



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

September 12, 2019
Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions: Dina called the meeting to order 1:35 pm.

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.

August Meeting Minutes: No changes noted.

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

1. AGENDA

Emergency Shelter RFP

Lisa Signore

Lisa announced that a Request for Proposals is coming out soon for operations and essential services for a men's shelter. The funds will come from ESG and HAP and total \$62,000. ESG guidelines are very specific and applicants should ensure their proposals are in line with these guidelines. These funds cannot be used for the shelter site. Applicants should have a site or a formal agreement with a site. Once the RFP is released proposals will be due within 30 days. Dina will forward the RFP to the Coalition and partners can share it with any interested entities.

Lisa also reported that PHARE (realty transfer) is currently available through PHFA. She noted that one of their priorities this year is homelessness. She noted that PHARE funds could be used to supplement the ESG/HAP shelter funds.

Continuum of Care Competition

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reported that the Review & Rank committee has completed their work of reviewing and ranking the projects for funding priority in the 2019 CoC Funding Competition. She noted that the Priority List is included in everyone's packets. She explained that the list has two tiers. Projects in the first tier are more likely to be funded. The full CoC application is due Sept. 30th. Dina noted that she will have a copy available for public review about a week ahead of the deadline. She will email the Coalition once it is available for review. She appreciates any input or feedback.

Home4Good Project

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reported that the Home4Good application was submitted to PHFA on 8/29/19. One project was submitted to continue the RRH vouchers for Harmony House. Home4Good funded the vouchers last year. Dina stated that she expects to hear about this funding announcement in December.



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Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina shared the Bed Availability chart noting few vacancies. She asked the group to describe some of their struggles with locating affordable housing as a result of rents rising throughout the county. Melissa Grimes noted that an apartment that used to cost \$645 is now going for \$900. Marie noted that the hotels are remaining full making it difficult to secure rooms for emergency shelter. Others endorsed this difficulty with finding affordable housing. Dianne Funkhouser reminded the group that CareerLink provides training for the careers at the Shell Plant. And she noted that many employers are seeking skilled workers across all sectors. CareerLink can assist with this training as well. Dina thanked everyone for their input and stated that the affordable housing issue is being looked at more closely for possible solutions.

2. OPEN DISCUSSION

Stephanie Magnifico (Mental Health Association) announced their Halloween Party will take place on 10/9 in the Friendship Room. She also noted that the Men's Group occurs the first Tuesday of every month. MHA's 65th anniversary will be celebrated on 10/10 at 6 pm at Shadow Lakes. Questions about any of these events can be directed to 724.775.4165.

Theresa Lukes (Association for the Blind) thanked everyone for their referrals to the vision clinic. She noted that the clinic had to be cancelled at the last minute but that appointments were rescheduled for everyone and that 40 people are getting new glasses. She noted that they are still accepting referrals. And that they have a variety of ways to help someone get glasses if they are in need. She also reported that Boyers Mine is looking to hire a person with a visual disability to work in their mail room. The position pays \$15-\$16/hour. Contact the Association for the Blind for more information at: 724.843.1111

Jaime Kinkead (The Salvation Army) introduced new staff member Envoy John Barnett. He had previously worked at the Family Shelter in Pittsburgh. She also announced Project Bundle Up and Christmas Assistance will be starting soon. See attached flyers for information on how to apply. She also stated that the SA is collecting toys for Christmas.

Katrina Campbell (Choices Pregnancy Services) is holding an Open House event on 9/26 from 10:00-1:30 at 110 Christy Drive Monaca, PA 15061. Attendees will have the chance to see their mobile clinic. Free lunch from Subway will also be provided.

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) stated that they are hiring a part-time driver for 20 hours a week at \$12/hr. The driver will transport participants to out of county shelters, hotels, or for appointments related to housing and housing barriers.

UPDATE: This position has been filled.



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She also announced the first Beaver County Homeless Veteran Stand Down scheduled for 9/21/19 at the New Brighton VFW. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. She thanked Christy Miles for her vision for this event.

She also announced TCBC's Dueling Piano fundraiser scheduled for 10/5/19. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at TCBC. She stated that there would be raffles, food (French fry bar, sliders, and chicken strips), and entertainment.

Finally she also applauded BCBH for bringing "The Ripple Effect" event to Beaver County. She stated that it was an excellent event.

Harry Angelo (Job Training Beaver County) announced that Job Training received an Opioid Crisis Grant for health emergency job seekers impacted by the opioid crisis. See attached flyer for more information.

Dianne Funkhouser (CareerLink) announced a job fair on Oct. 24 from 10 am – 2pm. She also announced the Re-Entry Forum & Resource Fair on 9/23/19 from 1 pm – 4 pm and 5 pm- 8 pm at CCBC. See attached flyers for more information on both events. She also reported that they are hiring for their Veteran Staff position.

Kevin Huwe (Disability Options Network) announced that DON services received a USDA grant to assist homeowners with repairs and modifications. Grants can be made up to \$3,000 and the homeowner needs to secure dollar for dollar match. DON services can assist with finding match dollars. This assistance is only available in certain zip codes so call 724.936.3203 to discuss eligibility.

Lisa Signore (Community Development Program) thanked George Beegle for his work with HMIS. She stated that DCED recently praised the quality of the reports that the county submits from HMIS.



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NEXT MEETING: October 10, 2019

SAVE THE DATES

9/18 (12pm-8pm) and 9/25 (9pm-5pm) Free Naloxone Distribution Day at 500 Market St, Suite 104 Bridgewater, PA

9/19/19 Housing 101 Webinar from 12pm – 2pm. Sign up at:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Lh5rS0MXSgq6eaPBSORcPQ

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

9/23/19 Re-entry Forum & Resource Fair from 1-4pm or 5pm-8pm in Library Resource Room at CCBC. To register, call: 724.728.4860

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.

10/11/19 Veteran Job Fair Boot Camp 10 am – 12 pm at 285 Beaver Valley Mall.

10/24/19 CareerLink Job & Career Fair from 10 am – 2pm at 285 Beaver Valley Mall.

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.

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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2019 Review & Rank Summary

2019 Priority List

Annual Renewal Demand: \$1,407,225

Tier 1 Amount: \$1,331,859

Tier 2 Amount: \$75,366

CoC Bonus: \$240,751

DV Bonus: \$237,023

Planning Grant amount (NOT RANKED): \$71,107

RANK	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT NAME	Rank & Review Score	PROJECT TYPE	COMPONENT TYPE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT RANKED	RUNNING TOTAL
1	The Salvation Army, a New York Corporation	FY 2019 RRH Bonus	107%	RENEWAL	PH-RRH	\$151,144	\$151,144	\$151,144
2	Zachewicz Enterprises	CRS Stone Harbour	97%	RENEWAL	TH	\$387,888	\$387,888	\$539,032
3	Housing Authority of the County of Beaver	Crescent Commons 2019 Renewal	96.8%	RENEWAL	PH-PSH	\$222,021	\$222,021	\$761,053
4	Community Development Program of Beaver County	HMIS	96.7%	CoC Bonus	HMIS	\$78,952	\$78,952	\$840,005
5	The Cornerstone of Beaver County	CoC Coordinated Entry	96.2%	CoC Bonus	COORD. ENTRY	\$49,720	\$49,720	\$889,725
6	Salvation Army	2019 Friendship Homes	94%	RENEWAL	PH-PSH	\$210,330	\$210,330	\$1,100,055
7*	Housing Authority of the County of Beaver	CARL Renewal FY 2019	83.7%	RENEWAL	PH-PSH	\$435,872	\$435,872	\$1,535,927
8	Housing Authority of Beaver County	Safely Home	83.2%	DV BONUS	PH-RRH	\$234,727	\$234,727	\$1,770,654
Not Ranked	Collaborative Applicant - County of Beaver	PA-603 CoC Planning Application FY 2019	N/A	PLANNING	CoC Planning Project Application	\$71,107	\$71,107	\$1,841,761

* This project splits Tier 1 and Tier 2. Of the project's total request, \$231,804 is in Tier 1 and \$204,068 is in Tier 2.



2019 Review & Rank Summary

2019 Review & Rank Criteria and Process

The Review & Rank subcommittee is charged with the work of selecting the new projects to submit proposals in the 2019 CoC Competition as well as prioritizing all of the projects for funding. This subcommittee is made up of broad representation of our CoC partners including: child welfare, behavioral health, job training, and the CoC Coordinator. The members are regular attendees at our monthly CoC partner meetings and therefore are familiar with the programs, needs, and gaps in our service offerings. Additionally, they each have program management experience which gives them valuable knowledge for assessing the viability of new programs.

Objective, standardized tools are used to score the programs. The same tool was used to evaluate the PSH and TH renewals. Different tools were used to evaluate HMIS, Coordinated Entry (both CoC Bonus projects), the new RRH program, and the DV Bonus so as to accurately assess their unique characteristics. Objective data were used in each tool including: cost effectiveness, performance outcomes (exits to PH, return to homelessness rate, and increasing income), commitment to serving vulnerable populations, history with addressing homelessness, and whether the program filled a unique CoC need.

All applications for both renewals and new projects were due in e-snaps on 8/23/2019. The CoC Coordinator reviewed the applications for completeness and accuracy. She then assembled packets for the R&R subcommittee consisting of: the scoring tools, the project applications, detailed instructions, and a CoC Summary Report (which provides information on program outcome data from a variety of data sources including Annual Progress Reports, Program Monitoring scores, and System Performance Measures). She delivered the packets on 8/28/19 and the members had a week to individually score the applications.

The subcommittee met on 9/4/19. They reviewed the score sheets for each program. They asked clarifying questions and the CoC Coordinator provided program specific information as well as local context. After the review, the subcommittee members had the opportunity to adjust their scores within 5 points. The scores were then tallied to create the final priority list.

The CoC Coordinator shared the priority list and the scores with the programs on 9/10/19. The list was also publicly posted on the Community Development Program, BCCAN, and HMIS websites on 9/11/19.

Questions about the Rank & Review criteria and/or process can be directed to ciabottonidina@gmail.com