



# Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

May 10, 2018  
Meeting Agenda

**Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm. No new members were in attendance.

*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 April 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

**Tanis & Ron Fox (Table of Grace)** Tanis announced that they are organizing the meals for Crossroads Men Shelter and welcome the donation of any meals. She reports that they have about 20 regular contributors each month so there is still unmet need. You can call 724.584.2966 to get on the schedule. She also reported that she occasionally gets calls from Danny's Hotel for people staying there who have food insecurity. She was reminded that those folks can also be referred to The Cornerstone if they need assistance with long term housing.

**Donnie Wilson (Red Cross)** announced that the Red Cross recently installed smoke detectors in over 100 homes in Aliquippa. If you or someone you know is in need of a smoke detector they can call 1.800.REDCROSS.

**Jaime Kinhead (Beaver Falls Salvation Army)** passed out flyers for their Summer Community Event on 8/3 from 11 am - 4 pm at 414 16<sup>th</sup> Street Beaver Falls. There will be free on-site children's dental services, free vision screenings, as well as several human services organizations. There will be a cook out, children's activities, games, and school give aways. All are welcomed.

She also announced the SA's sleep away camp at Camp Allegheny available various weeks throughout the summer. Call the local SA to sign up. See flyer for more information.

**Dina Ciabattoni (CoC Coordinator)** announced that there was an error on the Warming/Cooling Centers flyer that she handed out last month. She handed out the corrected flyer and asked that you please replace the old one with this one. There should only be 5 centers listed on it. Someone asked why there was not a center in Ambridge and Dina stated that an available space had not been identified. She asked if anyone knew of a space or agency interested in serving in this capacity to let Dina know. She reminded the group that there is no funding tied to serving as one of these centers but they are expected to be able to provide simple comforts to assist someone seeking refuge from the weather. Also she stated that the centers are expected to link households with any other needed services. This does not mean the center staff have to be knowledgeable about all of the available resources but they can refer to the person to The Cornerstone who will work with the HH.

**Chuck Thomas (Rochester Free Methodist Church)** announced a seminar on Human Trafficking on 5/16/18 at 10 am at 480 Jefferson Street, Rochester. All are welcome and no registration is required.

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**Harry Angelo (Job Training of Beaver County)** announced the Beaver County Unity Games for kids in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and law enforcement officers. The objective is to encourage positive interactions between kids and law enforcement by having them play on the same teams. There will also be activities available for younger children. The event is scheduled for 7/14 from 9am – 12pm. Shon Owens from the Franklin Center is coordinating the event. Registration is required and can be completed through the Franklin Center at 724.378.2882. See attached flyer for more information.

**Bobby Catley (HVHS)** announced Friday Fun Day at Heritage Valley Family Medicine Center located at 1125 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Beaver Falls. A resource fair, games, free food, and free health screenings and physicals will be available. Resource tables are still available. See attached flyer for more information.

## AGENDA

### 2018 CoC Program Competition/RFP

### Dina Ciabattoni

Dina handed out the Request for Proposals for a new Rapid Rehousing project to be funded either through the Permanent Housing Bonus or reallocation. She reports that the RFP can be shared widely and that it is also posted at <http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/CommDev/Pages/default.aspx> and [www.bchmis.info](http://www.bchmis.info). Also attached to the RFP is HUD's definition of homelessness. Dina reports that the Steering Committee decided to seek funding for a new RRH project for several reasons. First, ESG-RRH has already had to reduce its payment amounts due to the number of people seeking support. Also the majority of the people who have been screened through Coordinated Entry scored for RRH. Dina reminded the group that RRH is a housing strategy that provides financial support to households to quickly secure PH. Although there is usually some case management available, RRH is meant for households who just need limited support to achieve housing stability. Dina pointed out that proposals are due to her via email ([ciabattomidina@gmail.com](mailto:ciabattomidina@gmail.com)) no later than 12pm on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Dina also mentioned that the NOFA has not been released yet. She is expecting it around the end of June/beginning of July.

### Housing Crisis to Housing Stability training

### Marie Timpano

Marie handed out the registration forms for the upcoming Housing Crisis to Housing stability training organized by BCCAN. She states that it is a panel discussion with TCBC, Fair Housing, Women's Center, Crossroads Shelter, and the CoC Coordinator contributing to it. There will be time for questions. Marie also announced that TCBC staff now have access to the CareerLink website so they can assist clients with their job searches. She also stated that the Beaver Falls Spring Fest went well. She reports that a few business owners approached her about how they could work to employ homeless people.

### Crossroads Update

### Sandi Hutchison

Sandi reports that the 5k was a success. The rain held off and everyone who registered showed up except for one person. There were 25 participants in all. She states that they raised over \$1000. And they were able to give prizes away to the top three finishers. She also stated that another Pot Luck for a Purpose is coming soon. She reported that overall the census seems to have dropped slightly at the shelter. She described the new level system in place to help guests move efficiently onto PH. She states that Level 1 will require the guests to work on addressing several issues i.e. getting IDs, securing income, etc. While on Level 1 guests' beds are not guaranteed and they will have to return by 7pm to secure their bed again. Once on Level 2 the bed is held for the guests and they are permitted

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entrance to the shelter a half hour earlier. Sandi clarified that if guests are unable to return by the curfew that they should be communicating this to the staff ahead of time so that an exception can be made. Level 2 is designed for guests to work on securing housing. Sandi asked for partners to help guests they may be working with to understand these new expectations. Sandi also reported that she is currently out of bus tickets so guests may be visiting other agencies for them.

## May Outreach Event

## Jaime Kinkead

Jaime reported that the Outreach Subcommittee is planning a street outreach event on 5/16/18. By regularly conducting outreach, our teams have become more knowledgeable about areas to search. Also it seems that outreach is working as evidenced by the fact that of 6 unsheltered people counted in the PIT survey, 5 were already connected with a partner agency. Jaime stated the subcommittee is still in need of volunteers and toiletry items (water, sunscreen, ball caps, snacks, wipes etc) for the 5/16 event. Jaime passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. She also mentioned that items can be dropped off at the Cornerstone or we can arrange to pick them up if that is easier. She also announced that local fire departments have volunteered their boats to do outreach along the rivers on 6/30 starting at 7 am. Volunteers who are comfortable getting on and off of the boats are still needed. Dina reported that Beaver Falls FD scanned BF's river banks for us last year which helped us locate several camp sites. BF FD has been instrumental in expanding this effort to the other jurisdictions.

## Bed Availability

## Dina Ciabattoni

Dina handed out the Bed Availability chart and noted that there are not many openings at this time. She reminded the group that the chart is only to help identify possible openings and in order to access the CoC programs, ESG, and SSVF, households must be screened through Coordinated Entry. Also Marie noted that hotel vouchers should be available soon.

## Success Stories

## Ros Johnson and Marie Timpano

Two success stories were shared. And the group decided that they would like to end the meeting this way every month.

**NEXT MEETING: June 14, 2018  
AT 480 JEFFERSON STREET ROCHESTER PA 15074**

## SAVE THE DATES

**5/11/18 Home Matters Day Priorities Webinar** from 12pm-1pm Register at:  
<https://housingalliancepa.org/home-matters-day-2018/>

**5/15 and 5/22 Human Services Block Grant Public Hearings** from 1:30-3:30 pm. See flyer for more info.

**5/18/18 National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Webinar** from 10am-12:30pm. Register here:  
<http://www.bc-systemofcare.org/save-the-date-national-older-adult-mental-health-awareness-day/>

**6/5/18 Home Matters Day** from 9:30am to 3pm at the Harrisburg Capitol. To learn more visit:  
<https://housingalliancepa.org/home-matters-day-2018/>

**6/7/18 Housing Crisis to Housing Stability** from 9am-11:30am at Penn State Beaver - The Lodge in the Student Union Building. Sponsored by BCCAN and PA LINK. Send registration to [lscaff@bccan.org](mailto:lscaff@bccan.org)

**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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