

Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

September 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions: Dina called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. She introduced new attendees: Deb Ferguson (Glade Run Psych Rehab), and Dr. Hagberg and Beth Fedisin (HVHS Family Medicine Center)

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 August Meeting Minutes: No changes noted.

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) introduced Jennifer Betustak from Indiana University who is doing research on HPV and the social and economic impact on health. Marie also announced the Cornerstone fundraiser band bash to take place on 10/20 at the Rochester VFW. Tickets are \$20 each and raffle baskets are still needed as well. Contact Marie if you'd like to purchase a ticket or donate a basket. Marie also announced that they are hiring a 20 hr/week Outreach Specialist.

Jessica Sabol (The Women's Center) announced that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. She stated that they are selling t-shirts for \$10 to help raise awareness. Contact the Women's Center if you would like to order one.

Tom Kaminsky (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) announced that the Cornerstone will be hosting Fair Housing round tables once a month from 12-1 pm. See flyer for dates. He also stated that the PREP course will be offered once a month starting in October. The PREP course offers education on how to be a prepared and responsible renter.

Dan Collmus (City Rescue Mission) announced a meeting of faith based and social service agencies at the Cornerstone on 9/18 at 8:30 to discuss coordinating efforts to address homelessness in Beaver County. All are welcome to attend.

Jaime Milligan (Southwest PA Legal Aid) announced a Fair Housing Clinic on 9/24 in the CYS conference room. Legal consultation will be available for anyone with a fair housing concern. She also noted that they are in need of fair housing testers particularly African American and Hispanic men. She states that there is a small stipend offered for any completed tests.

Lieutenant Soto (Salvation Army –Beaver Falls) announced Project Bundle Up and Christmas Assistance sign-ups will take place from 9/18-9/20 at the Beaver Falls Salvation Army. See flyer for more information. She stated that each SA location will have different

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details for sign ups. Call Captain Andrew Spooner for Rochester SA at 724.774.8335. Lieutenant Spooner also handed out a booklet of local events. Contact him for a copy.

Lieutenant Candace Horseman (Salvation Army – Aliquippa) stated that Project Bundle Up sign up dates are 9/26-9/28 and that Christmas sign-ups are 10/1-10/5 from 12pm-2pm. Call 724.378.0875 for more information.

Kari Reda (Beaver Falls Library) announced that they are offering a Computer Basics and Internet 101 training on 9/26. Contact the library at 724.846.4340 to register.

Lynell Scaff (BCCAN) announced the Conflict in the Workplace training on 10/11 at PSU Lodge from 8:30 – 12pm.

Dina Ciabattoni (CoC Coordinator) announced:

- The CoC Application is available for public review until end of business on 9/14 at The Cornerstone (1217 7th Ave beaver Falls) and at www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/CommDev/Pages/default.aspx
- SOMA has made The Well available to people with no where to go on Fridays. They have coffee, computers, and fellowship. The Well is located at 1401 6^{th} Ave, Beaver Falls.
- The City of Beaver Falls is installing an information kiosk in the 13^{th} Street Park with one side devoted to resources for people who are homeless.

Harry Angelo (Job Training of Beaver County) stated that in partnership with CareerLink a Job Fair will be offered at the Beaver Valley Mall on 10/24 from 10 am – 2 pm.

Renee Speaker (Housing Authority) reported that we are in need of outreach supplies including: toiletries, non-perishable food, socks, gloves etc. Donations can be dropped off at The Cornerstone or they can be picked up. For pick up email: ciabattonidina@gmail or hacbspeaker@comcast.net

AGENDA

Glade Run Psych Rehab

Deb Furguson

Deb reported that Glad Run offers mobile Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services in Beaver County. She explained that Psych Rehab is not treatment but rather skills development for people with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness and who are 18 years old or older. She stressed that people must have a MH diagnosis verified by a professional and that the person can maintain their own treatment team. (This program cannot work with people who are enrolled in LIFE or FACT). Psych Rehab focuses on goals that address functional impairment in daily living and these goals must relate to the MD diagnosis. Referrals can be made by calling 724.452.4453 ext 1961.

HVHS Family Medicine Center

Bobby Catley, Dr. Hagberg, Beth Fedisin

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Dr. Hagberg is the director of the Family Medicine Center in Beaver Falls. He reports that it is a residency training program but that faculty also see every patient. He reports that they have access to x-ray and labs on site. Also a pharmacist is available for one on one medication consult and assists with connecting patients to medication assistance programs. A social worker is also on site to assist with housing, transportation, and various other challenges. Behavioral Health treatment is also available on site. Other services available include: nurse education, dietician services, and podiatry. They also have some capacity to do home visits. They accept all insurances and have a reduced fee for those who are uninsured. See flyer for more information. He emphasized the residents are focused on community medicine and are in need of a service project. He asked for any agencies who could use a medical or service project to contact him. It was suggested that the residents could assist with our next Outreach Event. A tentative date of Dec 7th was set.

Literacy Pittsburgh

Mary Leitao

Mary reported that Adult Education Literacy at PSU lost funding and was facing closure. Literacy Pittsburgh stepped in to offer the same services and locations. Classes are offered at their Beaver office, CareerLink, and the Jail. They can assist people with preparing for the GED and also assist people who are under-employed. More information can be found at literacypittsburgh.org and by calling Mary at 724.773.7810.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina handed out the bed availability chart noting that program census can change quickly for these programs so calling them directly and referring folks to coordinated entry is best practice. It was noted that there are now only 2 openings at the Women's Center and there are no openings at BC On-Call.

NEXT MEETING: October 11, 2018

SAVE THE DATES

9/17/18 LGBTQ 101 Gender & Sexuality training from 8:30 am – 12 pm at the BVIU (147 Poplar Avenue Monaca, PA 15061). To register, email: jennifer@etc-pa.com

9/19/18 Understanding the Deep Web and Dark Networks from 8:30 am -12 pm at PSU Student Union Auditorium. To register, email: lscaff@bccan.org

9/22/18 Taking It to the Streets – Stop Stigma from 4 – 6 pm at the Beaver Falls 13^{th} Street Park (beside the library). All are welcome to attend.

10/11/18 Dealing with Conflict in the Workplace and with Your Clients from 8:30 am – 12 pm at PSU The Lodge. To register, email: lscaff@bccan.org

10/20/18 The Cornerstone Of Beaver County band bash fundraiser at the Rochester VFW. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance at The Cornerstone or at the event.

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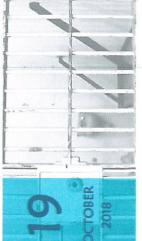
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