1pm. St. Monica's is located at the corner of 10th and 6th Ave - the Old St. Mary's.

**Phil Huggins** (Alliance for Consumer Protection) reported that Financial Peace University is starting on 6/28/17. It costs \$125 to purchase materials. Participants will receive a \$10 refund for each week they attend and if they complete the entire program, the final week they will receive \$25. This approach will make the program virtually free as long as folks attend regularly. It is a 9 week program that will meet every Tuesday at 1st Baptist Church in Rochester. Phil also

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announced that ACP is in need of volunteers to listen. They will consider taking someone who needs to complete community service hours. The volunteer position entails taking complaints about businesses. ACP will provide the necessary training. They are looking for coverage for 4 hr shifts - 8am to noon or noon to 4pm. Call 724-770-2078, if interested.

**Charlie Crawford** (American Red Cross) reported on the smoke detector program. She stated that they are taking names, but are waiting on the shipment. The detectors come with a free 10 year battery and the batteries cannot be removed. They will install as many as needed to meet current fire safety code. Call 1-800-Red-Cross and leave your name and address.

**Judy Stonfer** (Housing Authority) made the following announcements:

- HACB – waiting list for 3 & 4 bedroom units are low
- Corack Towers in Midland – has vacancies
- One plan in Ambridge has vacancies.
- The HACB is applying to HUD for Edgcomb in Monaca Heights and King Beaver to be elderly only designations. This will mean that you must be 62+ with no exceptions. If someone who is not a senior already lives there, they will be able to stay. This will go to HUD office in DC for approval.
- Monacatootha Apartments are currently elderly only.
- No smoking law will be in effect by July 2018.

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## AGENDA

### Systems Performance Measures Report

**Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina announced that the System Performance Measures Report for our CoC has been submitted to HUD. She described the report as 7 different outcome measures to gauge the CoC's overall progress toward ending homelessness. She handed out a summary highlighting the main points. See attached. Dina stated that the CoC had an 81% rate of exiting people to permanent housing destinations – which she deems to be impressive. Contact Dina if you'd like the full report.

### Cornerstone Update

**Marie Timpano**

Marie stated that the Cornerstone is now ready to take on the consultants as employees of the agency. This is an exciting transition as it will enable The Cornerstone to more efficiently serve the people seeking services. The transition date is July 1<sup>st</sup> and Marie indicated that The Cornerstone will likely be closed to non-emergencies for a day while the internal day to day transition details are established. Dina stated that once the date and time for closure are determined she will let the Coalition know via email.

Marie reflected that this is a significant step in the Cornerstone's development and she is grateful for the opportunity to be part of it. She recognized the amount of work that Community Development and the Cornerstone board have put in to bring the Cornerstone to this point and she thanked them for their efforts.

Marie also announced that The Cornerstone is in the final stage of a competition to win a year's worth of technical support to develop its website & logo, as well as marketing strategies. These tools are critical to reaching those households who are facing a housing crisis.

This final stage of the competition includes an online vote. Marie asked that everyone take the time to vote for The Cornerstone and to share the link with your networks. Here is the link:

<https://digitalboostvoting.isynergy.io/thecornerstone>.

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Renee Speaker and Dina Ciabattoni also have links on their Facebook pages if you would like to share it with your FB network. Marie thanked those who already voted and those who voted on their phones during the meeting. The deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup> so please continue to spread the word and encourage folks to vote.

## Bed Availability

**Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina handed out the bed availability chart and highlighted that many programs are currently full. She reminded everyone to always call the programs because census can change rapidly. She also mentioned that the 811 Program is currently placing its first participant. She reminded everyone that the waiting list is addressed by priority of need not first come first served. Questions and referrals should be directed to Lisa Kessler at [hacblk@comcast.net](mailto:hacblk@comcast.net)

## Crossroads Shelter Update

**Sandy Hutchison**

Sandi reports that the shelter is currently full, but she reminded the group that this can change daily. She reported that in May, they had 25 people which required some maneuvering to make room for everyone. She stressed that they rarely turn anyone away. She reported that they are in need of volunteers to help staff the shelter. Volunteers help to register the guests, assist with getting laundry started, etc. Hours can be flexible as any help is appreciated. Please call Sandy if you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering. 724-714-6203. Also if folks are interested in volunteering to provide a meal, contact Grace Katz at 724.891.1211 or [missgrace44@comcast.net](mailto:missgrace44@comcast.net)  
Sandy also reports that they are always in need of: new undershirts or other t-shirts as long as logos are not inappropriate (L-XXL); shower shoes/flip flops (L-XL); and new underwear (boxers/briefs L through XXL).

**NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2017**

**HELP THE CORNERSTONE** win free website & logo design and marketing strategy assistance for a year.

Vote for The Cornerstone at:

<https://digitalboostvoting.isynergy.io/>

Please share widely.

The better The Cornerstone can promote its services the better we can assist folks experiencing homelessness!!

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## SAVE THE DATES!

**6.9.17 Summer Community Fair** at Heritage Valley Family Medicine Center (1125 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Beaver Falls) from 1-4pm. Free Health Screenings and community resources available.

**6.16.17 Medical Marijuana in PA** training from 9am-4pm at ABC Associates. 6 CEUs. Cost \$30.

**6.23.17 Adolescent Drug Abuse** training from 9am-4pm at ABC Associates. 6 DDAP credits. Cost \$10  
To register for this training or the Medical Marijuana training, contact: [cmutkus@abc-associates.org](mailto:cmutkus@abc-associates.org)

**6.29.17 FREE Hepatitis C Screening** 9:30-11:30am at ABC Associates (1122 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Beaver Falls)

**FYI – The PA Dept. of Drug & Alcohol Program has established a 24 hour, 7 days/week hotline** for those seeking D&A treatment services. The phone number is 1.800.662.4357.

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