



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

April 12, 2018

Welcome and Introductions: Dina called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. She welcomed new members: Patty Huselton (The Women's Center) and Rev. Chuck Thomas (Free Methodist Church of Rochester).

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 were noted.

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Sandi Hutchison & Dee Gilbert (Crossroads Men Shelter) announced that Crossroads is holding the Spring Into Action 5k fundraiser on 4/28 at the Brady's Run loop. You can register on-line (see link below) or you can use the paper form attached to these minutes. Registration is \$20 and you will receive a t-shirt if you sign up prior to the event. You can also sign up on the day of the event but t-shirts will not be guaranteed. You can contact Crossroads with any other questions at 724.714.6203. Sandi also reported that curfew at the shelter is now 7pm. All guests are expected to be there by 7pm to keep their beds. If a guest is going to be late, accommodations can be made if he makes arrangements ahead of time.

Gianna Wright (Urban League) announced that LIHEAP closes tomorrow. She reported that her office is no longer located at The Cornerstone. She can be reached at 412.313.4595.

Beth Patricelli (Good Samaritan Hospice) announced Camp Erin which is a 3 day overnight camp for children and teens who have experienced the death of a significant person in their life. To obtain an application visit www.camperinpittsburgh.org or call 724.869.6102. See flyer for more info.

Dianne Funkhouser (CareerLink) announced the Re-entry Forum scheduled for 4/17 at CCBC from 8:30-3:30. See attached flyer for more information.

Mental Health Association announced that they started two new groups. The first one is a Dual Diagnosis group. It is held at MHA on the 2nd floor every Monday at 1pm. The other one is a Men's Group which is also held on Mondays on the 2nd floor from 2:30-3:30pm. MHA is located at 105 Brighton Ave. in Rochester. See the attached flyers for more info and feel free to share widely.

Jaime Milligan (Fair Housing Law Center) announced an upcoming training on sexual harassment on 4/25/18 at 2 pm. The training registration can be found at: <http://www.nlada.org/node/15836>

Herta Madder (BCBH) reported that the Human Services Block Grant stakeholders meetings are coming up on 5/15 and 5/22. See flyer for more information. There is also an electronic survey available for your input at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VXSVCNT>

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) announced the Beaver Falls Business District Authority is sponsoring a Spring Festival on 5/5. She states that there will be a space for vendor tables so if you would like to promote any resources let Marie know.

Marie also announced that The Cornerstone just received word that they were granted the PHARE grant they applied for to expand their services in to the first floor space of the building they currently

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occupy. Lisa Signore states that the county received an additional \$25,000 from the PHARE grant to be used for rental and utility assistance.

Charlie Crawford (Red Cross) announced that they are still installing tamper deterrent smoke detectors with 10 yr batteries. She states that they are looking for volunteers to help with the effort in Aliquippa on April 28th. The team will be meeting at St. Titus in Aliquippa at 9 am.

AGENDA

Fair Housing Month

Tom Kaminsky

Tom reminded the group that it is Fair Housing month and that he is available to do fair housing trainings at your agencies. He is also available for any fair housing concerns including exploring possible violations. He can be reached at 724.846.6400 ext 35. Someone asked if violation testers were still being utilized to determine if a violation has occurred. Jaime stated that they do use testers and that more information about the program can be found at www.fhlaw.org/services/testing/

Warming Centers

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina announced two changes to the Warming/Cooler Center list. First, she reported that the Aliquippa location is now at Uncommon Grounds as that seemed to be a spot folks were already utilizing. Also, the Rochester Free Methodist Church is now operating as a Warming/Cooling Center. Remember these locations are available for refuge when the temp is below 32 degrees or above 90 degrees. See flyer for more information and feel free to share widely.

Rochester Free Methodist Church

Rev. Chuck Thomas

In addition to the Warming Center, the Rochester Free Methodist Church has other programs that may benefit some of the people we service. Chuck informed us of those programs. First, he announced a Human Trafficking Seminar on 5/16 at 10 am. Next, he spoke of the God's Choice program which is a free meal and bible study targeted to people who have disabilities. People can show up at 5:15pm. Transportation is available if needed. Chuck states that people's families are welcome to attend as well. He then spoke of the Big House which is an afterschool drop-in center. It is open on Thursdays from 3-5pm and they have games and snacks available. Finally, Chuck spoke about their Little Pantry which is available in their parking lot by the Big House for folks to take food that they need. He reports needing to fill it every 3-4 days. The church is located at 480 Jefferson Street in Rochester.

The Women's Center Legal Advocacy

Patty Huselton

Patty is a legal advocate at the Women's Center. Legal advocates are available to walk with a victim through any legal procedures. They can accompany the person to court, and help educate them about what to expect there as well as the overall legal process. They can assist them with applying for a Protection From Abuse order (in this case the abuser must have a relationship with the victim) and Sexual Violence Protection order (for cases when the abuser is a stranger to the victim). The Women's Center also has Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners available to assist with the sexual assault exams at the hospital. They are trained to the sensitive nature of these exams. The hospital should offer a SANE nurse in these situations but the victim can also request one. Patty was a wealth of information about supports available to people who have suffered abuse and she stressed that anyone in need can connect with these supports by calling the Women's Center at 724.775.0131.

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May Outreach Event

Renee Speaker

Renee announced that we will be conducting a street outreach event on 5/16/18. The planning meeting is scheduled for 5/8 at 1:30 pm at The Cornerstone (1217 7th Avenue 2nd floor). Anyone interested in volunteering should attend this meeting. If you are not able to attend just let Renee or Dina know and we will update you and get you assigned to the task you'd like to do. We need volunteers to complete the street outreach, to collect donations (hygiene products, non-perishable food items etc), and to help assemble the outreach kits. Please let us know if you are interested in helping in anyway. Also if you have information about where homeless people might be staying in your neighborhoods please let us know so we can reach out to them. Renee can be reached at hacbspeaker@comcast.net and Dina can be reached at ciabatonidina@gmail.com

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina passed out the Bed Availability chart and she noted that there are not many programs with vacancies at this time. She detailed that several of our landlord partners have dropped off and as a result it is getting increasingly difficult to quickly locate affordable housing. Dina asked for members to speak with any landlords they know to see if they may be interested in renting to our homeless programs. She highlighted some positives which include: the landlord is guaranteed the rent from the programs, the landlord can reach out to the program supports should there be any issues, and that we can guarantee quick turnover of apartments. If any landlords are interested in partnering with us they should reach out to Tom Kaminsky at tkaminsky@CornerstoneBeaver.org Dina also reminded everyone that the Bed Availability chart is just a snapshot and that censuses can change quickly. She also reminded everyone that for the CoC funded programs, ESG, and SSVF the referrals have to go through Coordinated Entry first. Any questions about Coordinated Entry can be directed to Ros Johnson at 724.846.6400 ext 16 or Dina at ciabatonidina@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING: May 10, 2018

SAVE THE DATES

4/13/18 PA Housing Choice Coalition Webinar from 12 pm - 1 pm. Register at <http://www.sdhp.org/> Webinars take place the second Friday of every month.

4/17/18 Re-entry Forum & Resource Fair from 8:30-3:30 at CCBC (The Library Resource Room). Expungement procedures, restoring your driver's license, and job search skills & tips will be on offer. To register call: 724.728.4860 ext 205

4/24/18 Job Fair from 10 am - 2 pm at The Broadcast (464 Franklin Ave. Aliquippa). Hiring on the spot! Bring two forms of ID. Sponsored by The Franklin Center. Call 724.775.5624 for more information.

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.

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