



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

June 11, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Housekeeping: Dina called the meeting to order at 1:35 as some folks were still logging on.

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~~ on Zoom until further notice.

May Meeting Minutes: No issues were noted with the minutes.

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

1. OPEN DISCUSSION

Harry Angelo (Job Training) announced that JT and CareerLink staff will be returning to their offices on Monday June 15th and opening to the public on July 1st. He noted that the Mall hours are 11-7. Due to limitations of social distancing – Harry recommended that clients still use the phone and chat communication methods over coming into the center at least at the beginning. Questions can be directed to: 724.728.2020.

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone) noted that they are in the process of gathering supplies and getting their social distancing protocols into place according to CDC guidelines. She noted that they have hired an administrative assistance who will start next week and will help implement these protocols. She anticipates a soft opening for clients the week of June 22nd.

Deb Ferguson (Glade Run Psych Rehab) noted that their location in Rochester (191 S. Park Street Rochester, PA 15074) will have a soft opening on Monday June 22nd. They will be following all CDC guidelines for social distancing.

Makesha West (RHD) noted that they have available Detox and Rehabilitation beds. She stated their power has been restored and they are ready to take new referrals.

Rebecca Salopek (Crossroads/Housing Authority/CARES Outreach Ministries) thanked everyone who submitted support letters on behalf of Crossroads during the public comment period for the CARES Act funding. She stated that they are hopeful this will get Crossroads closer to securing a shelter for men. She noted that Crossroads is still available to help with outreach, gift cards, tangible items etc. They can be reached at 724.846.1303 or info@bccrossroads.org. She reported a recent decrease in calls and wondered if others were experiencing that as well. She noted that they recently received funding from the Pittsburgh Foundation for PPE and other tangible goods. She also reported that CARES Outreach Ministry also received a grant from the Pittsburgh Foundation to provide support to people living in Housing Authority sites.

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone) endorsed the critical need for a men's emergency shelter and noted that they recently received a grant from the Pittsburgh Foundation to help cover the costs of hotels. She

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reported a significant increase in the need for hotels since access to shelter beds has decreased during the pandemic. From the period 3/27/2020 to 5/31/2020, TCBC has placed 36 households in hotels with an average stay of 30 days. She acknowledged the hotels as “plugging the hole” and recognized that shelter is very much needed.

Penny Jones (Landlord Partner) asked if we were considering the option of mediation to help households avoid court eviction proceedings. Dina noted that this strategy is under consideration. She thanked Penny for the suggestion.

Rebecca Salopek (HA) noted that many of their tenants are still waiting on Unemployment Compensation and she asked if others were experiencing these delays as well. Several attendees confirmed that their clients are experiencing this. Harry noted that the State called back 80 retired UC workers to help manage the backlog and stated that it is still just taking that long due to the unprecedented amount of people accessing the system.

Rebecca also noted that free meals will be available throughout the summer for all residents of Housing Authority sites. Meals will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-12. She stated the YMCA will be providing the bagged meals and will be able to give multiple meals to help folks make it until the next distribution day. See attached flyer.

Nancy Grieco (Red Cross) announced that the Red Cross assisted in 6 events affecting 14 adults and 4 children since May 1st. She stated a few of the households had been assisted by TCBC. She noted that the Red Cross will continue to follow all CDC guidance regarding reopening.

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone) announced a diaper drive in partnership with Choices Pregnancy Services and Light of Salvation Church. Sue Smith from Choices clarified the drive will take place at 1117 5th Avenue Beaver Falls on June 18th from 12pm – 4:30pm. See attached flyer.

Marie also reminded everyone that TCBC has funding from PetSmart Charities to assist households with costs related to their pets and service animals during a housing crisis.

She also noted that with the support of the Pittsburgh Foundation they have purchased ipads to be used for the purpose of the Census. She is working on putting protocols in place to ensure hygienic conditions for clients who use the ipads to complete their Census surveys.

Finally, she announced that their Facebook page and website have been updated. She stated that they are happy to share partner announcements, flyers, etc.

Paul Lebanik (St. Vincent DePaul) noted a decrease in calls but stated he expects things to pick back up soon. Jan Davis asked if St. Monica’s would be resuming services soon as they aren’t doing home visits. Paul clarified that they are not doing home visits either but the St. Vincent DePaul sites are providing service over the phone.

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Jan Davis (Central United Methodist Church) thanked everyone for their donations to the Soup Kitchen. She stated that since 3/16/2020 to present, they have served 7,000 meals. She noted that they will continue to provide meals 5 days a week and on the first and second Saturdays of the month. See attached Meal Schedule.

Dina Ciabattoni (CoC Coordinator) announced that BCCAN has a new website where you can directly register for the trainings. Lynell Scaff will attend the August meeting to give us an update on the fall trainings.

Dina also shared the Pittsburgh Food Back summer meal schedule. See attached.

2. AGENDA

Dina Ciabattoni

Eviction moratoriums

Dina gave an update on the eviction moratoriums. She stated that the State moratorium runs through July 10th and the Federal moratorium (on properties that receive federal subsidies) runs through July 25th. She reminded the group that once the moratoriums are lifted landlords still have to give 30 days notice. She also noted that with the CARES Act funding we are hoping to use it to assist households prior to reaching eviction thereby assisting both the client and the landlords.

CARES Act funding

Dina stated that the special amendment has been submitted to our local HUD Field Office for final approval. She reported that because HUD is trying to get funding to communities quickly we do not expect this process to take long but no specific timeline was provided.

Dina also reported that we have been notified of our 2nd CARES Act ESG allotment – totaling \$685,000. We do not have any further details about the funding at this time but we welcome any ideas you may have for this funding to address pressing needs related to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Coronavirus Relief Fund Advocacy update

Dina noted that our advocacy efforts to our PA state legislators to utilize a portion of the Coronavirus Relief Fund for Rental Assistance were successful. They allocated \$175 million to mortgage relief and rental assistance. And another \$10 million to Homeless Assistance Grants. These funds will go through PHFA for distribution to communities. No further details are available at this time.

Technical Assistance for Locating a Men's Shelter

Dina stated that 8 proposals to locate a feasible location for a men's emergency shelter were received. Each proposal was scored against a matrix with the highest scored proposal being selected and then approved by the Commissioners. This proposal belonged to Klavon Design Associates. We expect them to begin this project around the beginning of August (once it goes to resolution and the contracts are signed). The scope of work will be completed within 60 days. This company has done prior work in Beaver County and has rich experience and knowledge around municipal codes and zoning ordinances. At the conclusion of the project we expect to be presented with 3 feasible locations.



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New CoC Website and PPE

Dina reported that the county received Community Services Block Grant discretionary funds which will be used for two purposes. The first is to build a CoC website. Many of the features found on the HMIS website will be embedded into the new website and it will be expanded and updated for user ease. We also requested funding in order to stockpile PPE, and cleaning products. In light of the pandemic we have learned that it is good practice to have these supplies on hand not only for reopening, and if there is another surge of Coronavirus but also for the regular flu season. We will notify our CoC partners when these supplies are available in case you are in need of them.

Bed Availability

Dina shared the bed availability chart and noted few openings. She did report that the Housing Authority is now renting their high-rise and walk-up units (see attached chart for which buildings have vacancies). Also the Housing Choice Voucher program is open again. The HA main office remains closed to the public but there are staff available at all of the sites. Dina also reported that there are only 7 people on the PSH waiting list and 7 people on the TH waiting list. Paul L. asked if these people are the people who are in hotels. Marie explained that clients in hotels are expected to go through Coordinated Entry - so she confirmed that yes some of the hotel clients are reflected on these wait lists. However she noted that a few clients in hotels have complex behavioral health needs making it very difficult for CE staff to connect with them. She reported that she is working with BH partners to best address these situations.

NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2020

SAVE THE DATES

6/17/20 Care Giver Support Webinar from 10-11:30 am. To register, visit:
<http://bccan.org/bookshelf/training/>

6/18/20 Diaper Distribution from 12 pm – 4:30 pm outside Light of Salvation Church at 3301 6th Avenue Beaver Falls. 1 package of diapers and wipes per family. Questions can be directed to Choices Pregnancy Services at 724.728.5550 or at info@pregnancychoice.org

9/24/20 Poverty & Addiction from 9 – 12 pm at Penn State The Lodge. To be put on the waitlist, email: lscaff@bccan.org

10/8/20 Compassion Fatigue from 9-12pm at Penn State The Lodge. To register, visit:
<http://bccan.org/bookshelf/training/>

10/13/20 Navigating the Housing & Homeless System in Beaver County from 9 -11:30 at BVIU, Rm 107 located at 147 Poplar Drive, Monaca. To register, visit: <http://bccan.org/bookshelf/training/>

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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The June 11th Housing & Homeless Coalition Meeting was held on Zoom due to social distancing guidelines. Below is a list of attendees who were visibly in attendance on the Zoom meeting and who signed into the Zoom chat.

Name	Organization
Rebecca Salopek	Housing Authority/Crossroads
Tom Kaminsky	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Brendan Dudek	Central Outreach Wellness Center
Kevin Huwe	Disability Options Network Services
Mary Ann McDevitt	The Women’s Center
Lori Gaghan	Staunton Clinic – Heritage Valley
Jan Davis	TRAILS/Central United Methodist Church
Penny Jones	Local Landlord
Sue Smith	Choices Pregnancy Services
Marcy Scott	CRS
Melissa Grimes	CRS
Abby Opal	Mental Health Association
Paul Lebanik	St. Vincent DePaul
Andrew Short	Project STAR
Natalie Meade	Early Head Start
Makesha West	Resources for Human Development
Marie Timpano	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Barb Reed	ABC Associates
Nancy Grieco	Red Cross
Keirstyn Marcucci	Fair Housing Law Center
Cathy Smith	Community Development Program
Lisa Signore	Community Development Program
Emily Linkenheimer	The Prevention Network
Harry Angelo	Job Training of Beaver County
Raeann Grivna	Crossroads
Abby Opal	Mental Health Association
Jo Stout	Project STAR
Andre West	Brighton Rehab & Wellness - LTSR
Kristie Reilly	Prevention Network
Renee Speaker	Housing Authority
Lauren Fair	Salvation Army
Dina Ciabattoni	CoC Coordinator
Gina Rowan	BCBH
Jeff DeSantis	Resources for Human Development
Deb Ferguson	Glade Run EPIC Psych Rehab

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Diaper Distribution



Choices Pregnancy Services
(724) 728-5550
www.pregnancychoice.org
info@pregnancychoice.org

Families of young children who are experiencing financial hardship are invited to come for an outreach event. Choices Pregnancy Services Beaver Valley ICU Mobile Clinic will be in Beaver Falls on June 18 to provide, at no cost to families:

Thursday, June 18

12:00 - 4:30 PM



1117 5th Ave.
Beaver Falls

One package of diapers and wipes per family *
option of choosing from sizes newborn - size 6
*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

With support from:



Light of Salvation
CHURCH

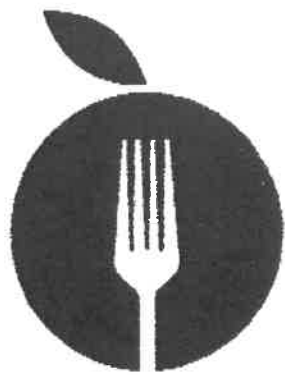


the cornerstone
of beaver county



Beaver Valley ICU Mobile Clinic,
Choices Pregnancy Services





summer youth café

Healthy and free meals at a site near you!

Open to all youth ages 18 and under. No cost or sign-up required.

Harmony Dwellings
Tue and Thursday
11:00-12:00pm

Morado Dwellings
Tue and Thursday
11:00-12:00pm

Pleasantview Homes
Tue and Thursday
11:00-12:00pm

Mt. Washington
Tue and Thursday
11:00-12:00pm

***Please note anyone regardless of age who
wants a meal can take a meal from the site.
All meals are grab and go!**



BEAVER COUNTY FREE MEAL SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule of free meals and fellowship offered throughout Beaver County. All are welcome to attend!

Monday

10-12 Faith Restorations 186 Wagner Rd Monaca (Veterans)
11-1 Twelve Loaves 1031 2nd Avenue New Brighton
4-5pm Central United Methodist 1227 6th Ave, Beaver Falls
5:30-6:30pm The Ladle at St. John's Lutheran Church
located at 1320 Church St. (Old Economy), Ambridge

Tuesday

11:30-1pm Central United Methodist 1227 6th Ave Beaver Falls
11-1pm Church in the Round Griffith Street, Aliquippa
5:30-6:30pm Manna House of Prayer 2100 Irwin St., Aliquippa
6-8 Faith Restorations 186 Wagner Rd Monaca

Wednesday

9-1pm Christ Episcopal 1217 Third Ave, New Brighton
11-1pm Church in the Round Griffith St, Aliquippa
12-1 Broadcast Street Café 464 Franklin Ave, Aliquippa
4-5pm Central United Methodist 1227 6th Ave, Beaver Falls

Thursday

9-1pm Christ Episcopal 1217 Third Ave, New Brighton
11-1pm Church in the Round Griffith St, Aliquippa
11-1 Faith Restorations 186 Wagner Rd Monaca
4-5pm Central United Methodist 1227 6th Ave, Beaver Falls
6-7pm Grace Lutheran Church 393 Adams St Rochester
10-4 (Appt Only) Focus Emergency Pantry
412.876.7118 St. John Evangelist Church 1501 8th Ave. Beaver Falls

Friday

11-1 Twelve Loaves 1031 2nd Avenue New Brighton
4-5 Central United Methodist 1227 6th Ave, Beaver Falls
5-6 Agape Mobile Soup Kitchen Call 724.375.2008

Saturday

Beaver Falls Breakfast Ministry 9-11am
1st & 2nd Sat: Central United Methodist 1227 6th Ave (9-10:30)
3rd Sat: Focus Ministry (St. John Evangelist Orthodox) 1501 8th Ave (9-11)
Fourth Saturday: First Baptist 616 17th Street
Fifth Saturday: Calvary United Presbyterian 6th Ave & 11th St.

Sunday

3-4 Salvation Army 414 16th Street, Beaver Falls
(Doors open at 2:30)



summer youth *café*

Healthy and free meals at a site near you!

Open to all youth ages 18 and under. No cost or sign-up required.

Ambridge High School
909 Duss Ave Ambridge
M-F: June 8-August 6
10:45am-11:45am

Bridgewater Fire Department
619 Market St Beaver
Now-August 21
Tuesday and Thursday
9am-11am

Fallston Playground
55 Harmony St New Brighton
M-F: June 8- August 21
10:30am-11am

Gordan Camp Apartments
500 Bedford Ave Rochester
M-F: June 8- August 21
2pm-3pm

Baden UMC
420 Dippold Ave Baden
M-F: June 8- August 21
12pm-1pm

Brightwood Manor
3rd Ave-Playground New Brighton
M-F: June 8- August 21
11am-1pm

First St and Midland Ave Midland
M-F: Now-August(TBD)
11am

Light Salvation
3301 6th St Beaver Falls
M-F: June 8- August 21
4pm-5:30pm

Baden St. John
375 Linmore Ave Baden
M-F: June 8- August 21
11am-12pm

Conway OLOP
1000 3rd Ave, Conway
M-F: June 8- August 21
4pm-5pm

Four Mile Childcare Center
One 13th St. Midland
M-F: Now-August(TBD)
11am

Linmar Terrace
259 Linmar Terrace Aliquippa
M-F: June 8- August 21
11am-1pm

B.F. Jones Library
663 Franklin Ave Aliquippa
Tuesdays: June 8- August 21
12:30pm-1:30pm

Economy Elementary
1000 1st St Freedom
M-F: June 8-August 6
11:15am-12pm

Good Samaritan Church
725 Glenwood Ave Ambridge
Every day: Now- August 21
11am-1pm

Logstown
Corner of Baker and Iron St
MWF: June 15-August 7
11:50am-12:05pm

Beaver County YMCA
2236 3rd Ave New Brighton
Every day: Now-August 21
5pm-6pm

See next page for
more locations

This organization is an equal opportunity provider.

Midcrest Homes
Midland Heights Rd Midland
M-F: Now-August(TBD)
11:20am

Midland Heights Fire Hall
M-F: Now-August(TBD)
11:30am

Morado Dwellings
4th Ave and 43rd St Beaver Falls
M-F: June 8- August 21
2pm-3pm

Mt. Washington
712 12th St Beaver Falls
M-F: June 8- August 21
2pm-3pm

New Brighton Middle School
901 Penn Ave New Brighton
M-F: June 8- August 21
11am-1pm

Plan 6- Aliquippa
Major Drive by Playground
MWF: June 15-August 7
12:10pm-12:25pm

Plan 11- Aliquippa
Corner of Third and Jefferson
MWF: June 15-August 7
12:30pm-12:45pm

Rochester School District
540 Reno Street Rochester
M-F: Now-August 24
11:30-12:30

Salvation Army Aliquippa
514 Franklin Ave Aliquippa
MWF: June 8- August 7
11am-1pm

Salvation Army Beaver Falls
414 16th St Beaver Falls
MWF: June 8- August 21
11am-1pm

State Street Elementary
600 Harmony Rd Baden
M-F: June 8-August 6
11am-11:45am

Stephen Phillips Homes
1 Project Rd Monaca
M-F: June 8- August 21
2pm-3pm

The Center
754 Ohio Ave Midland
M-F: Now-August(TBD)
11:30am

Valley Terrace
400 Superior Ave Aliquippa
M-F: June 8- August 21
11am-1pm

West Aliquippa
Paul Corsi Memorial Park
MWF: June 15-August 7
11:30am-11:45am





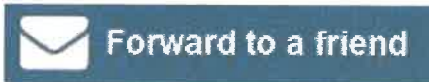
Dina Ciabattoni <ciabattomidina@gmail.com>

Gov. Signs Bill to Allocate \$175 Million for Rental and Mortgage Assistance, \$10 million in Homeless Assistance Grants

1 message

Phyllis Chamberlain <info@housingalliancepa.org>
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 To: ciabattomidina@gmail.com

Fri, May 29, 2020 at 3:33 PM



Dear Dina ,

We are excited to announce that today Governor Wolf signed legislation allocating some of the federal CARES Act funding, which included a \$175M allocation for a *COVID-19 Relief Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program* and an additional \$10M for *Homeless Assistance Grants*.

Through PHFA
 Details are
 coming

The Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania thanks Governor Wolf and members of the General Assembly for recognizing that housing, specifically rental assistance, has to be part of Pennsylvania's economic recovery plan from COVID-19. The funds appropriated will support communities in preventing evictions for tenants, stabilizing landlord small businesses, and ensuring that adequate support is provided to those that were one paycheck away from homelessness.

We also thank all of our supporters and members like you who helped to advocate for this critical funding. **Your voices helped to make this new assistance a reality!**

Assistance is necessary because less than 1 in 3 renters have enough money set aside for a three-month emergency with too many households on the brink, living paycheck to paycheck. The need for rental assistance and other supports for low-income families has only grown since the onset of the pandemic.

Allocating funding for rental assistance will help tenants who are behind on rent, due to a COVID-19 related job loss, maintain their payments. And while there is an eviction moratorium in place until July 11, rent is still due, and the funding will help households avoid eviction once the moratorium is lifted.

Housing Program	Type	Availability	Units	Occupancy	Administrator
Crescent Commons*	Permanent	0	24	100%	Housing Authority
Friendship Homes*	Permanent	0	33	100%	Salvation Army
BC On-Call	Emergency	0	2	100%	The Cornerstone
Community Residential*	Permanent	0	41	100%	Housing Authority
Stone Harbour*	Transitional	3	12	75%	CRS
CRS Transitional	Transitional	2	15	87%	CRS
Help House	Transitional	0	11	100%	Housing Authority
Harmony House	Transitional	0	4	100%	BCCYS
BCCYS Housing	Emergency	6	14	79%	BCCYS
Women's Center	Emergency	0	24	100%	BC Women's Center
Women's Center	Transitional	0	10	100%	BC Women's Center
SA Rapid Rehousing *	Permanent	0	N/A	N/A	Salvation Army

*McKinney Vento Supportive Housing Programs - See reverse side of chart for HUDs disability & homeless eligibility requirements.

Subsized or Section 8 Location Bedroom Types Wait List Details

Brightwood Manor	New Brighton	4- 2BRs; 1-3BR	Taking applications	
Beaver Falls Plaza	Beaver Falls	Full	Taking applications.	Srs. 1 year; Disabled 1+ year. Purge annually
Scottswood Apts	Hopewell	1BR elderly/disabled	Taking Applications	
Valley Terrace	Aliquippa	1 eff. And 2-3BRs	Taking Applications	
ValleyView	New Brighton	4-2BR; 1-3BR	Taking Applications	1BR: 40 applicants; 2BR: 9apps; 3BR: 6 apps
Spring Run	Monaca	Full	Taking Applications	1BR: 2yrs; 2BR: very short; 3BRs:18-24 mos
Towne Tower	Aliquippa	6 - one bedrooms	Taking Applications	
Pinney Street Manor	Rochester	Sr. 1 BR	Building an accessible waitlist. Income cap 1 person: \$26,600; 2 people: \$30,400	

Housing Authority

Ambridge Towers	Ambridge	vacancies		
Brodhead Apts	Beaver Falls	vacancies		
Eleanor Roosevelt	Aliquippa	vacancies		
Sheffield	Aliquippa	vacancies		

*Applications accepted for all HACB sites.

811 Program	Koppel/Roch.	1 unit in Koppel	Vacancy	*See back for more information
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Coordinated Entry Waitlists

PSH: 7
TH: 7
RRH: 0

The Housing Authority's main office remains closed. Walk-up and high rise units are now being rented and HCVs are being issued.