



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

March 14, 2019

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions: Dina called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm. She introduced new members: Chuck Deyell (Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board); Jaime Castelucci (Beaver Falls Health Mart); Stasha Kaye (St. Vincent DePaul); Jessica Luisi (Fair Housing Law Center)

Since the Housing & Homeless Coalition welcomes new ideas, opinions, and knowledge from a broad spectrum of partners, meetings are open to the public. New members are always welcomed. Meetings take place the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm in the CYS Conference Room located at 1080 8th Ave, 3rd floor, Beaver Falls.

February Meeting Minutes: No changes noted.

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

1. OPEN DISCUSSION

Stephanie Magnifico (MHA) announced that in honor of MHA's 65th "birthday" they are holding a spring designer handbag auction on April 4th at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$40 and includes a pasta station and 10 raffle tickets. To purchase tickets call 724.775.4165.

She also announced:

- MHA's Easter dinner on 4/16 at 12pm at The Phoenix Center
- Prom on 4/10 from 6-8pm - Faith Community United Methodist 341 Jefferson St Rochester
- Dual Diagnosis group every Monday at from 1-2pm at Mental Health Association
- Men's group the last Wednesday of the month from 5-7pm. Includes dinner.

Chuck Deyell (Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board) announced a new grant target for people who have been affected by the opioid crisis. The grant offers various training opportunities – certified recovery specialists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and training for families affected by opioids. Some of the trainings are being offered in conjunction with Penn State Beaver. For more information, see attached flyer or call 724.229.5083.

Lynell Scaff (Beaver County Collaborative Action Network) announced the Mental Health First Aid/Stop the Bleed training on 4/4 from 8:30 to 1:00 at The Lodge at Penn State Beaver. A few spots are still available. To register email: lscaff@bccan.org.

Natalie Mead (Head Start/Early Head Start) announced that they are accepting applications for the 2019-20 year. She reminded the group that children aged 6 weeks to 5 years are eligible. Visit their office at the Beaver Valley Mall to register. She also announced that they will be holding their first ever graduation on 5/24 at the Dome at CCBC. There will be space for information vendors. For more information call: 724.728.2110.

Paul Lebanik (St. Vincent DePaul) announced that several of the local St. Vincent DePaul conferences will be consolidating into one. He reported that Beaver, New Brighton, Freedom,

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and Rochester will be combining. He also introduced Stasha Kaye from the Rochester St. Vincent DePaul conference.

Jennifer Ott (Children & Youth Services) announced a new group forming to support adult women who are impacted by trauma. The model is called Seeking Safety and will be led by Melissa Moore from Pittsburgh Action Against Rape. There are 8 spots available in the group. The meetings will take place on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 am. Location TBD. For more information call: 412.735.5996. *Melissa will be at the April Housing & Homeless Coalition meeting to provide more information about the group.*

Dina Ciabattoni (Beaver County Continuum of Care Coordinator) announced that the Pittsburgh Federal Home Loan Bank is offering grants and subsidized loans for acquisition, constructions, or rehabilitation of affordable housing for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income. See attached flyer or visit <https://www.fhlpgh.com/ahp>

2. AGENDA

Outreach Event

Renee Speaker

Renee announced the outreach event scheduled for 5/2/19. She reported needing donations of comfort items including: toiletries, sunscreen, tarps, flip flops, wipes, non-perishable food items. She reported that we also need volunteers the day of the event to conduct street outreach. Anyone interested in participating should attend the planning meeting on 4/25/19 at 1:30pm at The Cornerstone – 1217 7th Ave., 2nd floor, Beaver Falls.

Beaver Falls Health Mart

Jamie Castelucci

Jaime stressed the benefits of a family owned pharmacy versus the big box pharmacies. She reports that Health Mart focuses on the individual not the number of sales. She reports that in addition to filling prescriptions they can do compounding, fill pet prescriptions, offer auto-refills, and they can prepare prescriptions in individual dose packages to help folks take the medication as prescribed thereby increasing safety and independence. She also spoke about the partnership Health Mart has with Primary Health Network. She reported that they offer special pricing for PHN patients who do not have insurance. Further, they have a pharmacist who is on call 24 hours a day and they have a pharmacist who specializes in children's medication. Health Mart can administer vaccines and they offer medication therapy management which is a review of a patient's medications to ensure there is no potential of adverse reactions. Health Mart has locations in New Brighton and Beaver Falls. See attached flyer for more information.

Beaver Falls Health Mart has offered to do a donation drive for our upcoming outreach event. Thank you Beaver Falls Health Mart!!

USDA Home Modification Grant

Kevin Huwe

Kevin announced the Housing Preservation Grant (available through Disability Options Network) to make needed repairs and renovations for rural, very low and low income

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homeowners who have a disability or have a household member with a disability. Kevin clarified that Beaver County is considered rural. He also stated that a disability has to impact one of 5 life functions. He reported that recipients need to secure matching funds and that DON can assist with this. Grants will be awarded up to \$1,500. The homeowner can find the contractor or they can work with DON to coordinate with one of their partnered contractors. Kevin encouraged any interested parties to call for an initial eligibility screening – 724.652.5144, ext 194. If the household is deemed ineligible, DON will work with the household to identify other possible resources to assist.

New Rapid Rehousing Programs

Jaime Kinkead

Jaime explained the new CoC funded Rapid Rehousing program that the Salvation Army will be launching in May. She reports that it will offer medium term, tapered rental assistance along with supportive services. The goal is for the household to eventually take over the full rental payment and maintain housing stability independently. She reported that the program will receive its referrals through Coordinated Entry. She expects to serve about 35 households in a year – roughly 12 households a month (depending on the rental amounts of each household). She stated that because it is a rapid rehousing program the rent should be around the fair market rate but if the rent can be demonstrated to be reasonable with local comparables it can exceed fair market rent. Jaime also spoke about the Home4Good grant that the Salvation Army received to add Rapid Rehousing support to households exiting Harmony House and who still need some support to achieve housing stability. She reports she will be hiring a case manager to work with both of these programs.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina handed out the bed availability chart. She pointed out that the new Salvation Army RRH program is noted on the chart. She noted that when the program is officially open there will be several vacancies and she reminded the group that referrals for this program will have to go through Coordinated Entry. The CE scoring matrix will be adjusted for this new program.

NEXT MEETING: April 11, 2019

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

4/11 Trauma 101 – An Overview of Trauma from 9am-11am OR 1pm-3pm at 147 Poplar Ave, Monaca PA. To register, email: jennifer@etc-pa.com

4/25/19 Outreach Planning Meeting at 1:30pm at The Cornerstone located at 1217 7th Avenue, 2nd floor

4/27/19 Casino Trip – Cornerstone Fundraiser CANCELLED!!

5/2/19 OUTREACH EVENT

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

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Please sign in if you didn't already. Thank you!

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