



# Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

November 18, 2021

## Meeting Agenda

**Welcome and Housekeeping:** Dina called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm. She asked folks to sign-in in the chat and reminded them that the meeting is being recorded to assist her with the minutes – it will not be posted.

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Email [ciabottonidina@gmail.com](mailto:ciabottonidina@gmail.com) for the meeting link and to provide input and feedback.*

*Archived Coalition Meeting Minutes are available at [www.bccan.org](http://www.bccan.org)*

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## 1. OPEN DISCUSSION

**Lisa Diaz (Job Training)** discussed Job Training's entrepreneurial training. She noted that applicants must be Beaver County resident and have a low income. She noted that the trainings consist of 10 three-hour sessions over the course of 5 weeks. And the training is offered 5 times a year. She stated that the classroom is quite large so they can accommodate distancing. Encouragement and support are a significant part of the training. If interested email Lisa at [ldiaz@jtbtc.org](mailto:ldiaz@jtbtc.org) or her assistance Dianne dhanrahan@jtbtc.org.

**Josh Fisher (Veteran Leadership Program)** announced that they are giving away turkeys on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm. Dina forwarded the flyer with all of the details to the group on 11/19.

**Dina Ciabattone (CoC Coordinator)** asked if anyone had a comprehensive list of Thanksgiving meals in the area. None were noted. **UPDATE:** Thank you to those who sent Dina Thanksgiving meal events to share with the group.

**Nancy Grieco (American Red Cross)** noted the Red Cross responded to 10 events since our last meeting – 8 fires and 2 tornados. These events resulted in 14 cases including 35 clients (6 of whom were under the age of 17 and 1 who was older than 65 yrs old). Dina noted this tends to be a time of year with more house fires and she asked Nancy for any tips. Nancy suggested plugging space heaters directly into outlets and if an extension cord is used ensure it is a heavy duty one.

## 2. AGENDA

### Lighthouse

### Monique Anderson

Monique from the Salvation Army presented on the Lighthouse transitional housing program. This program is for households with children who are continuing their work on their recovery from substance use disorder. In fact, eligible households will have 4 months of clean time and will be in treatment. Treatment can help to formally demonstrate this clean time. Households

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must have CYs involvement and can only be referred to the program by CYs. The program does conduct random drug screenings. However, the program is not as restrictive as Harmony House is. And families whose children are not currently with them are expected to achieve reunification within 3 months. Case management and transportation are provided. Questions and inquiries can be directed to Monique at 412.974.4205.

## Homeless Memorial

**Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina stated that the Homeless Persons Memorial Day is scheduled for Dec. 21. A planning meeting is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am on Zoom. Email Dina for the link if you're interested in helping plan the event. **UPDATE:** The event will be held on Zoom on 12/21 at 5:00 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85847200504?pwd=bEJlUa3MwSDBPR2pLb2oyYTlNNlFVUT09>

We hope to see many of you there as we lost 5 people without homes this year in Beaver County. We will also be remembering people who died without homes across our nation.

Also, a public proclamation will be made by the Commissioners in recognition of the event on 12/9/2021 at 10 am in the Commissioners Meeting room.

## Point in Time survey

**Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina noted that the 2022 Point In Time survey will take place on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The first planning meeting will take place on 12/7/2021 on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81461889590?pwd=YVBRZGd6dXo4WHFCZDZKMEw0eTV3Zz09>

Dina explained that this is a 24 hour survey to give us a snap shot of homelessness in the County. She noted that there is a sheltered portion which is done by pulling HMIS data on the day of the survey. And also an unsheltered portion where we historically conduct extensive outreach to count all persons who are unsheltered during the 24 hour period. She recalled that our methodology was limited last year due to Covid and it is yet to be determined how the survey will be conducted this year so as to limit the risk of Covid transmission to the greatest extent possible. If you are interested in helping to plan and/or to volunteer let Dina know. She noted that there are a variety of ways that volunteers can assist (not just by doing outreach). The information gathered during the PIT survey will be used locally to gauge our progress and it will become part of a formal report to HUD.

## Update on CoC Competition

**Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina shared that the CoC funding application was submitted on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. She reported that we applied for \$2 million dollars. \$1.8 million is for renewing existing projects and \$107,500 was for 2 new projects. The new projects are to expand the Salvation Army's Rapid Rehousing program by providing additional case management. And the other is to expand Coordinator Entry to hire an additional part time screener. See the attached chart for funding amounts of all the applying projects. Dina stated that it typically takes HUD 3-4 months to determine the funding allotments, so she is expecting their announcement in the spring. She will let this group know when the announcement is made.

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## Bed Availability

**Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina shared the bed availability chart and noted that several programs have openings. Also the CE numbers did not shift significantly from last month although she notes the PSH list has gone down slightly over the last several months. No further questions were asked.

Dina also mentioned that we are in the process of trying to schedule another round of Covid-19 vaccine clinics both for initial shots and boosters. TCBC will be hosting one at their location (600 6<sup>th</sup> Street Beaver Falls, PA 15009) on 12/16 from 10am -12pm. They will also be distributing winter gear and supplies.

Dina also reminded the group that the next Coalition meeting will be on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – the second Thursday of the month. We historically hold the Coalition meetings on the second Thursday of every month but we adjusted this month to accommodate schedules around Veteran Days.

**NEXT MEETING: December 9, 2021**

## **SAVE THE DATES & OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**11/30/21 The Cornerstone's Party with a Purpose** 7pm to 9 pm on Zoom. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://cornerstonebeaver.networkforgood.com/events/35206-tcbc-s-5th-annual-party-with-a-purpose>

**12/7/2021 Point In Time survey planning** 1:30 pm at 507 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Beaver Falls **On Zoom. See above.**

**TENTATIVE: 12/16/2021 Winter Gear Give Away and Vaccine Clinic** 10 am – 12 pm at The Cornerstone 600 6<sup>th</sup> Street Beaver Falls, PA

**12/21/2021 Homeless Memorial** ~~Time and location to be determined.~~ **At 5:00 pm on Zoom. See above.**

**1/26/2022 Point In Time survey** ALL DAY!

**Information on NA meetings** throughout the county (both in person and online), visit: [beavervalleyna.org](http://beavervalleyna.org)

The 11/18/21 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.

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Abby Opal	Mental Health Association
David Simons	ABC Associates
Harry Angelo	Job Training
Lisa Diaz	Job Training
Branden Dudek	Central Outreach Wellness Center
Denise Divittis	Beaver County Domestic Relations
Amy Frederick	CYS
Wendy Beeching	Neighborhood Legal Services
Emily Linkenheimer	The Prevention Network
Nancy Grieco	American Red Cross
Shante Thompson	CRS
Alexa Mapstone	Columbia Gas
Monique Anderson	Lighthouse/Harmony House
Melissa Grimes	Housing Authority of Beaver County
Paul Lebanik	St. Vincent de Paul
Joanne Koehler	Mental Health Association
Sr. Sarah Crotty	Sisters of St. Joseph
Lori Gaghan	Staunton Clinic
Rachel Kyle	Staunton Clinic
Joshua Fisher	Veterans Leadership Program
Teresa Lukes	Beaver County Blind Association
Felicia Alexander	PA Health & Wellness
Mandy Baker	Hope House
Darcy Casey	Housing Authority
Matthew Stahoviak	BCBH
Dina Ciabattoni	CoC Coordinator
Angela Pope	CCBC/KEYS
George Beegle	HMIS
Casey Seevers	CYS
Rich Pirozzi	VA HUD-VASH
Darryel Spencer	Housing Authority

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## 2021 Priority List

### AVAILABLE 2021 CoC FUNDING

**Annual Renewal Demand:** \$1,849,396

**DV Bonus:** \$436,471

**CoC Bonus:** \$145,490

**Planning Grant amount (NOT RANKED):** \$87,294

### AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUEST

**Tier 1 Amount:** \$1,849,396

**Tier 2 Amount:** \$107,500

**Planning Grant:** \$87,294

**TOTAL REQUEST:** \$2,044,190

RANK	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT NAME	Rank & Review Score	PROJECT TYPE	COMPONENT TYPE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	TOTAL
1	Zachewicz Enterprises	CRS Stone Harbour	90%	RENEWAL	TH	\$387,888	\$387,888
2	The Cornerstone of Beaver County	Coordinated Entry	89.29%	RENEWAL	SSO/COORD. ENTRY	\$49,720	\$437,608
3	The Salvation Army, a New York Corporation	FY 2021 Rapid Rehousing	88.95%	RENEWAL	PH-RRH	\$162,346	\$599,954
4	Housing Authority of the County of Beaver	CARL Program 2021	88.66%	RENEWAL	PH-PSH	\$469,136	\$1,069,090
5	Community Development Program of Beaver County	HMIS 2021	87.5%	RENEWAL	HMIS	\$78,952	\$1,148,042
6	The Salvation Army, a New York Corporation	2021 Friendship Homes	85.47%	RENEWAL	PH-PSH	\$218,097	\$1,366,139
7	Housing Authority of the County of Beaver	Crescent Commons 2021 Renewal	84.01%	RENEWAL	PH-PSH	\$234,982	\$1,601,121
8	Housing Authority of Beaver County	Safely Home 2021	78.66%	RENEWAL	PH-RRH	\$248,275	\$1,849,396
9	The Salvation Army, a New York Corporation	2021 RRH - Expansion	91.96%	CoC Bonus	PH-RRH	\$80,000	\$1,929,396
10	The Cornerstone of Beaver County	Coordinated Entry - Expansion	87.95%	CoC Bonus	SSO/COORD. ENTRY	\$27,500	\$1,956,896
Not Ranked	Collaborative Applicant - County of Beaver	PA-603 CoC Planning Application FY 2021	N/A	PLANNING	CoC Planning Project App.	\$87,294	\$2,044,190

\* Tier 2 includes projects in positions 9 and 10



Housing Program	Type	Availability	Units/Beds	Occupancy	Administrator
Crescent Commons*	Permanent	9	24	63%	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	3	12	75%	CRS
CRS Transitional	Transitional	3	15	80%	CRS
Help House	Transitional	0	11	100%	Housing Authority
Harmony House	Transitional	0	4	100%	BCCYS/SA
BCCYS Housing	Emergency	6	17	65%	BCCYS
Women's Center	Emergency	2	24	92%	BC Women's Center
Women's Center	Transitional	3	10	70%	BC Women's Center
SA Rapid Rehousing *	Permanent	0	N/A	N/A	Salvation Army
Safely Home*	Permanent	0	16	100%	Housing Authority
Lighthouse	Transitional	3	3	0%	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.
Scottswood Apts	Hopewell	1BR elderly/disabled	Taking Applications
Valley Terrace	Aliquippa	1 eff. And 2-3BRs	Taking Applications
ValleyView	New Brighton	0 -1BR; 9-2BR; 1 - 3BR	Taking Applications
Spring Run	Monaca	Full	Taking Applications
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: \$30,4

#### Housing Authority

Ambridge Towers	Ambridge	vacancies	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled
Brodhead	Beaver Falls	vacancies	Public Housing
Eleanor Roosevelt	Aliquippa	many vacancies	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled
Morado Dwellings	Beaver Falls		
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

PSH: 9 (11)  
TH: 7 (4)  
RRH: 30 (29) Includes all RRH prgms

() indicates last month's count