



# Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

June 9, 2022

## Meeting Agenda

**Welcome and Housekeeping:** Dina called the meeting to order around 1:34 pm. She reminded everyone to sign into the chat and stated that the meeting is being recorded to assist with the preparation of the minutes and will not be shared or posted.

*The Housing & Homeless Coalition welcomes ideas, opinions, and knowledge from a broad spectrum of partners; thus 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. Meetings will be provided in the safest format. Email [ciabatttonidina@gmail.com](mailto:ciabatttonidina@gmail.com) for the meeting information and to provide input and feedback.*

Archived Coalition Meeting Minutes are available at <https://bccan.org/housing-resources/>

## 1. OPEN DISCUSSION

**Herta Madder (BCBH)** reported on MultiSystemic Therapy's new youth mobile program. It is an intensive in-home program for youth who have had several psychiatric hospitalizations. She reported that they use a team approach with 2 therapists, and they address the needs of the whole family. The program will be ready to accept referrals on 6/10. An Intensive Behavior Health Service referral is needed and can be found at this link along with more program information:

<https://mhfamilyservices.org/community-services/multisystemic-therapy-psychiatric-care-mst-psych/>

You can also reach out to Herta with any questions: [hmadder@bcbh.org](mailto:hmadder@bcbh.org)

**Kierstyn Marcucci (Fair Housing Law Center)** shared that June is Pride Awareness Month. She reminded the group that gender, sex, and sexual orientation are protected classes. This is new for some landlords so she suggested keeping an eye out for this type of discrimination. Her office is available to assist in any situations where the protections of the Fair Housing Law may be in question. You can reach them at: (877) 725-4472.

**Nancy Gricco (American Red Cross)** reported no new events since our last meeting. She did note that there are still 2 cases open from previous events but they do not want assistance at this time.

**Dina Ciabattoni (CoC Coordinator)** shared a flyer from the Beaver County Association for the Blind regarding their Vision Clinic taking place on 7/20/22 at 616 Fourth Street Beaver Falls, PA (near the Fruit Market). Free vision screening and eye glasses will be available. To schedule an appointment call Teresa Lukes at 724.506.6477.

## 2. AGENDA

### HOME-ARP feedback/input

**Marlene Landrum**

Marlene reported that we have received 43 survey responses already and thanked everyone for their input. She noted that some of the responses to the regular HOME RFP could possibly be funded under HOME-ARP. She indicated that several of those proposals were for low income housing with a few targeting seniors. Marlene stated that she will use some housing studies to determine if this population is in need of this type of housing. She welcomed further comments and ideas from folks because she

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stated that she wants to make sure the funding is used to address real needs in the County. A question was asked if seniors are an eligible population. Dina clarified that the eligible populations (in brief summary) include: HUD homeless, HUD at-risk of homelessness, DV, and an at-risk category that includes people who are extremely low income and at specific risk for returning to homelessness. She clarified that seniors, veterans, etc could fall into any of these eligible categories. Dina again stressed that this is a unique opportunity to enhance affordable housing for people who are homeless. Marlene stated that there will be public hearings to gather more input, and that the County will be hiring a consultant to help coordinate this research, develop and submit the plan to HUD, and to oversee the development of the program. Dina noted that it is not too late to submit ideas.

### **Homeless Prevention programs overview**

### **Chris Anderson (ESG & SSVF)**

Dina reminded the group that there are programs to assist people who do not meet the definition of HUD homeless. She invited those programs here today to give an overview of those programs. Chris Anderson from The Cornerstone discussed the ESG Homeless Prevention program. Chris stated that the household must have a magistrate eviction notice (even if they have not gone to court yet). She stated that the notice is good for 30 days, so it is important to get it turned in asap. Also, if a person or family member has paid for hotel, they can submit the receipt with the client's name on it as proof of their eligibility for this program. Once determined eligible, clients will need to present the following documents: Photo ID for head of household, social security cards for all members of the household, and proof of income from last 30 days. Chris stated that in Pay to Stay situations, they can pay up to 6 months (depending on the amount owed and the current fund balance). Fair Market Rent does not apply in Pay to Stay. If the household must move, then the program can pay 1<sup>st</sup> month rent and security deposit if it is a private landlord. If the property is subsidized, the program can only pay the security deposit. Fair Market Rent does apply if the person is moving into a new place. Chris then provided an overview of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Homeless Prevention Program. She noted that the main difference is that the SSVF program can assist folks who have an eviction notice from the landlord only. Chris stated that the landlord notice must have specific details and TCBC can work with the landlords on this. This program cannot assist those with a hotel receipt like ESG can. She also reported that the person must be veteran eligible. This is established with the DD214 and through a Squares report. A full name, date of birth, and Social Security Number are needed to run that report. Again, if the unit is subsidized they can only pay the security deposit. If the property is privately owned, then they can provide on-going support for a longer period of time. They can also provide a shallow subsidy which is 50% of rent for up to 24 months. Chris clarified that these programs can be reached by calling The Cornerstone at 724.846.6400.

### **Marlene Landrum (ERAP)**

Marlene reported that the ERAP 1 allocation is nearly fully spent and/or obligated. There is about \$7 million in ERAP 2. She stated that ERAP 2 still must be Covid related. It can pay for 12 months of

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arrears in utilities for a total of 18 months. She clarified that the FC handles intake and documenting eligibility. CDP does a second review, prepares, and submits the check request. The Controller then cuts and mails the checks. Marlene discussed the efforts to streamline some of the delays – including a revised Landlord Form (see attached) and the hiring of an additional person to address the backlog. ERAP questions can be directed to the Franklin Center at 724.378.2882. Marlene stated that ERAP can pay magistrate fees. She also reported that despite Allegheny County closing their program, ours is still open until Sept. 2024 or when the funding runs out.

## **Dina Ciabattoni (HAP)**

Dina presented on the Franklin Center's other Homeless Prevention program – Homeless Assistance Program (HAP). She stated that the definition of homeless used for HAP is broader and the household does not need to have an eviction notice. The main contact for HAP is Tina and she can be reached at 724.378.2882.

## **Bed Availability**

## **Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina reviewed the Housing Inventory chart. She noted that the Coordinated Entry numbers increased by 8 since our last meeting. The PSH and TH waitlists remained about the same and the RRH waitlist had an increase. The Housing Authority reports very short waitlists at the Beaver Falls locations. Also, there are six, 2-bedrooms units available at Valley View. Harmony House and Lighthouse also have vacancies.

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**July 14, 2022 at 1:30 pm**

### **SAVE THE DATES & OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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

**Information on NA meetings** throughout the county (both in person and online), visit: [beavervalleyyna.org](http://beavervalleyyna.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 6/9/22 Housing & Homeless Coalition Meeting was held on Zoom. Below is a list of attendees who were visibly present or who signed into the chat.

Harry Angelo	Job Training
Kate Willette	The Children's Institute
Shante Thompson	CRS
Jessica Sabol	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Chris Anderson	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Joanne Koehler	Mental Health Association
Penny Jones	Landlord/ACRE

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Amy Jurich	Harmony House/Lighthouse
Tanaya Curenton	Gateway Rehab/Moffett House
Lana Evans	PADMVA
Carrie Miller	PA Cyber
Donald Walker	Beaver County Head Start
Herta Maddar	BCBH
Raquel Mullen	Women's Center
Dianne Funkhouser	PA CareerLink
Branden Dudek	Central Outreach Wellness Center
Adam Loverich	BCRC
Casey Seevers	CYS
Cyndi Gilkey	Neighborhood Legal Services
Jennifer Scranton	Merakey/Beaver County Diversion Program
Ashley McLaughlin	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Monique Anderson	Lighthouse/Harmony House
Mike Stanislow	VLP/SSVF
Marlene Landrum	Community Development Program
Nancy Greico	Red Cross
Amy Frederick	BC CYS
Marcy Scott	CRS
Bethany Bray	Neighborhood Legal Services
Angela Pope	CCBC Keys Program
Dina Ciabattoni	CoC Coordinator
Paul Lebanik	St. Vincent De Paul
Denise DiVittis	Domestic Relations
Alexa Mapstone	Columbia Gas
Sarah Lozier	Merakey
Wendy Beeching	Neighborhood Legal Services
Aarin Pasquale	LIFE Beaver County
Marissa Moyer	Stone Harbour
Erin Mizer	Beacon Health Options
Felicia Alexander	PA Health Wellness
Rich Pirozzi	Pittsburgh VA
Desiree Cokel	Pittsburgh VA
Vicki Zanotti	Allies for Health & Wellbeing
Kristy Minton	CYS
Mandy Baker	Hope House
Abby Young	TRAILS

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**FREE**

# **VISION SCREENING & NEW EYEGLASSES!!!**

**WHERE** : Beaver County Association for the Blind  
616 Fourth Street  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

**WHEN** : Wednesday July 20, 2022  
**ONE DAY ONLY!**

**TIME** : 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm

**To schedule an appointment,  
Call Terry: 724-506-6477**

Financial Availability Requirements  
BCAB is NOT responsible for glasses supplied by Mission Vision.  
In order for Mission Vision to keep this a free service you will  
NOT be given a copy of your prescription.



# Juneteenth Celebration!!!

Where: 2nd Ave Playground

When: Saturday June 18, 2022  
3:00pm-8:00pm

FREE FOOD!

FUN!

GAMES!

MUSIC!

KIDS'

Sponsored  
by City





# PREPARING FOR AN ARMED INTRUDER

WITH RICK CAPOZZI, FOUNDER OF SURVIVAL MINDSET CO.

at Living Word Ministry Church, 7120 6th Ave. New Brighton, PA 15066

**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 16, 2022  
6:00 PM -- 8:30 PM**

For more information:

[Info@SurvivalMindset.us](mailto:Info@SurvivalMindset.us)

814.317.6571

[SurvivalMindset.us](http://SurvivalMindset.us)



**SURVIVAL**  
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For over a decade Survival Mindset Co. has been offering hands-on training on how to prepare for, respond to, and survive a variety of situations.

This program is designed for churches, businesses, & schools to develop confidence & a plan of action in what you can do if faced with an unwelcome visitor or an armed intruder. A freewill offering will be taken.





# THE CORNERSTONE OF BEAVER COUNTY PROGRAMS

## 2021 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

### PROGRAM

### HOUSEHOLD SIZE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Columbia Gas - CAP	1595	2155	2715	3275	3835	4395	4955	5515
LIHEAP	1595	2155	2715	3275	3835	4395	4955	5515
SNAP – Food Stamps	1702 2128	2299 2874	2896 3620	3494 4368	4091 5114	4688 5861	5286 6607	5883 7354
DLC CAP	1610	2178	2745	3313	3880	4448	5015	5583
Dollar Energy	2147	2903	3660	4417	5173	5930	6687	7443
The Franklin Center	2082	2818	3555	4292	5028	5765	6502	7239
SSVF – Veterans	1487	1700	1912	2208	2586	2965	3343	3721
ESG	1487	1700	1912	2208	2586	2965	3343	3721



# Current Beaver County Housing Inventory Availability

JUNE 2022

Housing Program	Type	Availability	Units/Beds	Occupancy	Administrator	Refer thru Coordinated Entry
Crescent Commons*	Permanent	5	24	79%	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	4	12	67%	CRS	1 female & 3 M or F openings
CRS Transitional	Transitional	3	15	80%	CRS	3 female openings
Help House	Transitional	0	11	100%	Housing Authority	
Harmony House	Transitional	3	4	25%	BCCYS/SA	CYS referrals only.
BCCYS Housing	Emergency	3	14	79%	BCCYS	two 3 BRs, and one 2 BR
Women's Center	Emergency	being used for quarantine	24	79%	BC Women's Center	
Women's Center	Transitional	10	10	#VALUE!	BC Women's Center	
SA Rapid Rehousing *	Permanent	0	N/A	N/A	Salvation Army	Refer thru Coordinated Entry
Safely Home*	Permanent	5	16	69%	Housing Authority	Women Center referral needed
Lighthouse	Transitional	1	3	67%	BCCYS/SA	CYS referrals only.

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

## Wait List Details

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	1 - 1BR, 6 - 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:

**Housing Authority**  
*Beaver Falls location very short wait list!!*  
 filling up!  
 very short waitlist  
 vacancies  
 vacancies  
 very short waitlist  
 vacancies  
 No vacancies

Ambridge Towers	Ambridge	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled
Brodhead	Beaver Falls	Elderly
Eleanor Roosevelt	Aliquippa	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled
Sheffield Towers	Aliquippa	Must be 62 years old or older
Beaver Falls properties	Beaver Falls	various site types
Corak Towers	Midland	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled
811 Program	Koppel/Roch.	*See back for more information

**\*Housing Authority applications are accepted for all sites.**

## Coordinated Entry Waitlists

PSH: 21 (22) ↓  
 TH: 10 (9) ↑  
 RRH: 48 (40) Includes all RRH prgms ↗

() indicates last month's count



## 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:mgrimes@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@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:msscott@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)

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### **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](mailto:hacblk@comcast.net)