



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

November 9, 2017
Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions: Dina called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. She welcomed new attendees: Grace and Pastor Frank Katz (Meal Coordinators at Crossroads); Gabrielle Antonicelli (NLS – Tangled Title Project); and Rob Henry & Jennifer Nika (Project STAR)

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 October Meeting Minutes: No changes noted.

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michelle DeBord (Neighborhood Legal Services) announced that they have a new program to help clear complicated Titles – i.e. homeowner's name is not on the deed. Gabrielle Antonicelli is running the program and can be reached at 412.255.6700. See attached flyer for more information.

Michelle also announced a new program funded by the Bank of America Litigation Award. The program is designed to assist people who are facing eviction. Full time attorney, Jenny Kaufmann, will be available to help people navigate the legal system and to know their tenant rights. Call 724.598.4188. Calls will be returned within the hour. See flyer for more details.

Frank Wilson (Housing Opportunities of Beaver County) announced that he will be retiring and that Kevin Campanaro will be assuming his position as director. Housing Opportunities is Beaver County's only HUD approved counseling agency which helps low/moderate income people to buy and keep their homes. Kevin's email address is: kcampanaro@hobc.org

Rebecca Salopak (Housing Authority/Christian Assembly) Rebecca reminded us that the Christian Assembly Church will be hosting the annual Christmas Dinner again this year on the 25th at Beaver Falls High School from 11:30- 3pm. She passed out flyers for people to post at their agencies. She states that they are in need of volunteers and agency/program materials for the Resource Table. She states that they will have toys, clothing, and of course a delicious dinner for guests. She states any donations can be brought to the Dec. Coalition meeting. See attached flyers and please help spread the word.

Lisa Smith (Duquesne Light CAP) shared that LIHEAP and Crisis are now open. Dollar Energy is also available for Duq Light shut offs. Also the security deposit can be waived through CAP for new service. Dollar Energy is also available for other utilities but you have to apply for LIHEAP and Crisis first, unless the household is over income for those programs. If someone cannot come into the office, they can call Judy at CARES (724.788.1564). Also Gianna Wright can complete the LIHEAP application over the phone. Call the Cornerstone for assistance with any of these programs: 724.846.6400 (Lisa Smith ext. 32, Deana Law ext. 10, and Gianna Wright ext 31). NOTE: there are no CAP programs for water except for PA-American Water customers.

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) thanked everyone for their support with the fundraiser. She also announced that there is another fundraiser tonight – Dining for Dollars at

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CaddyShack in New Brighton. She announced that currently no funding is available for hotels. She expects the funding to come through for BC On-Call any time now. She will updated the Coalition when it is available.

Dina Ciabattoni (CoC Coordinator) shared that the Regional HUD Administrator, Joe DeFelice, visited The Cornerstone on Oct. 25th as part of HUD's listening tour. She reported that he was very interested in the work that TCBC and the Continuum of Care are doing. She also mentioned that Commissioners Camp and Amadio were at the meeting and Commissioner Amadio expressed his appreciation for the work that all of our Coalition partners do around the issue of homelessness and affordable housing.

Cassie Mutkus (ABC Associates) announced that they will be hosting Self Management & Recovery Training meetings starting Dec. 6th at 7pm at 1122 7th Ave, Beaver Falls. They will occur every Wednesday going forward. SMART meetings offer another self-help meeting format for people working on ending addictive behaviors. Call ABC Associates with any questions: 724.843.0129.

Karen Florence (TRAILS) wants to coordinate Thanksgiving basket efforts so as to avoid duplication. She would like to collect names of people who need baskets. Also if your agency would like to donate items for the baskets you can drop them off at TRAILS. They will deliver the baskets the week of Thanksgiving.

Harry Angelo (Job Training of Beaver County) reports that they have funds for trainings and on the job training for the 18-24 age group. He states overall that jobs are available but currently the number of job seekers are down. For more information call: 724.728.2020

Charlie Crawford (Red Cross) shared that to date the Red Cross has installed 1 million smoke detectors nationwide. She states that smoke detectors are still available for installation in Beaver County. Interested folks should call: 1.800.REDCROSS and leave their phone number and address to schedule a time for installation. Charlie also stated that the Red Cross is looking for volunteers to go to Puerto Rico for 3 week stints. Call 1.800REDCROSS if you are interested.

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United Healthcare

Michelle reported that United Healthcare dual Medicaid/Medicare plans offer additional benefits that other plans don't offer. She reviewed a few of these benefits: mailed prescriptions at zero cost, dental and vision coverage, over the counter coverage for medical supplies, transportation to appointments and to pick up prescriptions, a free nurse line, personal emergency response systems, and they cover most hospital costs. For more information, contact Michelle at 724.825.6727 or at michelle_henry@uhc.com or visit Adam Hues at the Cornerstone every other Tuesday. Also see attachments for more information.

Michelle Henry

Crossroads Shelter is in need of donated meals

Grace shared that she coordinates the meals at Crossroads through a system of volunteers. Through this system they provide a hot meal every night for the guests. She states that she is need of donated meals throughout December. She states that a meal needs to feed 20-25 people and that ½ of a catering pan or 3 – 9x13 pans are usually sufficient. She states that casseroles work well and that protein is a bigger hit than veggies. She likes to offer a dessert and Little Debbie's work well. Also the guests generally drink a gallon each of: milk, chocolate milk, and iced tea. Meals should be dropped off

Pastor Frank & Grace Kantz

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around 6:30 pm and should be hot at that time. Paper products and snacks are also helpful. Grace and Pastor Katz thanked the group for any help that people can offer. Grace stated that last minute donations (i.e. if you have left over food from a function) are also welcomed and to just call her (724.891.1211) or Sandy (724.417.1436) to make arrangements for the drop off. Rebecca reminded the Coalition that the board continues to seek a new location for the shelter.

Outreach Subcommittee Update/Point In Time

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reports that the Outreach Subcommittee will be conducting an outreach event on Nov 16th throughout the county. She states that volunteers to do the outreach and to help put together care packages are still needed. The final meeting to put the outreach teams together will be at the Cornerstone on Nov. 14th at 1:30pm. Also items are still needed for the care packages (non-perishable food, gloves, toiletries, etc) and can be dropped off at the Cornerstone (1217 7th Ave Beaver Falls). Questions can be directed to Renee Speaker (hacbspeaker@comcast.net) or Dina Ciabattoni (ciabattondina@gmail.com)

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina handed out the bed availability chart. She reminded folks to call the programs for updates. But she also reminded everyone that the system for accessing beds will be changing as the final details are formalized for the Coordinated Entry process. More Coordinated Entry details will be available at the Dec. meeting.

NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2017

SAVE THE DATES

11/9/17 Cornerstone Dining for Dollars from 3:30pm -9:00pm. Caddy Shack (100 Wise's Grove Road New Brighton PA) will donate 10% of your bill back to The Cornerstone. Must present the flyer to receive credit. Call 724.846.6400 or stop by 1217 7th Ave, 2nd flr, Beaver Falls to pick one up.

11/12/17 Crossroad's Potluck For a Purpose at 4:00 pm at Rehoboth Lutheran Church. Bring a covered dish and donate what you would expect to pay for a dinner out.

11/17/17 Motivational Interviewing from 9am- 4pm at ABC Associates (1122 7th Ave Beaver Falls) Email Cassie Mutkus to register: cmutkus@abc-associates.org

11/17/17 Treating Patients with Opioid Addiction and Chronic Pain from 9:00am-12pm at Greenbriar (6200 Brooktree Road, Suite 210 Wexford). \$35 registration. Email: rwest@greenbriar.net

11/29/17 Bridges out of Poverty training from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Uncommon Grounds (380 Franklin Ave, Aliquippa). The training is free but registration is required: <http://www.bc-systemofcare.org/training/>

12/6/17 Self Management & Recovery Training support meetings at 7:00 pm at ABC Associates (1122 7th Ave, Beaver Falls). Every Wednesday. Questions can be directed to: 724.843.0129.

1/24/18 Point In Time Survey All day. More details to come.

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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