



# Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

June 13, 2019  
Meeting Agenda

**Welcome and Introductions:** Dina called the meeting to order at 1:34pm. She welcomed Steve Alger from the Housing Authority of Beaver County.

*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.*

**May Meeting Minutes:** No errors 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 Maddar (BCBH)** reminded the group about the BCBH County Plan survey. The link to the survey is in the Save the Dates on the agenda (see below). She noted that input from the survey will be used to inform the county's Human Service Plan.

**Ashley McLaughlin (The Cornerstone of Beaver County)** mentioned that vendors/resources are still needed for Beaver County's first Veteran Stand Down scheduled for Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Rebecca Salopek said that she has someone to provide haircuts at the event.

**Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone of Beaver County)** reported that they will be putting out an RFP next week for the completion of interior renovations at the Cornerstone's new building. RFP responses will be due 6/28/19. Marie also noted that they are expecting the formal move to the new building in October 2019.

**Theresa Lukes (Association for the Blind)** announced the free vision screening for people at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Line on August 10th from 8 am to 3:45 pm at 616 4<sup>th</sup> Street Beaver Falls. See attached flyer for information on making an appointment. She also noted that they can accept old frames to donate abroad. Finally she noted that the Association for the Blind could provide vision screenings at the Veteran Stand Down.

**Jaime Kinkead (Salvation Army)** announced that the Salvation Army is enrolling kids for Camp Allegheny a sleep away camp fully paid for by Salvation Army. She noted that interested households should call their local Salvation Army to enroll.

**Sister Sarah Crotty (Sisters of St. Joseph)** announced the Unity Choir which seeks to foster awareness of inclusion, diversity, and values of cultural competency in Beaver County and beyond through song and relationships. All are welcome to the first planning meeting on 7/18 from 6 pm -8pm at 1020 State Street Baden. See flyer for more information.

**Elizabeth Focer-Redman (Columbia Gas)** announced that it is full shut off season and reminded the group that there are programs to assist. See flyer with programs and income requirements. You can contact Elizabeth for assistance at [efocer@nisource.com](mailto:efocer@nisource.com)

## 2. AGENDA

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### **Salvation Army RRH**

### **Luann Duchess, Supportive Housing Case Manager**

Luann explained that the new RRH program is up and running. She reports that 3 households have already been placed and they are working with several others on placement at this time. She noted obstacles of: difficulty finding housing with utilities included, clients not being able to get utilities in their name, clients not following through, and finding suitable affordable housing. She noted that she has had a positive response from landlords. She noted that a client will initially receive 3 months of financial assistance and then they will be reassessed to determine if they need additional assistance in order to achieve sustainable independently supported housing. She thanked many partners at the table for assistance in their beginning months. She stressed that referrals must come through Coordinated Entry and that circumventing that process only delays housing for the client.

### **Crossroads Shelter Status Update**

### **Judy Ventresca/Rebecca Salopek**

Judy reported that the shelter has been through some transition and offered explanation of how to access the shelter currently. She noted that the shelter moved to Tiger Pause as a temporary location but that they are now operating out of BC On-Call through 6/30/19. She and the board are currently working on finding a longer term temporary location (they are working on two different options currently) as she continues to receive calls from homeless men in need of shelter. She asked if anyone has suggestions for a temporary location to let her or a board member know. She noted 4 men who are currently residing outside and that there are 5 men on a waiting list. Marie stated that her outreach worker has been checking in with these unsheltered gentlemen and offering alternative shelter options. Judy encouraged the group to call the shelter line at 724.846.1303 or the homeless hotline at 724.714.6203 if they are working with a homeless man. Crossroads will either accommodate the man if they have the capacity (they do have some hotel funding at this time) or work with the Cornerstone on alternative options such as out of county shelter and transportation. She also explained that she and the board are in the final stages of securing a purchase agreement for a building in New Brighton to be used as a permanent location. She noted that it would be several months to a year to get it approved and operating. She stressed that without a permanent location at the time that tangible donations are not needed. She stressed that monetary donations are most needed at this time and can be mailed to: PO Box 362 Beaver Falls, PA 15010. She also stated that meals are still being provided by Table of Grace. And she clarified that the gmail addresses that were used in the past no longer work.

### **Home4Good**

### **Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina noted that the Home4Good RFP has been released. Home4Good is collaborative initiative between the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh and the PA Housing Finance Agency to address systemic gaps in homeless services. She reported that the funding is more flexible than some of our other funding sources so it is a great opportunity to think about creative solutions. She referenced the CoC Strategic Planning Tool which lists the gaps in our service offerings that Steering Committee prioritized. She said that competitive proposals will address these gaps. Also programs who secure their own FHLB sponsorship are viewed

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by PHFA as stronger. Dina stated that PHFA intends to make about \$75,000 available to Beaver County. She explained that proposals are due to the CoC on 7/16 by noon at Community Development - 1013 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Beaver Falls. The CoC will then put the proposals through a rank & review process and prepare a narrative to accompany the packet according to the requirements of the PHFA RFP which can be found at:

[https://www.phfa.org/forms/home4good/home4good\\_rfp\\_2019\\_final.pdf](https://www.phfa.org/forms/home4good/home4good_rfp_2019_final.pdf)

She stressed the requirement to follow the PHFA RFP when preparing your proposals. Also see the attached CoC Strategic Planning Tool and local RFP for more information. The CoC Strategic Planning Tool, local RFP, and PHFA RFP can also be found on the BCCAN, Community Development Program, and BCHMIS websites.

### **Bed Availability**

**Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina noted that Stone Harbour has 2 openings which can be for either males or females. These referrals must go through Coordinated Entry. Steve Alger noted that the 4 properties listed are elderly buildings meaning they are reserved for people 62+ or for people with permanent disabilities. He noted that Ambridge Towers could be removed and that Mt Washington should be added. He reported that Mt. Washington can be challenging for people without transportation. And he noted that the HA has attempted to resolve the transportation issue but it was not utilized regularly and therefore was not sustainable. Lisa Signore asked Mary Ann McDevitt why there were so many openings in the TH program. Mary Ann noted that eligible households should have income and ideally be eligible for TBRA as this program is not funded through a steady funding source.

**NEXT MEETING: July 18, 2019 (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE!!)**

### **SAVE THE DATES**

**BCBH Stakeholder survey to inform the Human Service Plan:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCBHDBG-2019>

**6/14/19 Friday Fun Day from 1-4pm** at heritage Valley Family Medicine Center (1125 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Beaver Falls). For more information call: 724.773.2045 or email: rcatley@hvhs.org

**6/20 Culture of Poverty and Poverty is More Than Money** from 8:30-4:30pm at CCBC-Learning Resource Room (1 Campus Drive, Monaca). To register, email: @etc-pa.com

**6/21/19 Building Trauma Informed Environments in Education** from 9am-4pm at CCBC- Learning Resource Room (1 Campus Drive, Monaca). To register, email: [jennifer@etc-pa.com](mailto:jennifer@etc-pa.com)

**8/24/19 Women's Center Run to Break the Cycle 2019** (5k, 10k, Fun Walk options) starts at 8:45 at Beaver Fire Station. For registration information visit: <https://www.womenscenterbc.org/events.html>

**9/21/19 FIRST BEAVER COUNTY VETERAN STAND DOWN!!** (Sponsored by The Cornerstone of Beaver Co)

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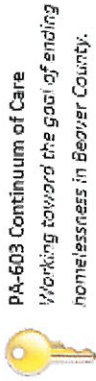
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