



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

August 9, 2018
Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions: Dina called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm. She welcomed new members: Ashley Lamanna and Tiffany Speakman (Keystone Wellness Programs)

Since the Housing & Homeless Coalition welcomes ideas, opinions, and knowledge from a broad spectrum of partners, meetings are open to the public and new members are always welcomed. Meetings take place the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm in the CYS Conference Room.

Review of July Meeting Minutes. No corrections were noted.

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Herta Madder (BCBH) announced a clothing ministry event for people facing hardship at the Lillyville Church of God in Ellwood City on 8/13/18 from 5:30pm – 7:00 pm. She also announced the “Room for Recovery” art exhibit which will highlight art created by people in recovery. The event will take place on Sept. 12th and 13th at Aurora Psych in Beaver. See attached flyer for more information. She also handed out a resource guide for LGBTQ youth and their families. See attached flyer.

Kevin Huwe (Self Determination Housing Project) announced the Maximizing Housing Opportunities Summit to take place on 9/19/18 from 9 am – 4 pm. See flyer for more info. Kevin reported that our Coalition meeting is one of the largest housing meetings he attends in the region – noting that our membership and attendance are impressive.

Rebecca Salopak (Housing Authority/Cares Outreach Ministries) announced two outreach events to include: a cook out, ice cream, social service resources, free haircuts, games, and bicycle repair. The first event will take place Sept 9th at 5:00 pm at Morado. The second event will take place on Oct. 7th at 5:00 pm at Harmony Dwellings.

Dina Ciabattoni (CoC Coordinator) announced that CYS is having a Wing Bash fundraiser on August 17th from 6 pm – 8pm at Roberts Roadside Inn. Cost is \$25 for unlimited beer and wings.

Jack Lyden (VA) announced the VA’s Stand Down Pittsburgh event to take place on Sept. 22nd from 8am – 2pm. There will be free haircuts, showers, health screenings, and other resources available. See attached flyer for more information. There was a question on determining veteran status. Jack stated the best way to determine this is to call or Kathy Nairn at the Court House to verify veteran status.

Tim Martin (Beaver County VA Clinic) responded to a comment that we should do a Stand Down here in Beaver County. He reported that these events take a lot of planning and that there is an outreach committee working on it. Rebecca Salopak stated that she could assist.

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Natalie Mead (Early Head Start) announced that there are still openings for the upcoming school year for 3-5 year old children. Enrollment is free. Inquiries can be directed to 724.240.1575. Also they are hiring for PT and FT positions. Interested applicants can walk into their office location at the Mall for an interview.

Jaime Kinkead (Salvation Army) announced that Project Bundle Up and Christmas Assistance applications for zip codes 15010, 15066, 16115, 16141, 16136 will be accepted by the Beaver Falls Salvation Army Sept 18th – 20th. If interested but not residing in these zip codes contact the corresponding SA office directly. See flyer for required documents.

Jaime Milligan (Southwest PA Legal Services) announced a Fair Housing clinic for people with fair housing issues/questions to meet with a SWPA Legal Services for legal support. The Fair Housing clinic will take place Sept. 24th from 10 am – 12 pm in the CYS Conference Room (1080 8th Avenue 3rd floor Beaver Falls). Jaime also reported that they have recently been receiving a lot of discrimination complaints in Beaver County.

Mary Ann McDevitt (Women's Center) announced the WC's 5k/10k walk/run on August 25th in Beaver. Register here: <https://www.womenscenterbc.org/run-to-break-the-cycle.html> She also announced the Trail Ride to Break the Cycle on Sept 9th at Brady's Run. See flyer for more information.

Charlie Crawford (Red Cross) reported that there have been 2 fires and one collapsed building since 7/1/18. The Red Cross accommodated all those who were effected. She also mentioned that there is a road in Ambridge where the homes are collapsing due to landslide. The Red Cross is working with those households as well.

AGENDA

Keystone Wellness Programs

Tiffany Speakman

Tiffany and Ashley Lamanna explained that the services offered by Keystone include: tobacco cessation, problem gambling, and a variety of wellness programs. Today they presented on a new program that is funded by BCBH and focuses on injectable drug use. The program does outreach and education on treatment options as well as provides access to Hep C and HIV testing on site. They are currently looking for opportunities to provide education about their services. If interested in education or to access testing contact BCBH at 724-891-2827.

SOAR

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reminded the group about SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery program that assists disabled, homeless applicants with putting together strong SS applications so that they are successfully awarded and awarded in more timely manner. She spoke of the myriad of opportunities income provides to people who are working on housing stabilization. She reports that HUD inquires of the CoC funded programs about whether participants have

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access to a SOAR trained person. She handed out information about how to become SOAR trained. She reports that it is an online training and takes about 20 hours. CEUs are available upon completion. Dina also stated that if you do complete the training to let her know as we will be working to coordinate with our local SSA SOAR contact person to streamline the SOAR process here in Beaver County. She is hoping to have a coordination meeting in the next month to two. More information about SOAR can be found at:

<https://soarworks.prainc.com/course/ssissdi-outreach-access-and-recovery-soar-online-training>

Crossroads

Rebecca Salopak

Rebecca announced that the Crossroads board is looking to hire an Executive Director. See attached job description. She reports it is a full time position with benefits and the salary is \$50,000. See attached flyer for more information on eligibility requirements and duties.

Interested individuals can email their resumes to: Rebecca Salopak at hacbrs@comcast.net or Kevin Bingle at kevinbingle@gmail.com

Rebecca also noted that the shelter is in need of beds and bedding, as well as volunteers to make meals. She noted that they will be updating their list of needs soon.

Home4Good

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reminded the group that the Home4Good proposals are due on 8/23/18 by noon to Community Development Program located at 1013 8th Avenue Beaver Falls, PA. Dina stated the funders want to fund innovative solutions to end homelessness thereby providing the unique opportunity to possibly fill gaps in our service offerings. Dina will be sending out a second call for proposals and wanted the Coalition to help brainstorm ideas for the funding. She handed out the CoC Planning Tool and asked for feedback on additional needs/gaps.

Discussion ensued and the following gaps in services and project ideas were posed: no cost laundromat, transportation, in-home supports (including bed bug mitigation), development of efficiency units/sleeping rooms, development of housing in rural areas, and landlord engagement (particularly around the need for rents with utilities included). Dina will pass these ideas along in the second call for proposals.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina passed out the bed availability chart noting that there are not many openings at this time. She noted that there are long waiting times especially for PSH. She stated that CE works with clients to access ES, get their documents together, and to access needed services/resources while they wait. For clients who are eligible and interested, referrals may be made to private market resources and/or the Housing Authority. She stressed that having a source of income opens up these opportunities again highlighting the importance of SOAR training.



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NEXT MEETING: September 13, 2018

PLEASE NOTE CROSSROADS NEW PHONE NUMBER: 724.846.1303

SAVE THE DATES

8/15/18 Trauma Informed Care 9 am – 12 pm at 147 Poplar Drive Monaca. To register, email: jennifer@etc.pa.com

8/23/18 Home4Good funding proposals are due by noon at: 1013 8th Avenue Beaver Falls, PA

9/5 & 9/6 Motivational Interviewing from 9 am -4:30 pm (both days) at 147 Poplar Drive Monaca. To register, email jennifer@etc.pa.com CEUs are available.

9/10/18 LGBTQ Youth 9 am -4 pm at BVIU – 147 Poplar Drive Monaca. To register: jennifer@etc.pa.com

9/17/18 LGBTQ 101 9am – 12 pm at BVIU – 147 Poplar Drive Monaca. To register: jennifer@etc.pa.com

9/19/19 Understanding the Deep Web & Dark Networks 8:30 am – 12 pm at Penn State Beaver Campus, The Lodge, Monaca. To register, email: lscaff@bccan.org

10/29/18-10/31/18 Homes Within Reach Conference. A Season for Change: Cultivating Housing Opportunities at the Hilton Harrisburg. For more info visit: <http://homeswithinreachconference.com/>

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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