



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

January 14, 2021

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Housekeeping: Dina called the meeting to order at 1:35pm. She reminded folks to sign into the chat. She also announced Lisa Signore's retirement on January 22nd. Dina stated that although she knows Lisa's retirement is very much deserved after many years of dedicated service, she will also miss her greatly. Dina announced that Marlene Landrum will be assuming the Director's role. Dina read her bio sharing that Marlene has worked for CDP since 2016 and has numerous years of applicable experience. Dina stated that she is looking forward to working with Marlene. Norah thanked Lisa for her critical role in the development of the CoC and homeless programs. She also welcomed Marlene. Rebecca Salopek also thanked Lisa for her leadership and welcomed Marlene. Marlene shared her contact info in the chat: email: mlandrum@beavercountypa.gov and phone: 724.770.2046.

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 on Zoom until further notice. The meetings are recorded to help prepare the meeting minutes but will not be shared or posted.

December Meeting Minutes: No edits or errors were noted.

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

1. OPEN DISCUSSION

Teresa Lukes (Beaver County Association for the Blind) announced the Shopping Angels – a grocery delivery program that focuses on preventing the spread of Covid to at-risk individuals. She did note that it can take some time to sign up but that it works efficiently once set up. See the attached flyer for contact information.

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) also thanked Lisa for all of her support and welcomed Marlene. Marie then explained that TCBC has expanded its team and she introduced all of her new team members. Millie Droz is the receptionist and handles Columbia Gas CAP. Irene Hargrave is a Housing Coordinator and she started in the summer. Marla Talasky is the Outreach Coordinator and she started in December. And finally Chris Anderson is a Housing Coordinator and she started at the end of December. Welcome everyone!

Norah Miller (Crossroads Shelter) reports they have been busy with outreach and advocacy. They do have comfort items and gift cards available. Contact Norah if your clients are in need.

Harry Angelo (Job Training of Beaver County) announced they are hiring to fill a position to support dislocated workers. See attached Job Description for more information. Contact Harry if you have questions at 724.728.2020.

Nancy Grieco (Red Cross) reported that they assisted with 8 fires in the last month. The fires impacted 12 adults and 8 children. She noted that December and January tend to have an increase in fires.

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2. AGENDA

Recovery Housing Study

Marie Timpano/Maria Townsend

Marie reported that The Cornerstone received a Staunton Farms grant through Beaver County Behavioral Health to create an inventory of recovery housing in the County. This will include housing with a focus on recovery from mental health and substance use disorders. She introduced Maria Townsend who will be the researcher for the project. Maria reported that the study will be collaborative, and she will likely be reaching out to partners and this group as a whole for input. She will assess the needs and strengths of our county's recovery housing. She will look at a variety of sources of information including gender, claims data, EMS, OD data, zip codes, and she will look at ½ way and ¾ houses. She will bring information back to this group for input and suggestions on next steps. Sister Sara asked if Maria would also be looking at race and what the timeline for the project is. Maria stated she would look at race and Dina stated she could share of the racial disparity data that we have pulled. Maria also noted that she expects to wrap up the study by November or December.

Point In Time survey

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina shared that the PIT survey will take place this year but in a modified way. She stated that we will conduct the survey over 7 days (1/20-1/26) but that the survey will still only ask about where the person slept on one night (Jan. 20th). She also reported that we will not be using the outreach teams or the drop-in-centers as we have in the past in an effort to reduce the risk of spreading the Covid virus. Instead, we will be relying on our partners who already have regular contact with people who are unsheltered. This includes homeless service providers, health care workers, police etc. Your participation in the PIT survey is always valued but she noted it is critical this year to getting an accurate count of unsheltered people in the county. She noted that we will also be using a mobile app to simplify reporting and to reduce the transmission of the virus. Training on the survey and how to use the app will take place on Friday January 15 at 2:00 pm. The training is required for anyone intending to participate in the survey. The training will be recorded for those who are unable to attend at the scheduled time. The training meeting link can be found below.

Updates: Memorial, Men's ES RFP, eviction moratorium, 2020 NOFA

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reported that the homeless memorial was held on Zoom this year to reduce the risk of spreading the Covid virus. She noted that we honored 9 people who died while homeless. She stated that this is significantly more deaths than we have ever experienced since holding the memorials. She reported that folks used candles (real and virtual) and that the event still had an intimacy to it despite the virtual format. She thanked everyone who helped to plan the event.

Dina noted that the Men's ES RFP is available on the Community Development Program and Beaver County websites. She pointed out that there are two pieces to the RFP – the actual RFP with all necessary information to submit a proposal and a Budget Template. She stated that the proposals are due ~~March 1st~~ by 4:00pm at the Community Development office – 1013 8th Avenue Beaver Falls. **CORRECTION: The due date was changed to February 5, 2021 by 4: 00 pm.**



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Dina noted that the CDC Eviction Moratorium has been extended through March 31, 2021. She reminded the group that adult members of affected households need to complete a Declaration Form declaring several points that justify the eviction protection. She noted that she had previously shared the Declaration Form with this group but she can send it to anyone who needs. The completed forms should then be submitted to the landlord and copy retained for the households records as well.

Dina reported that HUD has finalized the 2020 CoC Funding despite there not being a 2020 Competition this year. The 2019 CoC grants were automatically renewed. This is good news for Beaver County because we had received all of our requested funding in 2019. She also reported that the 2021 CoC Competition registration is currently open meaning that there will be a 2021 Competition this year. She said that HUD is reporting the Competition will take the pandemic into consideration – for example they expect outcomes may be skewed, and that planning efforts may look different than in the past due to shifting focus to the pandemic response.

Dina reported that the next Racial Disparities subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 2/10 at 1:30 on Zoom. See below for the link. She noted that the group is working on developing a training and hopefully presenting it through BCCAN. She noted that this is not approved at this point and she will keep the group updated. The training will focus on the process of looking at your data to see where racial disparities may be present in your programs. She noted that when she first started looking at the data that it was daunting but with the work of the committee, we have come to better understand it and are starting to identify strategies. The training will provide suggestions for taking these steps. We also hope to include a panel discussion of agencies who are just starting this work and those who are well into the work. Please let Dina know if your agency may be interested in participating on the panel.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina shared the Bed Availability chart and noted that the CE PSH and TH waitlists have gone down. She said that PSH had some openings and were able to take on more households. She noted that the RRH list went up by 2 households and she pondered if this may be because folks impacted by the pandemic may not have long homeless histories and are scoring lower (for RRH) as a result.



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NEXT MEETING: February 11, 2021

SAVE THE DATES

1/15/21 Point In Time Survey Training at 2:00 pm. This is MANDATORY for anyone completing surveys. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89490356015?pwd=Ukg5NkxoektwUGg3bFlYTmhxOUJhdz09>

1/20/21-1/26/21 POINT IN TIME SURVEY The survey counts anyone who was homeless on the night of January 20th. To complete the survey, please attend the training on 1/15. See above. If you know anyone who is homeless now call 724.714. 4108 during business hours and 724.494.0726 after business hours.

1/28/21 Virtual Healthcare/Social Service Job Fair 8 am-8 pm To register starting 1/25, visit: <https://nwpacareerlink.easyvirtualfair.com/>

2/10/21 Racial Disparities meeting at 1:30 on Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82402853263?pwd=Ym14Um1hNTl0RkxHU3FwMHc1Qk54dz09>

3/1/21 2/5/21 Men's ES Proposals due by 4:00 pm! <http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Pages/Default.aspx>

Online PA Tax Hub for personal income tax and Rent Rebate filings: <https://mypath.pa.gov/>

Information on NA meetings throughout the county (both in person and online), visit: beavervalleyna.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 January 14, 2021 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/or who signed into the Zoom chat.

Name	Organization
Matt Stahoviak	BCBH
Abby Opal	Mental Health Association
Marie Timpano	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Paul Lebanik	St. Vincent de Paul
Teresa Lukes	BC Blind Association
Barb Reed	OARS
Penny Jones	Landlord partner
Christy Miles	Veteran Leadership Program
Amy Frederick	CYS
Denise DiVittis	Beaver County DRS
Erin Rathbun	Beacon Health Options
Vicki Zanotti	Allies for Health & Wellbeing
John Oster	PA Cyber
Norah Miller	Crossroads
David Simons	ABC Associates
Michelle Medlin	Lifesteps Early Head Start

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Dianne Funkhouser	CareerLink
Rebecca Salopek	Housing Authority/Crossroads
Natalie Meade	Head Start/Early Head Start
Marlene Landrum	Community Development Program
Chris Anderson	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Carrie Miller	PA Cyber
Lisa Signore	Community Development Program
Sabine Kane	BCRC
Branden Dudek	Central Outreach Wellness
Kevin Huwe	DON Services
Jan Davis	TRAILS
Harry Angelo	Job Training
Jodi Pavlinch	CYS
Ros Johnson	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Maryann McDevitt	The Women's Center
Renee Sannan	The Salvation Army
Tricia Ferricks	Pittsburgh Food Bank
Melissa Grimes	CRS
Lori Gaghan	Staunton Clinic
George Ifill	Gateway Health
Marcy Scott	CRS
Richard Pirozzi	Pittsburgh VA HUDVASH
George Beegle	HMIS
Angie Pope	KEYS/CCBC
Sylenthia Siebenlist	The Children's Institute/Project Star
Irene Hargrave	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Darcy Casey	Housing Authority/Crossroads
Pastor Raeanne Barlow	3 rd Step Recovery Ministry
Andrew Short	Project STAR
Nancy Grieco	Red Cross
Tom Kaminsky	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Dawn Bartha	PHFA
Sister Sara Crotty	Sisters of St. Joseph
Amy Frank	Salvation Army/Harmony House
Marla Talasky	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Lynn Bailey	Salvation Army/Harmony House
Maria Townsend	BCBH
Deliverance Temple Ministries	
Dina Ciabattoni	CoC Coordinator
10 unidentified callers	

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To receive assistance, or request assistance for a loved one:

1. CONTACT US by filling out our registration form. You can scan the code above, or get in touch via one of the following contact methods:

WEBSITE: www.ShoppingAngelsGlobal.org

E-MAIL: SHOPPINGANGELSPA@GMAIL.COM

CALL: (412) 347-1763

2. CONNECT WITH YOUR ANGEL

Once completing the form, your Shopping Angel will get in touch with you within a few days to discuss delivery details, to include your list of items, a budget, and delivery date/time.

3. DELIVERY

Your items will be delivered at your doorstep. Payment for the items themselves is required via cash. Alternative payment methods may be arranged on a case by case basis with your Angel! You *only* pay for what is on the receipt - no extra delivery fees or charges!



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(412) 347-1763

POSITION: Eligibility/Case Manager
LEVEL: 3
DATE: 08/25/98
10/01/01
09/01/03
04/14/05

1. Major Functions:

Interview applicants to determine eligibility within the federal regulations and other guidelines while providing good customer service. Performs core services in the CareerLink Resource Center. Familiar with applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures may be aligned with case management responsibilities, which include providing intensive and training services.

2. Specific Duties and Responsibilities Include but are not Limited to:

Interview, obtain information, and calculate income to determine eligibility. This may include prescreening of applicants over the phone, scheduling clients for interviews and assisting to access verification. Administers assessment tools and may continue with intensive and training services when appropriate.

Must be a sales person for JTBC services and excel in customer service so as to retain customers.

Enter all applications on the computer system and record customer information that will be used for reporting purposes.

Perform core service in the CareerLink Resource Center routinely. Make outside referrals when JTBC services are not suitable. Follow up on all pending applications.

May assist in providing customized core staff assisted services such as, but not limited to computer classes, compute-a-match, etc. relating to workforce development services.

Must be up to date with federal regulations, CareerLink operating system and other policies and procedures and changes as they occur.

3. Experience Necessary / Learning Period:

Completion of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university or equivalent related experience. Six (6) month training period.

4. Additional Information:

May work on other projects as necessary and appropriate for position as assigned by management. Willing to travel to conferences and workshops as may be required. Valid driver's license and reliable car preferred. Reports to the Program Manager or designee.

Housing Program	Type	Availability	Units/Beds	Occupancy	Administrator
Crescent Commons*	Permanent	5	24	79%	Housing Authority
Friendship Homes*	Permanent	0	33	100%	Salvation Army
BC On-Call	Emergency	0	2	100%	The Cornerstone
Community Residential*	Permanent	2	41	95%	Housing Authority
Stone Harbour*	Transitional	1	12	92%	CRS
CRS Transitional	Transitional	1	15	93%	CRS
Help House	Transitional	0	11	100%	Housing Authority
Harmony House	Transitional	3	4	25%	BCCYS/SA
BCCYS Housing	Emergency	8	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
Safely Home*	Permanent	11	16	31%	Housing Authority
Lighthouse	Transitional	1	3	67%	BCCYS/SA

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

Subsidized 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	1-1BR; 4-2BR (readying)	Taking Applications	1BR: 27 applicants; 2BR: 6 apps; 3BR: 10 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	many vacancies	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled
Corak	Midland	vacancies	Fair market ren
Eleanor Roosevelt	Aliquippa	many vacancies	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled
Sheffield	Aliquippa	vacancies	
*Applications accepted for all HACB sites.			
811 Program	Koppel/Roch.	No vacancies	*See back for more information

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

Coordinated Entry Waitlists

PSH: 9 (15)
TH: 9 (13)
RRH: 28 this now includes all RRH prgms
 () indicates last month's count