



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

December 12, 2019

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions: Dina called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm and introduced new members: Amanda O'Rourke (ACP); Alexis Cobb (Homeless to Harvest); Megan Prince (The Prevention Network); and Reverend Art Forward (Morningside COGIC)

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.

November Meeting Minutes: No changes or edits were noted.

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

1. OPEN DISCUSSION

Dina Ciabattoni (Continuum of Care Coordinator) announced that Joyce Nicely is retiring at the end of this month and she presented her with a plant to honor her many years of service to homeless households in Beaver County. Happy Retirement Joyce!

Dina also announced the Homeless Memorial scheduled for Dec. 19th at 5:30 at BCTA in Rochester. She asked for names of people who passed away this year while living without a home so they can be honored at the event.

Dina included the Free Meal schedule in everyone's packet. This updated information includes a new soup kitchen in New Brighton called 12 Loaves located at 1031 2nd Ave New Brighton. They operate on Mondays and Fridays from 9 am – 1 pm.

Dina also handed out the Warming Center flyer. She noted that the Rochester location is no longer in operation and asked for suggestions for another Rochester location to replace it.

Marion Waelchi (Alliance for Consumer Protection) introduced their new employee, Amanda O'Rourke.

Rosalyn Johnson (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) reported that they hosted about 150 people at their free breakfast and warming clothing give away this morning. She also announced their Souper Bowl fundraiser scheduled for January 26th from 1-4 pm at Beaver Brewing Company (1820 7th Avenue Beaver Falls). Tickets are \$25 and include homemade soups, bread, and raffle tickets.

Reverend Art Forward (Morningside COGIC) introduced himself. He has 33 years experience in the Military, and he has experience working at the Shuman Center, Light of Life, and the Allegheny County Jail. He is interested in lending his experience to this Coalition and Beaver County.

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Rebecca Salopek (HA/Care Outreach) announced the 26th Annual Christmas Dinner on 12/25 at the Beaver Falls High School. She handed out a transportation schedule for anyone who may need a ride to the dinner. She reminded the group to provide their agency information to be shared at the resource table. Materials can be given to Darcy Casey. Rebecca also asked for everyone to help spread the word about the dinner.

Bryan Shannon (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) handed out information on the Supportive Services for Veterans Families program available at the Cornerstone. He states that if you are working with a veteran in need of housing to call 724.846.6400. See attached flyer for more info.

Theresa Lukes (Beaver County Association for the Blind) announced a free vision screening and new eyeglasses event scheduled for March 10th from 9 am to 3 pm at 616 4th St. Beaver Falls. Appointments can be made by calling 724.506.6477.

Joanne Koehler (Mental Health Association) introduced their new Representative Payee, Abby Opal. Referrals for the Rep Payee program can be made to MHA by calling (724) 775-4165.

Tom McPoyle, Dan Haller, and Mallory Verez (Neighborhood Legal Services) reported on the Tangled Title program to help people who have acquired homes without getting their names on the titles. They report that they have assisted one household through this program in Beaver County but they believe there are significantly more households who could benefit from this assistance. Eligible households income must be below 187% of the FPL. Intakes can be completed at the Bridgewater office by calling (724) 378-0595.

Joyce Nicely (Beaver Falls Salvation Army) announced that their Sunday soup kitchen will be at 9:30 on the 22nd instead of at the regular time. There will be a Christmas Brunch that day. She also announced that Christmas assistance is still available at the Beaver Falls Corps through 12/23.

Charlie Crawford (American Red Cross) announced that the smoke alarm installation is still in operation. Call 1.800.RED.CROSS.

2. AGENDA

Keystone Wellness

Tiffany Speakman

Tiffany reminded the group that Keystone Wellness is available to conduct Drug & Alcohol assessments. She passed out a card with the information.

She also mentioned the new Center Outreach Wellness Center coming to the Aliquippa area. She stated they will provide healthcare to the LGBTQ population. She said they can test for Hep C, HIV, and STIs and provide treatment as well. No insurance is required.

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Women's Center

Mary Ann McDevitt

Mary Ann shared that the Women's Center was being treated for bed bugs. She provided updates to avoid confusion. She reported that they are still accepting clients but that they are explaining the circumstances prior to admission so they can make an informed decision. She reported that the bugs are isolated in one area which is currently not being utilized. She reported that they have an intensive treatment scheduled for Dec. 18th. All residents will have to be out of the building so the Women's Center will be providing an activity that day. Mary Ann said she will keep everyone updated.

UPDATE: The Women's Center has been declared bed bug free!

Point In Time Survey

Renee Speaker

Renee announced that the annual PIT survey will take place on 1/29/2020. She stated that volunteers are needed to help spread the word, do outreach on the day of the survey, to work at the drop in centers and soup kitchens on the day of the event, and to help assemble care packages. She passed around a sign up sheet for anyone interested in volunteering. She told the group that any volunteers must attend a mandatory training this year which is scheduled for January 8th at 1:30 at the Housing Authority. She also noted that we are in need of hats, gloves, scarves, hand warmers, and blankets. Any questions or donations can be directed to Renee (RSpeaker@beavercountyhousing.org) or Dina (ciabattoidina@gmail.com).

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina handed out the Bed Availability chart noting the short CE waitlists and not many beds being available.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 9TH, 2020

SAVE THE DATES

12/18/19 Point In Time Survey Planning Meeting at 1:30 pm at the Housing Authority 300 state Avenue Beaver, Pa 15009

12/19/19 Homeless Persons Memorial 5 pm at BCTA located at 200 W. Washington St., Rochester. Please pass along to Dina any names of people who have passed away while living without adequate shelter.

12/25/19 Annual Christmas Dinner from 11:30 – 3 pm at the Beaver Falls High School. A meal, gifts, resources, and more! Hosted by Christian Assembly Care Outreach Ministry. All are welcome!

1/8/2020 Point In Time MANDATORY Training 1:30 at the Housing Authority

1/29/2020 Point In Time Survey – all day!

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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