



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

August 8, 2019
Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions: Dina called the meeting to order and introduced new member: Demaris Porshetti (Salvation Army)

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.

July Meeting Minutes: No edits were noted.

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

1. OPEN DISCUSSION

Herta Madder (BCBH) handed out the new resource cards developed by the Drug & Alcohol Coalition. Dina clarified that the Homeless Hotline is temporarily 211 after business hours and 724.846.6400 (The Cornerstone) during business hours. She also clarified that the number for Crossroads is now 724.846.1303.

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone) mentioned that Christ Episcopal Church on 3rd Avenue in New Brighton is adding additional days for their soup kitchen. She will ensure the additional days are on the homeless resource card.

She also announced that the first Annual Homeless Veteran Stand Down in Beaver County is planned for 9/21 from 10am-2pm. She stated that they are still accepting agencies for the resource tables.

She also announced The Cornerstone's Dueling Pianos fundraiser on 10/5 at the Rochester VFW. Tickets are available at The Cornerstone – 1217 7th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Beaver Falls.

Katrina Campbell (Choices Pregnancy Services) announced their Open House on 9/26. All are invited. She reported this is the first year anniversary of their mobile clinic which can go where it is most convenient to those in need of their services.

Desiree Cockel (VA - Pittsburgh) announced the Pittsburgh VA CHALLENGE event. Project CHALENG (Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups) unites homeless service providers, advocates, Veterans, and concerned citizens toward the goal of meeting the evolving needs of Veterans who are homeless. The event is scheduled for 8/30 from 12pm-3:45pm at the University Drive campus.

Nancy Brown (Fair Housing) reported on a recent case in beaver County involving familial status where the landlord was limiting where the children could play. She reminded the group that it is unlawful to restrict access to space. Any suspicions of discrimination should be referred to the hotline: 1.877.725.4472.

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Michelle Medlin (Lifesteps/Early Head Start/CYS board) announced the CYS Wing Bash on 8/17/19 at Robert's Roadside Inn. Tickets can be purchased at CYS – 1080 8th Avenue, 3rd Floor, Beaver Falls.

Dina Ciabattoni (CoC Coordinator) announced that a new homeless resource card was in everyone's packet of information.

2. AGENDA

Crossroads Shelter Status Update

Rebecca Salopek

Rebecca reported that Crossroad now has an office in Harmony Dwellings and is staffed 20 hours a week to assist with linking homeless men to shelter, conducting outreach, and providing comfort items, bus tickets, and gift cards. She reported their phone number is 724.846.1303 and that voicemail is checked daily. She stated that the board continues to look for appropriate property for the shelter both in Beaver Falls and other communities. She reported an upcoming meeting with the commissioners. Additionally, interested volunteers can meet at Christian United next Tuesday at 10. She also thanked Tanis Fox and Earth Angels for providing meals at the Library Park on Wednesdays and Saturdays. And she thanked all who have donated items. She also stated that Crossroads new website is currently under development. She provided statistics on the number of homeless served and transported out of county for shelter. See attached report. She also mentioned the new Street Pastor – John Bryant.

PetSmart and Staunton Farms grants

Marie Timpano

Marie reported a new grant that TCBC received to assist pets of homeless households. She reports that the funding can be used to pay additional hotel fees, to kennel, and for treatment and shots. The objective is to safely care for the pet while the household works to secure permanent housing.

She also announced that TCBC received a Staunton Farms grant to create a position to work directly with people on the Coordinated Entry waitlists. This position will help the household to address issues such as lack of ID, low or no income, untreated illnesses, and other housing barriers.

Continuum of Care Competition

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reported that the CoC received new project proposals for the 2019 CoC Competition. She stated that we will be submitting 2 CoC Bonus projects – Coordinated Entry and HMIS. We lost funding for both of those projects in last year's funding competition. She reported that we also received a RRH project under the Domestic Violence Bonus. She stated all three projects will be submitted in the 2019 competition. They will be reviewed and scored by the Review & Rank committee for funding priority. Dina stated that she will provide this Priority List to the Coalition upon its completion. She reports that the whole CoC grant is due 9/30/19. She stated that she will make the entire application including the Priority List and each of the project proposals available for public review about a week ahead of the deadline.

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She will notify everyone via email when it is available. It will be available electronically on the HMIS and Community Development Program websites as well as in hard copy at The Cornerstone.

Home4Good Project

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reported that we received one response to the Home4Good RFP. She noted that the Salvation Army applied to renew their Home4Good project that was funded last year which added 4 RRH vouchers to the Harmony House TH program. This assists families to transition into PH while maintaining some of the support from Harmony House. Dina noted that the full application is due August 30th and that we should hear back from PHFA in December.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina noted that the new Salvation Army medium term RRH program is now listed on the chart but that the number of units will not be included since funding availability depends on the family configuration and unit size. She also pointed out that she added to the chart the current waitlist lengths for each program type to give context to the available units reported above. She reminded the group that for the CoC funded programs referrals must go through Coordinated Entry.

NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2019

SAVE THE DATES

8/17/19 CYS Wing Bash 6pm – 8 pm at Robert's Roadside Inn (2 Sharon, Rd Beaver). Tickets are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beaver-county-cys-advisory-board-wing-bash-tickets-66213419119>

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>

9/12/19 Domestic Violence Training from 8:30-12 pm at The Lodge at Penn State – Beaver. 2.5 CEUs available. To register, email: lscaff@bccan.org

9/21/19 FIRST ANNUAL BEAVER COUNTY VETERAN STAND DOWN!! (Sponsored by The Cornerstone of Beaver County) 10 am – 2 pm at the American Legion 415 13th Street New Brighton, PA

10/3/19 Building Workforce Resilience to Stress and Trauma To register, email: lscaff@bccan.org

10/5/19 Dueling Pianos fundraiser for The Cornerstone of Beaver County from 6- 10pm. Call the Cornerstone for tickets: 724.846.6400.

11/7/19 Suicide, Violence, Mental Illness, and Addiction training To register, email: lscaff@bccan.org

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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