



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

March 12, 2020

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions: Dina called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm and welcomed new members Bryan Goble (Pressley Ridge) and Jamie Mullen and Mark Krovisky (2020 US Census).

The Housing & Homeless Coalition welcomes ideas, opinions, and knowledge from a broad spectrum of partners. Thus, 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 at CYS.

February Meeting Minutes: No errors or omissions were noted.

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

1. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mary Ann McDevitt (Women's Center) announced that they have one opening at the shelter.

Rosalyn Johnson (The Cornerstone of BC) introduced Jennifer Scranton who works as the Merakey Diversion Specialist at the Courthouse and the Jail.

Darcy Casey (Crescent Commons) announced that all trainings at the Jail are postponed due to the coronavirus at this time.

Dina Ciabattoni (CoC Coordinator) shared links to HUD and CDC regarding practices for homeless service providers regarding the coronavirus. She asked the group to report any service delivery changes to her so she can keep stakeholders informed and plan for any gaps in services during the pandemic response.

Dianne Funkhouser (CareerLink) noted that all in-person workshops have been postponed. She stated that walk-ins are still allowed. **UPDATE: Walk-ins in are no longer permitted. On-line and phone supports are still available.**

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone of BC) announced that Ashley McLaughlin has resigned from her position as Director of Operations and will be assuming the ED position at Housing Opportunities. She also mentioned that TCBC is employing safety measures to limit the spread of the infection. Finally, she reminded the group about the SSVF program to support homeless/near homeless veterans and their families.

Jaime Kinkead (Salvation Army) introduced new staff Lynn Bailey who will be providing case management at Harmony House. Aria Miller will continue at Harmony House and Luanne Duchess is now the case manager for RRH and Friendship Homes.

Jody Pavlinch (CYS) thanked everyone for their participation in Marsha Malesky's Celebration of Life. Dina noted that CYS provided a beautiful celebration for Marsha who was a long time partner and advocate in our work to end homelessness. She noted that Marsha

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will be missed by many. And she extended her thoughts to the CY5 team during this difficult time.

Michele Kelley (Southwood Hospital - Family Based Services) reported they recently worked with TCBC on housing for a family and noted that they would like to attend these meetings to learn more about these resources. Dina invited them to present at the next meeting. They agreed.

Nancy Grieco (Red Cross) reported 5 house fires since the last meeting. She also stated that the smoke detector installation program is still operating. Call 1.800.RED.CROSS to schedule an appointment.

Kristy Reilly (Family Decision Making Program – Prevention Network) stated that they now have a general referral form that families can use. See attached brochure for more information. She also noted that they are looking for community spaces where they can hold their groups. She said that they will pay \$50 to any agency who can share their space with them.

Heather Prince (Prevention Network) introduced herself as the new Family Specialist. She reminded the group that she is permitted to transport clients.

Bryan Goble (Pressley Ridge) reported on their new mobile services for youth aged 13-24 who are experiencing a Mental Health Crisis. He noted that they provide support and access to resources and services to help the patient stabilize. He noted that his supervisor Jessica Weller could come to the meeting and provide more information. Dina stated that would be welcomed.

Branden Dudek (Central Outreach Wellness Center) stated that they provide STI testing and treatment including for Hep C. He noted that a person does not have to be in active recovery to receive Hep C treatment.

2. AGENDA

Point In Time survey

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina shared the PIT charts which show a break down of the Point In Time numbers. She noted that this is not the formal report to HUD and that will be completed at the end of April.

UPDATE: The PIT report is now due to HUD by 6/30/2020.

See attached charts.

HUD Guidance on Support Animals

Fair Housing Center

Dina noted that this presenter was unable to attend today but will present at the next meeting. She briefly explained that HUD recently provided some guidance around the issue

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of support animals. More information can be found at:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PA/documents/HUDAsstAnimalNC1-28-2020.pdf>

And further guidance is available through Jaime Milligan at jaime@splas.org

Cynthia Gilkey from Neighborhood Legal Services noted that they can assist with these situations as well. They can be contacted at: [\(724\) 378-0595](tel:7243780595)

2020 US Census

Jaime Mullen

Jaime noted that getting an accurate count for the Census is important as it impacts local funding, government representation, disaster response, etc. She noted that they have jobs available for 3-8 weeks to assist with this work. She noted that a new position was created – Mobile Questionnaire Assistant. This position pays higher than in other areas at a rate of \$20.50/hr. Hubs will be created where people can come to complete their surveys and this worker will assist them as needed. She also noted that they are hiring Census Field Supervisors to provide support to the census takers. The Supervisors pay rate is \$20.50/hr. And they are also looking to hire census takers (the “door knockers”) at a rate of \$18.50/hr. Workers get paid weekly and the training is free. Training is three days and will occur locally. The census takers will serve an important role as presenting to groups will be challenging with the social distancing practices in place. Jaime reminded the group that surveys will be sent out April 1st and then the census takers will follow up with folks who do not complete the survey. The entire process will be completed by August. **UPDATE: The timelines have changed as a result of the coronavirus. For the new deadlines visit:** <https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/operational-adjustments-covid-19.html>

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina handed out the bed availability chart. See attached. **UPDATE: The Women’s Center is operating at reduced capacity due to social distancing practices. Also the City Rescue Mission is no longer accepting out of county referrals. If someone is in need of immediate shelter call The Cornerstone for assistance accessing alternative shelter options. During business hours call 724.846.6400. Outside of business hours call: 724.494.0726.**

For information about the Infectious Disease management in housing programs, visit:

https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/infectious-disease-prevention-response/?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=d2f68f47ad-Infectious-Disease-Webinar-Update-3.11.20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-d2f68f47ad-19364025

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/workplace-school-and-home-guidance.pdf>

NEXT MEETING: April 9, 2020

SAVE THE DATES

3/17/2020 Using Social Media for Your Job Search & Exploring Job Search Sites 10:30-12:30 at CareerLink in the Beaver Valley Mall. To register, call: 724.728.4860 ext 205

4/3/2020 Co-Occurring Disorders Training Series For more info, visit: <http://www.bc-systemofcare.org/training/>

4/9/2020 Poverty & Addiction 9-12 at The Lodge at Penn State Beaver. To register, email: lscaff@bccan.org

5/7/2020 Navigating the Housing and Homeless System in Beaver County from 9 – 11:30 am at 147 Poplar Drive Monaca, PA 15061. To register, email: lscaff@bccan.org

6/11/20 Compassion Fatigue from 9–12pm at Penn State The Lodge 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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