**Beaver County Collaborative Action Network Foundation**

**Minutes of the Advisory Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 13, 2021**

**Attendance: Paulette Miller, Chair; Rick Riley, Vice Chair; Darlene Thomas, Secretary; Brian Yaworsky, Treasurer; Joanne Koehler, Executive Board Member at Large; David Cottington; Leslie Hallas; Cheryl King; Denise Martin; Jodi Oliver; Eric Rosendale; Mike Rubino; Marie Timpano; Lynell Scaff, Coordinator**

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **MOTIONS** |
| **January 13, 2021**  **BCCAN Board Meeting - ZOOM** | The January 13, 2021, BCCAN executive board meeting was held by ZOOM due to the CDC’s COVID-19 guidelines for social distancing. Executive Director, Paulette Miller opened the meeting at 12:02pm. |  |
| **Review of Minutes** | Minutes from the December 9, 2020 Board Meeting were previously emailed to the representatives of partner agencies. The board members did not express any changes needed to the minutes.  Brian Yaworsky made a motion “to accept the minutes”. Eric Rosendale seconded the motion; none opposed. | ***Minutes approved*** |
| **Bills/Financials** | Lynell Scaff reviewed the bills/financials.  After the review of the bills/financials, Marie Timpano made a motion *“To accept the minutes and bills/financials”.*  Cheryl King seconded the motion; none opposed. | ***Bills/Financials approved*** |
| **Monthly Report** | Paulette Miller introduced the newest member of the BCCAN board, Major Denise Martin, Executive Director of the Salvation Army. Each board member in attendance introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their agency. Major Martin expressed her appreciation for being appointed to the board.  Lynell announced that Denny Lieb will attend the February BCCAN meeting to address the Board on the funds held by Community Foundation.  Lynell reported that she is continuing to follow-up with Robbie Matesic of Senator Casey’s office to complete the answers to the questions that were unanswered during the forum with Governor Casey.  Lamar advertising was able to place a 211 billboard on Route 376 between the Aliquippa and Center exits.  Lynell Scaff announced that Lisa Signore, director of the Community Development Program will be retiring on January 23, 2021. Marlene Landrum will be replacing Lisa and is interested in joining the BCCAN Board. According to the BCCAN bi-law Ms. Landrum would be given preference to filling the vacancy of her predecessor.  Brian Yaworsky made a motion “to accept Marlene Landrum as a board member of BCCAN”. Darlene Thomas seconded the motion; none opposed.  Lynell Scaff will email the new board member packet and invite Marlene Landrum to attend the February 10, 2021 BCCAN meeting.  The board discussed the COVID vaccine updates. This discussion included the topics of the state’s distribution tiers, county government vaccine distribution, acquiring private vaccine distribution, along with the process for the county school districts. | ***New BCCAN board member Marlene Landrum approved*** |
| **ANNOUNCEMENTS** |  | **EVENTS** |
| **Marie Timpano,**  **The Cornerstone of Beaver County** | Marie announce the Cornerstone new staff members, Outreach, Marla Laskey who will be working with Ambridge, and Housing Coordinator, Christine Anderson.  The Point-in-time survey will be scheduled soon to obtain a snapshot of homelessness in the county. The Homeless-Hotline is 724-494-0726.  The Cornerstone continues to work closely with the Women’s Center to provide temporary housing in local hotels. One hotel room has been acquired for COVID-positive cases. There are twenty-one families in temporary housing now, but the count has been as high as forty-eight.  Funding has been received to link MH homeless with services in the county. |  |
| **Darlene Thomas, Women’s Center of Beaver County** | Darlene announced that the Women’s Center was able to provide $100 to 121 children for Christmas. Families also received restaurant gift cards. The Women’s Center continues to work with Cornerstone for housing. |  |
| **Gerard Mike,**  **Beaver County Behavioral Health** | Gerard reported that intakes and referrals are increasing and the budget is moving along. |  |
| **Lesley Hallas,**  **Beaver County Children Youth Services** | Lesley reported that the community seems to have caught-up to the new way of life during the pandemic. The CYS staff continues to work remotely and have adapted well, even when quarantine issues cause staffing issues. She said that generosity has been abundant. |  |
| **Mike Rubino,**  **United Way of Beaver County** | Mike announced that Monaca will be sending 211 information with their monthly water bills.  Barb Linko is providing family counseling now at Family Services of Beaver County in New Brighton.  The AARP tax preparation program has been truncated to only two sites this year. Tax preparation will be limited to approximately 200 returns this year compared to the 1,400 in previous years.  Mike also announced the United Way Golf ball drop fundraising event, go to the website for additional information. bit.ly/unitedwaygolfballdrop |  |
| **Rick Riley,**  **Job Training for Beaver County** | Rick reported that Job Training will be working with those who’s unemployment compensation extensions will be ending March 31, 2021. |  |
| **Eric Rosendale, Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit** | Eric Rosendale reported that Beaver County schools currently plan to have elementary schools begin in-person learning starting on January 25th. New Horizon will be starting a hybrid model starting January 19th. |  |
| **David Cottington, Homemaker-Home Health Aide Services of Beaver County** | David said that Homemaker-Home Health Services has experienced approximately 25% of staff having had COVID issues. The staff continue to use PPE when seeing clients. He is hoping to have at least 60% of the staff vaccinated soon. |  |
| **Joanne Koehler, Mental Health Association in Beaver County** | Joanne said that the Mental Health Association is having COVID staff issues as well. Staff are still virtual but wanting to return to offices in February or March 2021. A drop-in center well be starting January 18th. She reported that they were able to give 150 Christmas gifts to clients due to the many donations they received. |  |
| **Jodi Oliver,**  **Beaver County Library System** | Jodi reported that the county libraries continue to have curb-side pick-up only. There are also grab-n-go crafts available. The libraries will offer computer use by appointment starting in February. |  |
| **Brian Yaworsky,**  **Housing Authority of the County of Beaver** | The Housing Authority continues to operate with staff in place wearing masks, and following COVID protocol. Brian said that they continue to offer the 80 hours paid COVID days off. Rent rebate are being done for residence, however, the maintenance department is only responding to urgent cases.  Brian announced that he is now the president of the Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies. |  |
| **Denise Martin,**  **The Salvation Army** | Major Martin announced that the Salvation Army made their goal for the red kettle donations, and that all three distribution center are doing well. Denise reported that Renee Savin is the new housing program director and that all staff continue to work in office. She said that the Salvation Army continues to receive many request for assistance with utility and rent payments and the food pantries are servicing approximately 300 families a month. |  |
| **Paulette Miller,**  **BCRC, Inc.** | Paulette reported that BCRC continues to offer FFCRA to staff through March 31st, 2021. |  |
| **Adjournment** | *The meeting was adjourned at 1:14p.m by Paulette Miller.* | ***Next BCCAN meeting***  ***Wednesday, February 10th 2021, Noon-via-Zoom*** |

Respectfully submitted by: Dawn Conti