



# Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

April 11, 2019  
Meeting Agenda

**Welcome and Introductions:** Dina started the meeting at 1:34 pm and welcomed new attendees: Jennifer Jones (Harmony House); Carol Regis (The Cornerstone of Beaver County); and Melissa Moore (Pittsburgh Action Against Rape)

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm in the CYS Conference Room.*

**March Meeting Minutes:** No errors or omissions were 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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## 1. OPEN DISCUSSION

**Herta Madder (BCBH)** announced several upcoming trainings including:

- Seeking Safety (A psycho-educational group for survivors of sexual violence – See flyer)
- From Social Gambling to Internet Gambling (See flyer for more info)
- Anger Management groups (See flyer for more information)
- Social Skills for Teens with High-Functioning Autism (See flyer for more info)
- Mental Health Awareness Ice Cream Social (See flyer for more info). Vendors still needed for the resource table. Contact Bonnie Palmieri at [bpalmieri@AHCI.org](mailto:bpalmieri@AHCI.org) or 724.624.7203

**Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone)** announced the Beaver Falls Business District Spring Fair to take place on 5/4/19. She reports that vendors are still needed for the resource tables. If interested contact Marie at: [mtimpano@CornerstoneBeaver.org](mailto:mtimpano@CornerstoneBeaver.org).

**Mary Ann McDevitt (The Women's Center)** announced that April is sexual assault awareness month. She stated that Kristen Revello-Pouchot will be at next month's Housing & Homeless Coalition meeting to discuss the prevalence of sexual assault and the various services offered by the Women's Center.

**Christy Miles (Veterans Leadership Project)** announced that she now works for VLP who provides housing assistance, employment opportunities, and case management to homeless veterans in Beaver, Washington, and Greene Counties. You can reach her at 724.888.7106 or [milesc@vlpwpa.org](mailto:milesc@vlpwpa.org)

**Marion Waelchk (Alliance for Consumer Protection)** announced that she is the new Executive Director for ACP and that their location has moved to the Center at the Mall. Their new phone number is: 724.888.5931.

**Tom Kaminsky (The Cornerstone of Beaver County)** announced that it is Fair Housing month and he stressed that he is available to provide training at your agencies on issues

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related to Fair Housing. He reports that with Southwestern Pa Legal Services, they are taking a new approach to Fair Housing testing. They are attempting to do more targeted tests so any information you have on landlords who may be violating Fair Housing laws would be helpful. He also stated that they are conducting a **Fair Housing survey** for clients to complete. See attached survey. Tom asked that completed surveys be returned to him by the middle of May.

Tom also discussed that the Beaver Falls Library is having a Raise the Roof fund raiser where donors can buy a shingle to support the funding for a new roof. See attached flyer for more information.

**Dina Ciabattoni (CoC Coordinator)** passed out the BCTA service changes. Someone said that BCTA will send new schedules for agencies to hand out if you contact them.

**Judy Stonfer (Housing Authority of Beaver County)** announced that she is retiring as of 5/31. She will be bringing her replacement to the next meeting to introduce to us. Dina thanked Judy for her many contributions to the Housing & Homeless Coalition over the years.

## 2. AGENDA

### **Choices Pregnancy Services**

**Katrina Campbell & Leah McGhee**

Choices Pregnancy Services is a non-profit, faith based organization that empowers people with information and support so they can make a good decision. They have a 30 year history in this work. They are privately funded and services are 100% free (ID or a photo is needed). Services are completely confidential – even for adolescences. They serve, men, women, teens, LGBTQ – everyone is welcome. They offer STI testing, pregnancy testing, obstetrics, sonograms, pregnancy option counseling, and referrals. They also provide physical, spiritual, and emotional support and they do not judge the decisions that patients make. They focus on caring for the whole person. The STI testing is confidential and judgement free. Some treatment is available at the site for positive STI results. They also assess risk and provide education on how to reduce risk of STI. Choices also has a mobile clinic and they are looking for other sites they can visit. For more information call: 724.728.5550 or see flyer.

### **Pittsburgh Action Against Rape**

**Melissa Moore**

Melissa is starting the Seeking Safety trauma recovery group for women who have experienced sexual violence. It will be a 10 week program and people are encouraged to attend every week. Groups will focus on red flags in relationships, coping skills, and anger management. Melissa will meet with potential participants one on one to determine if they could benefit from the group prior to enrolling them in the group. Melissa is accepting referrals now and once she has enough people she will set a start date. She stated that the groups will be held on Tuesdays from 10 am – 11:30 am and will likely be held somewhere in the BCBH building. Melissa's contact information is: 412.735.5996 or [melissam@paar.net](mailto:melissam@paar.net)

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## **Point In Time results**

**Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina handed out the PIT charts. She explained that the charts are for our local use and are not submitted to HUD. She noted that the formal HUD PIT report will be submitted by the end of the month. Dina noted that the sheltered count was not significantly different from last year's count. Similarly, she noted that the unsheltered count was 6 people which is exactly the same as last year. She explained that the unsheltered people were not the same people who were counted last year. Someone asked where the unsheltered people were found and Dina responded that primarily they were found in Beaver Falls and Aliquippa. Further it should be noted that although our unsheltered count did not change, we suspect that more homeless people are accessing the homeless system through Coordinated Entry. So in that sense, an unchanging unsheltered number could actually be a sign of progress. Dina reminded the group that the information in the PIT charts is available for anyone to use in their work. And if anyone has questions about the data to contact Dina or George Beegle at [ciabattodina@gmail.com](mailto:ciabattodina@gmail.com) or [georgebeegle22@gmail.com](mailto:georgebeegle22@gmail.com)

## **Bed Availability**

**Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina handed out the bed availability charts noting few vacancies. She reported that Salvation Army Rapid Rehousing program is still aiming for a May 1<sup>st</sup> start date. She reminded the group that although people can contact the Salvation Army with questions about the program that referrals still have to go through Coordinated Entry. She noted that the Coordinated Entry scoring matrix has been adjusted to identify those clients who score for rapid rehousing and would benefit from the longer term assistance offered by the new RRH program.

NEXT MEETING: May 9, 2019

### ***SAVE THE DATES***

**4/25/19 Working with Individuals Diagnosed with Personality Disorders** from 10 am -12 pm at CCBC - LRC Room (1 Campus Dr. Monaca, PA 15061). To register, email: [jennifer@etc-pa.com](mailto:jennifer@etc-pa.com)

**4/25/19 Outreach Planning Meeting** at 1:30 pm at The Cornerstone 1217 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Beaver Falls 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**5/2/19 OUTREACH!!**

**5/6/19 Narcan Training** from 1 - 3 pm at Prevention Network (270 Ohio River Blvd Bاده, PA 15005). To register, email: [jennifer@etc-pa.com](mailto:jennifer@etc-pa.com)

**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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