



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

January 13, 2022

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Housekeeping: Dina called the meeting to order around 1:34 pm. She asked everyone to sign into the chat for keeping attendance. And she reminded everyone that the meeting will be recorded to assist with the minutes – it will not be shared or 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 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. Email ciabatonidina@gmail.com for the meeting link and to provide input and feedback.

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

1. OPEN DISCUSSION

Heather Slaughter (INGLIS/Self Determination Housing Project) reminded the group about the trainings offered by SDHP that were sent in Dec. If you have a specific training need you can submit an information and referral request at:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x67YtnLiv0qdUVftDZHv5Hq_A6c2_IHrBYwG04_MK5UOEIdIQjROR005SE5KUjUxSOjFODFXNzk2Ty4u

You can also reach out to Heather but they do prefer the use of the form for tracking purposes. Also she noted that they are hiring in the Eastern part of the state and she welcomes any contacts who may be able to help spread the word.

Dina Ciabatonni (CoC Coordinator) had several announcements. First, she noted that the Heritage Valley emails are bouncing back to her. She asked that HVHS staff to double check their settings if they want to continue to receive her emails. Second, she announced that assistance is available for unpaid water bills for low-income households. She noted information can be found in your packet or at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHWAP.aspx> Paul Lebanik noted that a household he was assisting was told they were ineligible because they received LIHEAP. Cyndi Gilkey noted that is not correct and reminded the group that Neighborhood Legal Services can assist with applying for such benefits and submitting appeals if denied. Dina also noted that HeadStart is hiring, and that information can be found in the packets. Salvation Army's Harmony House is also hiring and that posting can be found at the link noted below. Amy clarified that it is a full time position, and a bachelor's degree is required. Pay is commensurate with experience/education. Finally, Dina mentioned the new PA Homeowner's Assistance Fund which assists homeowners with incomes at or below 150% AMI. For more information visit: <https://pahaf.org/> Dina also mentioned the Salvation Army's homeowner assistance program. She noted that program serves low to moderate income households and that they use an income survey to make that determination. Aaron Bingle oversees the program and can be reached at 724.846.2330.

Dina also mentioned the updated Warming Center and Meal Schedule fliers that she emailed ahead of the meeting. She reported that all of the information was recently confirmed. Folks are

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welcomed to share the information widely. Also she asked that if anyone notices anything missing to please let her know and we will update the fliers again.

George Ifill (Highmark Wholecare) reminded the group that Gateway Health is now owned by Highmark Wholecare. He reported that no changes to coverage will occur but the name Gateway will no longer be used. He also announced a vaccine clinic at 2nd Baptist Church in Beaver Falls on 1/22 at 11 am – 2 pm. He noted that a \$25 incentive is being offered as well. Any questions can be directed to George at: gifill@gatewayhealthplan.org

Josh Fisher (Veterans Leadership Program) announced job openings for 6-7 positions. More information can be found here: <https://veteransleadershipprogram.applytojob.com/apply/>

2. AGENDA

ERAP

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina announced that ERAP has spent just shy of \$7 million (of the original \$10 million allocated) assisting about 3,000 households. She acknowledged that there have been lengthy waits to get the assistance. And she noted that the Franklin Center is in the process of hiring more people to assist on the front end. The County is working on tweaking the process for cutting checks as there has been a bit of a bottleneck there too. She also explained that in ERAP 2 we are receiving \$5.3 million which will need to be spent by the end of September 2022-**2025 (CORRECTION)**.

Omicron

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina noted that the nation is seeing an increase in Covid cases. Beaver County has been in a high state of transmission for several months but it is now even higher. She explained that the increase is likely linked to the Omicron variant which is highly transmissible. She stated that she did hear some preliminary analysis that it may be cresting in some areas but that likely would not happen in Beaver County just yet since we didn't experience Omicron until after other areas. Dina noted that we are seeing positive cases in our residential programs. She noted that hotels are becoming increasingly hesitant to rent to our clients (partially due to Covid and partially due to other issues). Also out-of-county shelters are still willing to work with us but if a client mentions symptoms or a possible exposure they also are becoming hesitant. So it is becoming more challenging to shelter folks in need. She did mention that vaccines and boosters are one of the best ways to mitigate the risks of Covid. People can get vaccines at most pharmacies, the clinic in Beaver Falls on the 22nd, and most doctors' offices can provide them as well. She asked the group to assist their clients with accessing vaccines when they are ready to get one. Second, testing is a best practice too. She noted that people can get tests at pharmacies and drs' offices but it usually takes a few days to get those results. She reported that at home tests provide immediate results and can help folks protect themselves and others more immediately should they be positive. She reported that we have a handful of tests at the moment for anyone who is showing symptoms, has been exposed, and is facing barriers to shelter without a negative result. If you need a test let Dina know. Otherwise a bulk order has been placed which is expected next week. **UPDATE: The bulk order has been received. Let Dina know if you need any tests.**

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She also mentioned that Community Development still has masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes. She stressed that these items are for staff AND clients as staffs' help is critical to being able to continue to serve our clients. She also recognized the level of stress on everyone and encourage folks to take good care of their mental health.

Point in Time survey

Dina Ciabattoni

The PIT survey is scheduled for 1/25/22. Dina reported that the preliminary plan is to conduct outreach throughout the County but she cautioned that the Governing Board has not approved these methods yet. They will meet on Friday to vote on the methods. If we do outreach, we are asking volunteers to consider getting vaccinated, utilize social distancing, wear a mask, pair up with someone you already have contact with, and attend the mandatory PIT training (see below for details). Dina had previously sent the volunteer sign up sheet and noted that there are plenty of spots that still need covered. You can also indicate your interest in the chat box. She also explained that we will not be doing the drop-in centers to reduce risk of transmission. Finally we will be putting together outreach bags on 1/21 at 9:30 am at the Housing Authority. She stressed that all of this is subject to change and she will communicate the finalized plan after the Governing Board meeting tomorrow.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina noted that there are a few openings in Crescent Commons and she reminded the group that eligible households will be chronically homeless. The best way to demonstrate this is to work with your clients to create a timeline of their housing instability. Stone Harbour also has a few openings but there are few clients engaged for those spots at this time. Dina also clarified the Coordinated Entry numbers since the ones she sent this morning were incorrect. She stated that there are 10 HHs on the PSH list, 10 on the TH list, and 40 on the RRH list. She highlighted that every person on the PSH was flagged for increase risk of Covid and resulting complications - further demonstrating that the current surge is impacting the people who we serve. Finally she pointed out that Valley View currently has 11 vacant 2 bedroom apartments with only 4 applicants.

Dina noted that the CDC recently changed their guidance on length and conditions of quarantine/isolation. She shared a link to the CDC website that outlines the new protocols. See below for the link.

She thanked everyone for continuing to attend this meeting amidst multiple responsibilities and worries. She reminded them that ideas for future topics or speakers for the meeting are very much welcomed. And she reminded the group to feel free to invite others who they feel could benefit and/or enhance the meeting.

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NEXT MEETING: February 10th, 2022

SAVE THE DATES & OPPORTUNITIES

INFORMATION ON QUARANTINE/ISOLATION: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>

1/20/22 Point In Time Volunteer Mandatory Training at 2:00 pm on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83926992506?pwd=YThiMVINSEJTVWgzZEI3ZmV1c0dCdZ09>

1/21/22 Point In Time – Packaging Outreach Supplies at 9:30 at the Housing Authority garage located at 300 State Avenue Beaver, PA

1/25/2022 Point In Time survey ALL DAY!

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

The Salvation Army's Harmony House program is hiring a case manager. For more info, visit:
<https://careers-usesalvationarmy.icims.com/jobs/9197/case-manager/job>

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 1/13/22 Housing & Homeless Coalition Meeting was held on Zoom due to social distancing guidelines. Below is a list of attendees who signed into the chat.

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|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Harry Angelo | Job Training |
| Barb Reed | OARS |
| Heather Slaughter | Inglis |
| Marie Timpano | The Cornerstone of Beaver County |
| Brett Campbell | Central Outreach Wellness Center |
| Josh Fisher | Veterans Leadership Program |
| Erin Rathbun | Beacon |
| Marcy Scott | CRS |
| Jan Davis | TRAILS |
| Matt Stahoviak | BCBH |
| Casey Seevers | CYS |
| Lori Gaghan | Staunton Clinic |
| Mandy Baker | Hope House |
| Carrie Miller | PA Cyber |

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| Kevin Huwe | DON Services |
| Branden Dudek | Central Outreach Wellness Center |
| Adam Loverich | BCRC |
| Rita Kaplan | Freedom Area School District |
| Cyndi Gilkey | Neighborhood Legal Services |
| Penny Jones | Landlord/ACRE |
| Paul Lebanik | St. Vincent De Paul |
| Rich Pirozzi | VA Pittsburgh |
| Melissa Grimes | Housing Authority |
| George Beegle | HMIS |
| Vicki Zanotti | Allies for Health & Wellbeing |
| Nancy Grieco | Red Cross |
| Wendy Beeching | Neighborhood Legal Services |
| Darcy Casy | Housing Authority |
| Alexa Mapstone | Columbia Gas |
| Stephanie Titus | Glad Run |
| Amy Frederick | CYS |
| George Ifill | Gateway Health |
| Marissa Moyer | CRS/Stone Harbour |
| Chris Anderson | The Cornerstone of Beaver County |
| Amy Jurich | Harmony House/Lighthouse |
| Dina Ciabattoni | CoC Coordinator |
| Monique Anderson | Lighthouse/Harmony House |

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LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER IN THE NEW YEAR? WE HAVE ONE FOR YOU!

Private Industry Council will be holding a Job Fair at:



**PA CareerLink®
Beaver Valley
285 Rte. 18
Monaca, PA 15061
Thursday, January 27,
2022 from 10AM-1PM**



**See the many opportunities the Private
Industry Council and Beaver County Head
Start/Early Head Start have to offer!**

**Call today to reserve your appointment for an
interview at 724-836-2600.**

*** Please bring a copy of your resume ***





Dina Ciabattoni <ciabatttonidina@gmail.com>

Water Assistance Program Now Available- please share.

1 message

Dianne Funkhouser <dfunkhouser@washingtongreene.org>
To: Dianne Funkhouser <dfunkhouser@washingtongreene.org>

Thu, Jan 6, 2022 at 8:46 AM

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

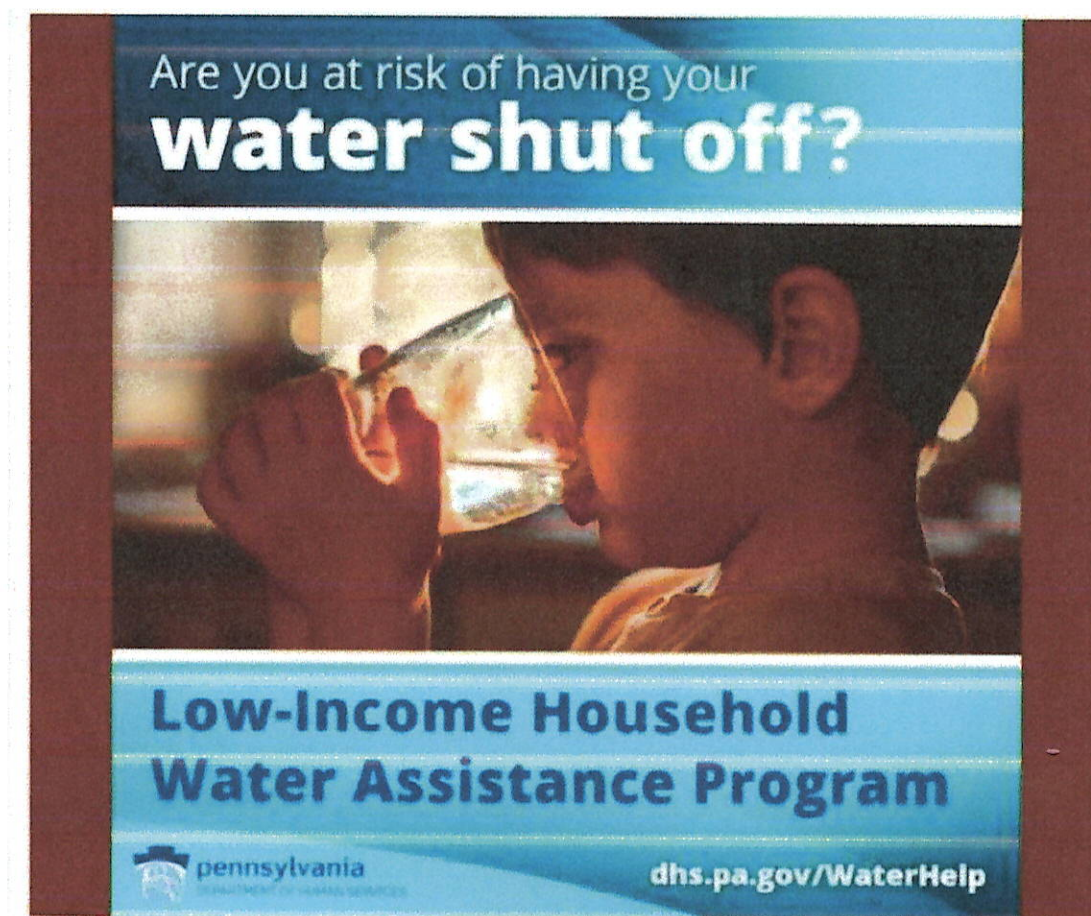
Do you have past-due water bills?

Under threat of losing water service in the next 60 days?

Has your water been shut off?

PA's Low-income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) may be able to help.

- Learn more at: dhs.pa.gov/WaterHelp
- Or apply using: www.compass.state.pa.us



Dianne J. Funkhouser

PA CareerLink Site Administrator

PA CareerLink Beaver County

| Housing Program | Type | Availability | Units/Beds | Occupancy | Administrator | Refer thru Coordinated Entry |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Crescent Commons* | Permanent | 4 | 24 | 83% | Housing Authority | Refer thru Coordinated Entry |
| Friendship Homes* | Permanent | 0 | 33 | 100% | Salvation Army | Refer thru Coordinated Entry |
| BC On-Call | Emergency | 0 | 2 | 100% | The Cornerstone | |
| CARL* | Permanent | 0 | 41 | 100% | Housing Authority | Refer thru Coordinated Entry |
| Stone Harbour* | Transitional | 6 | 12 | 50% | CRS | 4 male, 2 female openings |
| CRS Transitional | Transitional | 4 | 15 | 73% | CRS | 1 female opening |
| Help House | Transitional | 0 | 11 | 100% | Housing Authority | |
| Harmony House | Transitional | 0 | 4 | 100% | BCCYS/SA | CYS referrals only. |
| BCCYS Housing | Emergency | 4 | 14 | 71% | BCCYS | CYS referrals only |
| Women's Center | Emergency | 5 | 24 | 79% | BC Women's Center | |
| Women's Center | Transitional | 0 | 10 | 100% | BC Women's Center | |
| SA Rapid Rehousing * | Permanent | 4 | N/A | N/A | Salvation Army | Refer thru Coordinated Entry |
| Safely Home* | Permanent | 2 | 16 | 88% | Housing Authority | |
| Lighthouse | Transitional | 3 | 3 | 0% | BCCYS/SA | CYS referrals only. |

*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; 11-2BR; 2 - 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

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|-------------------|--------------|----------------|---|
| Ambridge Towers | Ambridge | vacancies | Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled |
| Brodhead | Beaver Falls | vacancies | Public Housing;also 45+ or permanently disabled |
| Eleanor Roosevelt | Aliquippa | many vacancies | Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled |
| Sheffield Towers | Aliquippa | vacancies | |
| Corak Towers | Midland | vacancies | Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled |

*Applications accepted for all HACB sites.

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| 811 Program | Koppel/Roch. | 1 vacancy | *See back for more information |
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Coordinated Entry Waitlists

PSH: 10 (14)

TH: 10 (7)

RRH: 40 (41) Includes all RRH prgms

() indicates last month's count



FREE COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

SBC Ministries

1910 7th Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Saturday, January 22nd

11:00AM to 2:00PM

VACCINES AVAILABLE:

Pfizer: Age 5 years & up

Moderna: Ages 18 years +

Johnson & Johnson: 18+

+ BOOSTER SHOTS!

(bring vaccine card)

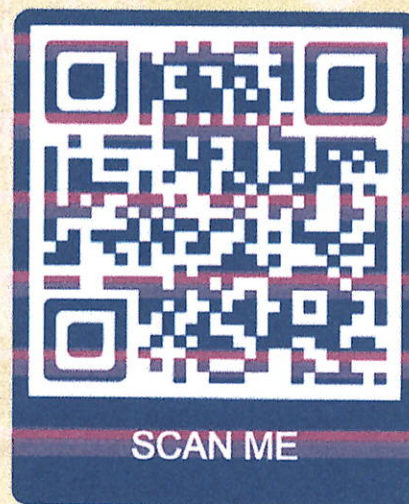
Call for more info:

724.843.9041

Please be prepared to wear a
mask and practice physical
distancing at this event

WALK-INS WELCOME

Cash Incentive All eligible for \$25 for 1st , 2nd and Booster doses



Register Online

Scan the QR code above or
access form at this link

<https://qr1.be/XELQ>



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