



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

February 14, 2019

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions: Dina called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. She welcomed new members Erin Rathbun ((Beacon-VBH); and Katrina Campbell (Choices Pregnancy Services).

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.

January Meeting Minutes: No errors or omissions were noted.

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

1. OPEN DISCUSSION

Tom Kaminsky (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) introduced Elizabeth Moser from the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. She now has an office at the Cornerstone and is available to assist people with accessing SNAP benefits. She plans to be at the Cornerstone the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Her contact information is attached.

He also noted that The Cornerstone is offering a Casino bus trip to Seneca Alleghany Resort as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$80 and can be purchased at The Cornerstone (1217 7th Avenue, 2nd floor, Beaver Falls). See flyer for more information.

Dianne Funkhouser (CareerLink) announced two upcoming training opportunities (see attached flyers). The *Removing Barriers to Employment: Re-Entry Resource Workshop* is held the last Tuesday of every month at 12:30 at CareerLink at Beaver Valley Mall. The second training focuses on building essential skills that employers are looking for in new hires including: work ethic, communication, professionalism etc. Dates and times are indicated on the flyer. Registration is recommended by calling 724.728.4860 ext 215.

Phil Huggins (Alliance for Consumer Protection) announced that as of 4/1/19 ACP will be located at the Beaver Valley Mall near Job Training and CareerLink. He states that this will be a more accessible location for people using public transportation. After 4/1, the phone number will also change to 724-728-2020.

Lisa Signore (Community Development Program) introduced Jacob Charles as the new Community Development Block Grant Project Manager at Community Development Program.

Stephanie Magnifico (Mental Health Association) announced that MHA is offering free haircuts on the first and third Thursdays from 1-3pm.

Dina Ciabattoni (Continuum of Care Coordinator) passed around the sign in sheet and asked attendees to mark their name if they have not been receiving her emails.

The mission of the Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County is to provide support, direction, and collaboration in effectively addressing the issues of homelessness and affordable, sustainable housing in Beaver County by identifying and utilizing all available resources.



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2. AGENDA

Point In Time results

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina thanked everyone who helped with planning and executing the Point In Time survey this year. She reported that there were 4 drop in centers, 10 street outreach teams, and 4 community sites visited. She reported that through these efforts, 5 unsheltered people were encountered. These folks were staying in their cars, and abandoned buildings. This year's unsheltered count is one less than last year so that does show progress. She stated that the sheltered count was conducted via HMIS data and that those numbers were on par with what was expected. Formal PIT reports will be available at the next Coalition meeting.

She noted that there has been a recent increase in calls regarding homeless people staying in abandoned buildings in Beaver Falls however the locations have been difficult to pin point. She asked that if anyone has information on where these locations may be to please pass it along to Dina or Kellie Bogolin at the Cornerstone.

CoC Awards

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina passed out a summary of the recently announced CoC Awards (see attached). She noted that we lost funding for both Coordinated Entry and HMIS. Although this is concerning she stated that she is working with Community Development on identifying alternative funding sources for these programs. Additionally, she announced that we did receive the Permanent Housing bonus for the first time since 2013. The Beaver Falls Salvation Army received \$151,114 for a medium term Rapid Rehousing program. Further she noted that the renewal projects received increases in their leasing/rental assistance amounts totaling an additional \$51,952. Overall despite the loss of funding for CE and HMIS, the CoC received \$127,940 more than we did in the 2018 CoC Competition. She also noted that it appears the 2019 CoC Competition may be opening about 2 months earlier than it did last year. She stated that there will likely be another bonus opportunity and any information about new opportunities will be emailed to this group.

Crossroads Inclement Weather Protocol

Judy Ventresca

Judy announced that when the temperature is below 32 degrees Crossroads will stay open over the weekends (Friday 7pm to Monday 8am). She stated that guests who leave during that time can only return at 7pm. She noted that when these conditions are met and Crossroads will be open, she will post it on Facebook. She encouraged folks to follow Crossroads on Facebook for timely updates.

Dina mentioned that two more locations were added to the Warming/Cooling Center lists - The Beaver Falls Salvation Army and Center for Hope in Ambridge. She provided everyone with an updated list and asked that they help spread the word about the additional locations. She also thanked several partners who provided additional services and flexibility during the recent bitter cold weather (Crossroads, The Women's Center, The Cornerstone, and TRAILS).



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Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina passed out the bed availability chart. She reminded folks that there is an 811 unit available at Kopple. She noted that if it is not filled soon the 811 status may be revoked. She reminded the group that although there are waiting lists, the Kopple location is not ideal for folks who do not have their own transportation. Lisa Kessler is the contact for the 811 units and her information can be found on the back of the bed availability chart. Dina also noted that Crescent Commons expects an opening soon. Dina reminded the group that referrals for Crescent Commons must come through Coordinated Entry.

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2019

SAVE THE DATES

3/9/19 What's On Your Plate – Healthy Foods & Wellness Expo 10 am-2 pm at CCBC Dome sponsored by Heritage Valley Health System

3/14/19 Trauma Training from 8:30am – 12pm at The Lodge Penn State Beaver. To register, email: lscaff@bccan.org

4/4/19 Mental Health First Aid & Stop the Bleed Trainings from 8:30am – 1pm at The Lodge Penn State Beaver. To register, email: lscaff@bccan.org

4/27/19 Casino Trip – Cornerstone Fundraiser 8am departure from Beaver Falls Save A Lot and return at 8pm. \$80/person. Call 724.846.6400 to reserve your seat!

9/21/19 FIRST ANNUAL BEAVER COUNTY VETERAN STAND DOWN!!

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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Just sign in with your name.

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