



# Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

March 8, 2018  
Meeting Agenda

**Welcome and Introductions:** Dina called the meeting to order and introduced new members: Kari Reda (Beaver Falls Library); Amanda Lawler (SOMA); Natalie Meade (Headstart); and Barbara Pupi (Hannah's Hope International Mission)

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

**Review of February Meeting Minutes:** No changes noted.

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

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## OPEN DISCUSSION

**Gianna Wright (Urban League)** announced that her office is moving from The Cornerstone to Ellwood City. She states that she will be at TRAILS on Fridays and that the best way to reach her is by using the number on the flyer she passed out: 412.313.4595.

**Gina Farzetti** (Domestic Relations) announced a workshop to address barriers to employment taking place on 4/17 at CCBC.

**Jean Barsotti** (BF Library) announced a series of Uncomfortable Conversations. The first one is scheduled for 3/14 and the topic is Human Trafficking. The conversations are held at 1301 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Beaver Falls and will be available as a podcast.

**Natalie Meade** (Headstart/Early Headstart) announced that they are accepting applications for various locations for the 2018-19 school year. She said that children aged 6 weeks to 5 years are eligible. Applications can be submitted at their office located in the Beaver Valley Mall. See the attached flyer for required documents to complete the application. Natalie also stated that they are holding a Head Start Day on 3/20/18 from 10am-6pm at the mall. This will be an opportunity to learn more about their services, meet their staff, and tour a sample classroom. See flyer for more details.

**Jaime Kinkead** (BF Salvation Army) announced that families can sign their children up for this summer's Camp Allegheny. They should contact their local Salvation Army office to enroll them. Also Jaime announced the Salvation Army's Community Outreach Day on 8/3/18. The Miracle Dental Clinic will be on site for dental exams for children and adults with a disability. She stated that there will also be vision screenings, vendors, games, and backpack give aways to help prepare children with back to school needs. If interested in having a table at the event, contact Jaime at: 724.846.1089.

## AGENDA

**Primary Health Network - Rochester Dental Clinic**

**Sara Rupp, Seth Donovan,  
Stephanie Mudrick**

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Sara reported that Primary Health Network is a federally qualified healthcare center providing care in underserved areas. She reported that through partnership with Heritage Valley Health System that they have opened a dental clinic. The clinic is located at 176 Virginia Ave (in the same building as Mental Health). Stephanie Mudrick is the dental hygienist and she reported that that they have a state of the art facility offering all dental services including x-rays. They accept all insurances and offer a sliding payment system for those who are uninsured or under insured. They can make referrals to oral surgeons, orthodontists, and pediatric dentists as needed. She reported that they are currently accepting walk-ins. Seth Donovan spoke about Primary Health Network's ability to provide limited transportation to and from appointments. He stated that they try to stay within an 8 mile radius of the clinics and that people can request transportation when making their appointments. He stated that they can transport to referral appointments as well. He highlighted that they do have evening hours so to better accommodate children. Additionally, PHN offers a scholarship program, and prescription assistance. To make an appointment for the Dental Clinic, call 724.683.6049.

## **Point In Time/Outreach**

## **Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina passed out the Point In Time charts. They can be found at [www.bchmis.info](http://www.bchmis.info) She encouraged the group to take time to review the data and direct any insights and/or questions to Dina. She briefly went through the report highlighting the number of people counted in each category and compared it to the capacity of each program type. She reported a slight under-capacity use of ES, under-capacity use of TH (except for Stone Harbour), and over capacity of PSH. For the under-capacity categories, Dina reminded the group that this is just a quick snap shot and not reflective of overall usage of the programs. Dina also confirmed that there were 6 unsheltered people which is 4 less than what we reported in the 2017 PIT.

Dina also reported that the Outreach Subcommittee is planning to conduct an outreach event in May. Dina stated that they are coordinating with the Fire Departments again to do a sweep of the rivers. She stated that will likely occur on a Saturday and that we will need volunteers that day to respond to any calls of people found along the river. She stated that we will also do street outreach during the week as we have done for PIT and previous outreach events. She reminded folks that in addition to outreach volunteers we will also need donations of hygiene products, non-perishable snacks (preferably soft foods), and water. For more information or if you're interested in volunteering or donating, contact Dina at [ciabattонidina@gmail.com](mailto:ciabattонidina@gmail.com) or Renee Speaker at [hacbspeaker@comcast.net](mailto:hacbspeaker@comcast.net)

## **Bed Availability**

## **Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina provided an edited Coordinated Entry flyer as there was an error on the previous one. Dina asked everyone to replace the old one with this new one. She also asked that they provide copies to their colleagues to help spread the word about Coordinated Entry. Again, Dina asked that any issues with the process to please be brought to her attention. She handed out the bed availability chart and stressed that for the programs screened through CE this is just to give an idea where there may be openings and that referrals for those programs have to go through CE. Otherwise, see the chart for wait times and vacancies for the other subsidized housing programs.

## **MISC**

Herta reported that she recently heard about other CoCs receiving a lower amount in some of their federal funding and having to close shelters as a result. She wanted to reflect back to this group how far we have come in our efforts to continually provide secure shelter.

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Dina reported an additional "save the date": See attached flyer for information on a veteran's employment seminar on 4/25 from 1-3pm at the Mall. Registration is required.

Darcy added another "save the date": See attached flyer for information on an Ethics Training on 4/10 at St. Steven's in Sewickley.

NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2018

## SAVE THE DATES

**3/10/18 Healthy Foods & Wellness Expo** 10am-2pm at CCBC Dome For more info visit: [www.heritagevalley.org/expo](http://www.heritagevalley.org/expo)

**3/12/18 Yoga for Trauma** 9am-5pm at the BVIU located at 147 Poplar Street Monaca, PA To register email: [jennifer@etc-pa.com](mailto:jennifer@etc-pa.com)

**3/14/18 Uncomfortable Conversations: Human Trafficking** 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Beaver Falls Library 1301 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Beaver Falls Pa 15010

**4/5/18 Cultural Competency Training** sponsored by BCCAN from 9am-11:30am at 147 Poplar Street Monaca, PA To register email: [lscaff@bccan.org](mailto:lscaff@bccan.org)

**4/28/18 Crossroads 5K Fund Raiser** Click here to register: <https://www.active.com/fallston-pa/walking/spring-to-action-for-crossroads-shelter-2018>

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.