



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

August 12, 2021

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Housekeeping: Dina called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. She introduced from Head Start/ Early Head Start, Joyce Bendishaw and Beth Curran; from the Red Cross, Vivian Funkhouser; from CYS, Casey Seevers, and from Community Development Program, Cassandra Remler whose role has shifted to the Housing & Accessibility Program Coordinator.

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.

Archived Coalition Meeting Minutes are available at www.bccan.org

1. AGENDA

Crop & Kettle

Turk Turkovich

Turk explained that Crop & Kettle is a biblically based food system curriculum that teaches food preparation from in the ground, to the plate, and waste in the garbage. He noted that they do catering. Visit their website for more information: <http://www.cropandkettle.org/food-services.html>. He stated Crop & Kettle helps students to develop hard skills (the functional skills to work in the food system) as well as the soft skill (how to keep the job). They teach that there is dignity in all work and the importance of finding purpose in all work. The course is 16 weeks long and classes occur Monday through Friday from 8:30-3:30. Students have national holidays off and they get a break at the halfway point of the course. There are two sections to the course. The first portion focuses on Agriculture and students can earn a Penn State Farm Safety Certification. The second portion is an introduction to food prep and safety skills and students have the opportunity to earn the ServeSafe Certification. Resumes, budgeting, and interviewing are reviewed as well. They also focus on social development addressing these questions: Who am I; Whose with me; and Where am I going? They focus on strengths, failures, social networks and mentors, and boundaries. Courses cost \$10,000-12,000 and are mostly paid through scholarships. Students are strongly encouraged to pay \$200 toward their tuition. Potential students must be 18 years old. Other eligibility criteria can be found on the attached flyer. Crop & Kettle can serve 6 students at a time and a new cohort is starting on 8/30/2021. Turk is available to meeting with potential students in the community where it is convenient for the student. His contact information can be found in the attached flyer.

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Head Start/Early Head Start

Joyce Bendishaw

Joyce stated that they are currently recruiting. She explained that they are a comprehensive education and support system that focuses on the whole family including a focus on health. They serve children aged 6 weeks – 5 years. Currently they are planning to return to the classroom. They still offer some home-based services for 3-5 years old. They are offering full services including transportation and meals. She noted that there is an income requirement but they currently have a waiver to expand those limits so she encouraged folks to apply with their proof of income to see what they can work out. For more information see the attached flyer.

Home4Good Funding Opportunity

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina directed members to the Home4Good RFP that was included in their meeting packets. She reported that this is the local RFP with instructions for submitting an application to the CoC. She stated that the PHFA RFP can be found on the Community Development Program website. This document outlines who can apply, eligible activities, and application instructions. She reminded the group that this is a rather flexible pot of money, and that Beaver County is slated to receive \$50,000 - \$60,000. She also pointed to the CoC Strategic Planning Tool and noted that proposals should address the needs indicated on it. She welcomed questions and reminded the group that proposals are due by August 31 by noon at Community Development Program located at: 1013 8th Avenue Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

Covid Transmission & Eviction Moratorium

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reported that Beaver County is now in a High Covid-19 transmission status. She noted that vaccines are a best practice for mitigating transmission and asked if anyone had ideas on barriers to vaccinations that we can address. None were noted but Dina asked folks to reach out to her if they think of something. She also asked if programs had any PPE and cleaning supply needs. CDP is placing an order for more supplies soon. Mary Ann shared that the Women's Center did have an exposure. She noted that they suspended new admissions for two weeks. Hotels are being used in the meantime. Dina shared that she has witnessed the WC team's dedicated efforts to keep everyone safe and healthy over the last year and half. She stressed that this exposure is not a reflection on their efforts rather it the tenacity of the Delta variant. And again she encouraged programs to consider what supplies they may need and to let Dina know if they are struggling to meet those needs.

Dina also noted that as a result of this high transmission rate, that the CDC eviction moratorium has been extended in Beaver County. Declaration forms are required in order to be protected under the moratorium. If a household already completed one, they do not need to complete a new one. If a household needs to complete one now they

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should complete the updated form found here:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/EvictionProtectDeclare_508.pdf

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina shared the bed availability sheet. She pointed to the many PSH vacancies and the slight uptick in PSH CE numbers.

2. OPEN DISCUSSION

Vivian Funkhouser (Red Cross) presented on the various emergency preparedness trainings that the Red Cross offers. She noted that they can provide trainings for groups as small as 2 people up to 50. She noted that they have partnered with libraries to provide fire safety trainings. They also provide hands only CPR course which is highly recommended for graduating seniors. She reviewed the various age appropriate trainings available for youth and adults (see attached flyer). She reminded the group of the smoke alarm installation program but noted that they cannot install smoke alarms in rental properties. Vivian's contact information can be found on the attached flyer.

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) reported that TCBC has purchased the building for the Men's Shelter and noted that there is now a "future site of ..." sign posted on it. She stated that in the meantime they continue to coordinate transportation to out of county shelters as appropriate and hotels in partnership with the Women's Center. She also reported that masks are required again at TCBC due to the recent uptick in Covid transmission. And she reported that they are hiring a Housing Coordinator. If interested email, Ashley McLaughlin at: Amclaughlin@cornerstonebeaver.org **UPDATE:** TCBC is also hiring an Outreach Coordinator. Contact Ashley if interested.

Heather Slaughter (Self-Determination Housing Project/Inglis) provided several updates.

- The Prepared Renter Education Program training is available in September. She noted that people who complete the training will receive the full PREP manual. See the attached flyer for more information.
- She also noted that Inglis received a home modification grant for seniors. She will pass along more details as they become available.
- Inglis is hiring 2 regional housing coordinators in the eastern part of the state. She clarified that there is a residency requirement. If interested, contact Heather at: heather.slaughter@inglis.org

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Felicia Alexander (PA Health & Wellness) reported on a training series (9/15 and 9/22) on Aunt Bertha which is community connect website tool. It can be used to help connect people with local nonprofits offering social services and it enables organizations to make referrals as well. Information on the training can be found on the attached flyer.

NEXT MEETING: September 9, 2021

SAVE THE DATES & OPPORTUNITIES

TRAININGS AVAILABLE!! VISIT <http://www.bc-systemofcare.org/training/>

9/9/21 COVID-19 at 18 Months: How the pandemic has changed us and changed society from 9-10:30
To register, email: registration@bccan.org

9/14/21 Prepared Renter Education Program Part 1 at 11 am. To register, visit:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vDoQFuBqRF2-t5lw4IKC1Q

10/21/21 Courageous Conversations: Housing & Faith Equity from 10 am – 12 pm. To register, visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bridging-the-racial-divide-courageous-conversation-session-c-tickets-162598665987>

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 8/12/21 Housing & Homeless Coalition Meeting was held on Zoom due to social distancing guidelines. Below is a list of attendees who signed into the chat or were visibly present.

Abby Opal	Mental Health Association
David Simons	ABC Associates
Joyce Bendishaw	Head Start/ Early Head Start
Barb Reed	OARS- Aliquippa
Sylvia Jenkins	Women’s Center
Raeanne Barlow	3 rd Step Church Recovery Ministry
Amy Frederick	CYS
Michelle Medlin	Lifesteps/Early Head Start
Brett Campbell	Central Outreach Wellness Center
Vivian Funkhouser	American Red Cross
Shante Thompson	CRS
Kevin Huwe	DON Services

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Monique Anderson	Lighthouse/Harmony House
Melissa Grimes	Housing Authority of Beaver County
Erin Brand	Salvation Army
Chris Anderson	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Sr. Sarah Crotty	Sisters of St. Joseph
Lori Gaghan	Staunton Clinic
Sheila Bell	BCRC
Susan Tomlinson	Dads Matter/Private Industry Council
Erin Rathbun	Beacon Health Options
Jodi Pavlinch	CYS
Turk Ferdinando	Crop & Kettle
Felicia Alexander	PA Health & Wellness
Beth Curran	Head Start/ Early Head Start
Cathy Smith	Community Development Program
Mandy Baker	Hope House
Mary Ann McDevitt	Women's Center
Bryan Shannon	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Heather Slaughter	Self Determination Housing Project/Inglis
Marie Timpano	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Darcy Casey	Housing Authority
Herta Madder	BCBH
Cassandra Remler	Community Development Program
Matthew Stahoviak	BCBH
Maria Townsend	Maria Townsend - evaluator
Dina Ciabattoni	CoC Coordinator
Angela Pope	CCBC/KEYS
George Beegle	HMIS
Amy Frank	Harmony House/Lighthouse
Casey Seevers	CYS
Vicki Zanotti	Allies for Health & Wellbeing
Kristy Minton	CYS
Rich Pirozzi	VA HUD-VASH
Penny Jones	Landlord/ACRE
Darryel Spencer	Housing Authority

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FALL WINTER COHORT

Crop and Kettle is interviewing future graduates for our Fall/Winter cohort. Interested candidates can apply online or contact our office for further information.



Crop and Kettle is a Non-Profit Work-Force Training program that utilizes the food system to help those eager to overcome barriers to employment. Future students can apply through our website. Space is limited and the student cohort is filling up fast.

Apply Online @
<http://www.cropandkettle.org/student-application.html>

Speak with our Social
Development Leader Turk

@
f.turkovich@cropandkettle.org

or call (724)302-4769

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TODAY

CROP AND KETTLE

1320 Church Street,
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www.cropandkettle.org





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CROP & KETTLE IS A NON-PROFIT, SOCIAL ENTERPRISE THAT UTILIZES THE FOOD SYSTEM TO PROVIDE JOB TRAINING AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE EAGER TO OVERCOME THEIR CURRENT OBSTACLES TO EMPLOYMENT.

Combining the agricultural and industrial influences that are present within the region, students in our programs receive a complete farm to fork experience as they actively engage in a unique culinary curriculum that imparts both technical training and valuable life skills. Throughout their time in the program, students learn the basics of planting, cultivating, and harvesting their own herbs and vegetables in addition to caring for livestock. Then, taking those farm-grown foods into the kitchen, students learn culinary skills and food safety practices that can be applied toward a growing future in the food-service industry.

THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS, **CROP & KETTLE** WILL INSTILL
A RENEWED SENSE OF **VALUE & PURPOSE** INTO EACH STUDENT,
SO THAT THEY WILL BE **EQUIPPED & CONFIDENT** TO ACHIEVE
GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT & LIFELONG STABILITY.



**FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION:**
info@cropandkettle.org
www.cropandkettle.org





**Head Start/
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of
Beaver County
Division of the Private Industry Council

Apply Now!



Head Start/ Early Head Start of Beaver County

**Offers early learning programs for families
with children ages 6 weeks to 5 years at NO COST to you!**

Locations available throughout Beaver County!



Benefits for Children:

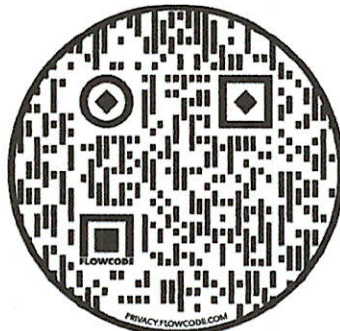
- ✓ Safe and healthy learning environment
- ✓ Dental, hearing & vision screenings and referrals
- ✓ Kindergarten readiness
- ✓ Health, mental health and nutrition services
- ✓ Healthy meals & snacks provided daily in classrooms & at play dates at no cost*(see back)

Benefits for Families:

- ✓ Support services for children
- ✓ Healthy family development
- ✓ Parent volunteer opportunities
- ✓ Connection to social services
- ✓ Early Head Start classrooms in daycares



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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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**Request for Proposals
Continuum of Care PA-603 serving Beaver County, PA**

Home4Good is a collaborative initiative between the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (FHLBank Pittsburgh) and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) to provide grants to address systemic gaps in support and services and help make homelessness in the Commonwealth rare, brief, and nonrecurring. As the Collaborative Applicant for the Beaver County Continuum of Care (PA-603), the Community Development Program (CDP) is now accepting proposals for this funding opportunity.

Proposals must address one of the Home4Good Program Goals:

- **Prevention and/or Diversion:** Projects, programs, or activities that assist households seeking to avoid homelessness by maintaining their current housing situation or being diverted to alternative options.
- **Innovative Solutions:** Projects, programs, or activities that provide innovative solutions that seek to end homelessness.
- **Critical Need:** Any project, program or activity serving homeless individuals and families that is determined to be critically needed by the relevant community or CoC area entity for the Region/County.

Eligible applicants include those organizations that provide services which prevent and/or reduce homelessness in Pennsylvania. Eligible organizations include, but are not limited to: Units of local government, Nonprofit organizations (including faith-based organizations), Redevelopment and/or housing authorities, Health care providers focused on healthy equity and/or homelessness prevention programming, and Economic and community development organizations, housing corporations, etc.

The CDP is requesting that proposals also address metrics of success, strategies, and gaps remaining in our CoC as reflected in the PA-603 Strategic Planning Tool (see attached). Proposals should be prepared according to the instructions found in the included document titled "2021 FHLBank Pittsburgh & PHFA – Home4Good Request for Proposals". Proposals should be in hard copy and on a flash drive. Proposals should be submitted to the attention of Dina Ciabattoni and mailed or dropped off at: 1013 8th Avenue Beaver Falls, PA 15010 by noon on August 31, 2021.

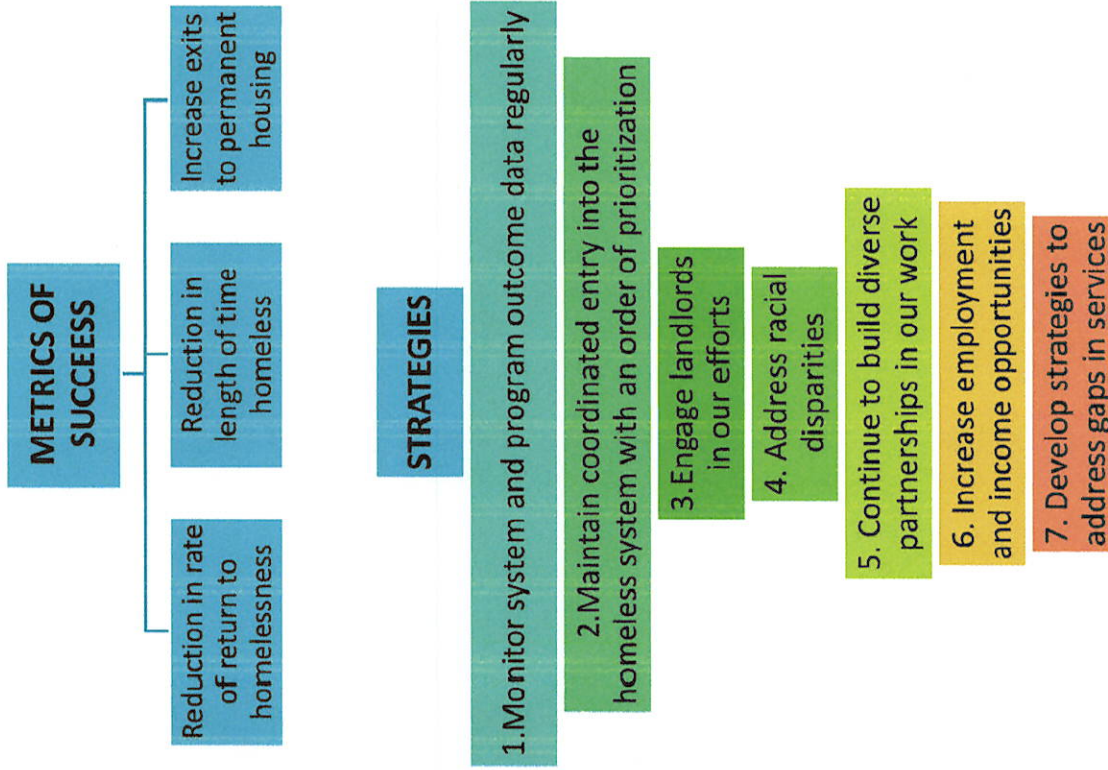
The CoC is also requiring any applicants who receive Home4Good funding to enter data into the Homeless Management Information System. Assistance with setup and orientation will be provided if your agency is not currently a HMIS user.

Questions can be directed to: ciabatttonidina@gmail.com

All relevant material and instructions can also be found at:
<http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/CommDev/Pages/default.aspx>

PA-603 COC – 2021- 2024 STRATEGIC PLANNING TOOL

The PA-603 Steering Committee is committed to the goal of ending homelessness in Beaver County by operating a system of partners that quickly identifies, engages, and rehouses households who face a housing crisis. The Steering Committee will use this tool in addition to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action plans to guide their decision making over the course of the next 3 years (2021-2024). It will be updated periodically as determined necessary by data and outcomes.





FREE Emergency Preparedness Training for Your Community!



Preparedness programs are national, standardized and free for community members taught by certified presenters. They are designed to help participants understand, prepare for and respond appropriately to emergencies through engaging and age-appropriate curriculum.

Disaster and Emergency Preparedness for Youth

Prepare with Pedro

Kindergarten–2nd Grade

A 30–45 min preparedness program for students that follows Pedro the Penguin and his friends as they learn how to be prepared and take action during an emergency.

The Pillowcase Project

3rd–5th Grade

A 40–60 min presentation that covers local hazards, coping skills and personal and family preparedness through a “Learn, Practice, Share” framework.

Monster Guard

Free Educational App!

Free app for kids aged 7–11 teaching kids how to prepare for real-life emergencies in a fun and engaging game. Downloadable on iOS and Android mobile and tablet devices.

Disaster and Emergency Preparedness for Adults

Be Red Cross Ready

The presentation is designed to teach people how to prepare for and respond appropriately to disasters likely to occur in their community such as hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, tornadoes, etc.

Hands Only CPR

A 30 min training teaching hands-only technique for CPR. Participants learn how to check for consciousness, call 911 (or the local emergency number) and give continuous chest compressions.

CPR training certification is not provided through this course.

Ready Rating

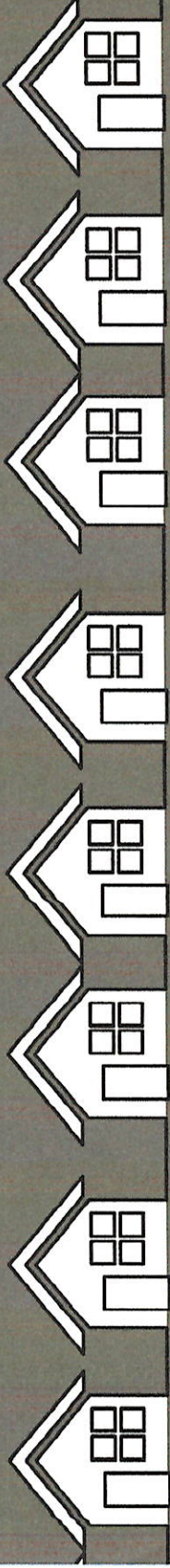
A 30 min presentation explaining our free membership program to help businesses, schools, or organizations become better prepared for disasters and other emergencies.

To learn more or to schedule a presentation, please contact:

Vivian J Funkhouser

vivian.funkhouser@redcross.org

724-630-7420 (cell) or 724-846-9091 (desk)



PREPARED RENTER EDUCATION PROGRAM PREP 3-PART SERIES

Our PREP training in 3 manageable sessions to fit your schedule. Throughout the series, we'll discuss everything from collecting housing history to making sure your client can get their security deposit back after they move out.

PREP Part 1:

Finding housing, focuses on pre-tenancy work, addressing client's history and how to present it to landlords, and creating budgets.

September 14, 11:00AM

[Register Here](#)

PREP Part 2:

Obtaining housing, going over topics like where to search, basic fair housing information, and understanding a lease.

September 21, 11:00AM

[Register Here](#)

PREP Part 3:

Maintaining housing, going over topics like tenants' rights, eviction basics, and how to work with landlords.

September 28, 11:00AM

[Register Here](#)



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Community Connect: Virtual Community Events

- > Intro to Community Connect : RSVP <https://go.auntbertha.com/pahw-101sept>
- > Navigating Your Free Suite of Tools : RSVP <https://go.auntbertha.com/pahw-201sept>

Come learn how PA Health and Wellness and Aunt Bertha support area organizations with tools and best practices in our latest community event! Join your fellow professionals from the nonprofit, government, healthcare, and education sectors who are using **Community Connect**, powered by Aunt Bertha, to learn how we connect people to social services in your area.

Event Details

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Intro to Community Connect (101)

1 PM - 2 PM, Eastern Standard Time

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Navigating Your Free Suite of Tools (201)

1 PM - 2 PM, Eastern Standard Time

Questions?

(512) 387-6489

dcarmichael@auntbertha.com

What You'll Learn

- > How an open social care network best serves the interests of people seeking help;
- > How to find and connect directly with resources; and
- > Tips & tricks to spend less time searching and more time helping people.

Speakers



Dede Carmichael
Community Engagement
Manager, Aunt Bertha



Kay Gore
Community Relations
and Outreach Manager,
PA Health and Wellness

About Aunt Bertha

At Aunt Bertha, we connect people with local nonprofits offering social services, and we support organizations with tools that help them provide the best service.



Housing Program	Type	Availability	Units/Beds	Occupancy	Administrator
Crescent Commons*	Permanent	10	24	58%	Housing Authority
Friendship Homes*	Permanent	2	33	94%	Salvation Army
BC On-Call	Emergency	0	2	100%	The Cornerstone
Community Residential*	Permanent	3	41	93%	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	1	4	75%	BCCYS/SA
BCCYS Housing	Emergency	10	17	41%	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	10	16	38%	Housing Authority
Lighthouse	Transitional	2	3	33%	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	3 -1BR; 5-2BR; 0 - 3BR	Taking Applications	1BR: 20 applicants; 2BR: 6 apps; 3BR: 5 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	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled
Corak Towers	Midland	vacancies	Public Housing
Eleanor Roosevelt	Aliquippa	many vacancies	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled
Sheffield Towers	Aliquippa	vacancies	

*Applications accepted for all HACB sites.

811 Program	Koppel/Roch.	No vacancies	*See back for more information
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Coordinated Entry Waitlists

() indicates last month's count

PSH: 10 (9)

TH: 8 (9)

RRH: 27 (31) Includes all RRH prgms

Description of Beaver County McKinney Vento Supportive Housing Programs

Community Assisted Residential Living (C.A.R.L.) is a permanent supportive housing program for homeless households with a disability. It is a tenant based rental model administered by the Housing Authority of Beaver County. The Program focuses on households with the longest length of homelessness, homeless households with children, veterans, and victims of domestic violence. Individuals and families live in scattered sites. The program is not funded to provide case management services. Contact information: [Melissa Grimes mgrimes@beavercountyhousing.org](mailto:Melissa.Grimes@beavercountyhousing.org)

Crescent Commons is a permanent supportive housing program administered by the Housing Authority of Beaver County which provides housing vouchers to participants who are chronically homeless with disabilities and who have exhausted all other housing options. At full operational capacity the program should house approximately 31 people. Individuals and families live in scattered sites. The program is not funded to provide case management services. Contact information: [Darcy Casey darcycasey@att.net](mailto:DarcyCasey@darcycasey@att.net)

Friendship Homes is a 33 bed scattered permanent supportive housing program administered by the Salvation Army for both chronically homeless and non-chronically homeless individuals and families and with disabilities. In addition to housing, the program is funded to provide moderate case management services. Contact information: [Renee Sannan Renee.Sannan@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Renee.Sannan@use.salvationarmy.org)

Stone Harbour is a transitional supportive housing program administered by Cornerstone Recovery and Supports (CRS) which provides supportive housing for 12 chronically homeless individuals struggling with co-occurring disorders of mental illness and substance abuse, as well as those with legal histories. Individuals live in a single site in Freedom PA. The program is funded to provide on-site case management services. Contact information: [Marcy Scott: msscott@crscares.org](mailto:marcscott@crscares.org)

Salvation Army Rapid Re-Housing is a medium term rapid re-housing program for homeless households who score for rapid re-housing through Coordinated Entry and who need longer term financial assistance (up to 2 years). Individual assessment will determine length of financial support and types of supportive services offered. Contact information: [Renee Sannan Renee.Sannan@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Renee.Sannan@use.salvationarmy.org)

Safely Home is a medium term rapid re-housing program for homeless households fleeing DV situations. The Women's Center will also provide support to clients. Referrals come from CE and are verified by the Women's Center. Contact information: [Darcy Casey at darcycasey@att.net](mailto:DarcyCasey@att.net)

811 Program (not a McKinney Vento program)

A subsidized housing program for disabled adults (age 18-61) who are either in an institution or at risk of institutionalization and who are able to reside in the community with supports. Criteria include:

- Disabled and Medicaid eligible. Also eligible for long-term services and supports
- Income at or below 30% AMI
- Eligible for the Housing Authority

Questions and/or applications can be directed to Lisa Kessler at hacblk@comcast.net



Collaborative Action Network

THE "CAN CONNECTION"

JULY 2021

TRAINING ALERT

BCCAN Training Announcement

COVID-19 at 18 Months:

How the pandemic has changed us and changed society

BC Collaborative Action Network will offer a training on the effects of the COVID pandemic with presenter Dr. Mahmood Usman from Beacon Health Options of PA.

Date: September 9, 2021
Location: via Webinar
Time: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Cost: Free

About the Program:

The webinar will begin at 9 am. It will last approximately one hour with a Q&A period to follow.

Learning Objectives:

Dr. Usman will present an overview of what has happened in the 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic, the impact on our mental health, the effects on mental health services and the changes to society as a whole.

Who Should Attend:

This training is for all individuals, especially those who work in the mental health, education and social work fields who have to deal with their own issues, as well as the issues presented by family members, coworkers and agency clients around the effects of the pandemic.

To Register - Email your name, agency & email address to:
Registration@bccan.org

Future scheduled BCCAN training:

"At the Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence and Substance Use Disorders"

Date: November 4, 2021
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Location: via Webinar

BCCAN Board of Directors:

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Beaver County
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for Beaver County

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of Beaver County

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Behavioral Health

Linda Hall, Ex. Bd.
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Office on Aging

David Cottingham
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Biography

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Dr. Usman received his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts and his medical degree from New York Medical College. His post-graduate training included a year of internal medicine at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, followed by a residency in psychiatry and a fellowship in behavioral neurology at the University of Pittsburgh. He later completed a master of medical management degree at Carnegie-Mellon University and is currently finishing a master of public health degree at the University of South Florida,

With thirty years of experience in psychiatry and neuropsychiatry, Dr. Usman has worked in a dementia research clinic, a state hospital, outpatient mental health, residential programs, ACT teams and a dual-diagnosis treatment team. Most recently, he was the medical director and chief psychiatric officer for the PA Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) before taking on his current role at Beacon. Dr. Usman is active in disaster response and has deployed to 12 disasters, both in the US and abroad. He serves on the boards of several local non-profit organizations and on the National Biodefense Science Board.

Dr. Usman is a board-certified psychiatrist, disaster medicine specialist and physician executive.



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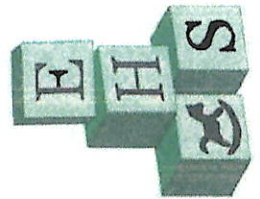
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Moms-to-Be and
Families of Children
Birth to Three

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Every Ability

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- Child/Parent Education
- Disability/Mental Health Services
- Health/Nutrition
- Parent Involvement
- Social Services

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Free Services for Qualifying Families, Including:

Child/Parent Education

- Support transition into preschool or other services
- Parent education: constructive play, nutrition, safety, and assistance in strengthening parenting skills

Disabilities/Mental Health

- Children with special needs
- Assist in detecting possible signs of developmental delays
- Provide information about caring for a child with special needs
- Link families to appropriate community services

Health/Nutrition

- Partner with families to support components for a healthy beginning
 - Medical/Physical Examinations
 - Dental Health Care
 - Up-To-Date Immunizations
 - Access To Healthy Meals
- Additional services: vision, hearing, speech, and developmental screenings

Parent Involvement

- Support parent involvement in child's growth and development
- Planning goals for the child, parent, and family
- Parent participation in program activities & events

Social Services

- Assist with referrals to support pregnant women, and families with children
- Comprehensive plan for the child's growth and development



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