



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

August 11, 2022

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Housekeeping: Dina called the meeting to order around 1:35 pm. She asked everyone to sign into the chat and reminded them the meeting was being recorded to assist with the minutes.

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 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm. Meetings will be provided in the safest format. Email ciabottonidina@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

Rich Strother (Job Training) announced the Annual Beaver County Job & Career Fair at the Mall on October 6 from 10 am – 2 pm.

Marie Timpano (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) announced their annual fundraiser on Oct. 15th from 6- 10 pm at the Rochester VFW – 179 Virginia Avenue Rochester. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased by calling 724.846.6000 or by stopping by TCBC at 600 6th Street Beaver Falls.

Mike Stanislow (Veteran Leadership Program) announced the Veteran Stand Down on October 8th and 9th at 2934 Smallman Street Pittsburgh.

Heather Slaughter (Self Determination Housing of PA/Inglis) announced that the fall Landlord/Property Manager training schedule will be available soon. She also reminded the group about the training on Assistance Animals on 8/16 at 4:00 pm. She also reported on two available 811 units at Koppel Terrace. She directed folks to reach out to her if they have eligible candidates but are facing transportation challenges. She stressed that the units are currently sitting empty. And finally, she announced that SDHP is hiring a Regional Housing Coordinator for the Eastern and Western regions. Let her know if you know of any potential candidates.

Nancy Grieco (Red Cross) reported one family fire since our last meeting. She stated that 2 adults are currently in need, aware of assistance available to them, and not accepting it at this time.

Dina Ciabottoni (CoC Coordinator) had two announcements:

- International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2022 from 11 am – 2 pm in the rear parking lot of Beaver County Human Services Building (1050 8th Ave Beaver Falls).
- Free vision screening and new eye glasses available on August 25th from 9 – 11:30 am at the Association for the Blind – 616 4th Street Beaver Falls. Appts are required. 724.506.6477

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2. AGENDA

Literacy Pittsburgh

Michelle Walter

Michelle introduced herself as the Digital Skills Instructor at Literacy Pittsburgh. She reported that Literacy Pittsburgh is in its 40th year. They offer a variety of training and education including for English Language learners. Michelle stated that their digital trainings include basic computer skills all the way through to Excel. She stated that she offers 6 week courses on PowerPoint and Google Docs. Workshops include: QR codes, LinkedIn, Password safety, Google Drive, and Instagram for businesses. See attached calendar for schedule of classes. She stated that she will be holding an Open House at the Well (1401 6th Avenue, Beaver Falls) every Tuesday from 6 – 8 pm. They will have an open lab and people can bring questions about their phones or laptops etc. She also stated you can email her to be added to her email list and newsletter.

Anti-Human Trafficking

Kaitlyn Veiock & Ann Lewis

Kaitlyn stated that Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition was started in 2007 by the Sisters of St. Joseph. She stated that the group has a focus on education and training and she welcomed agencies to reach out to them for their specific human trafficking training needs. She then showed a video about myths around human trafficking. The video can be found here:

<https://rebecca-bender.mykajabi.com/products/trafficking-truths-e-course>

Ann spoke about how myths can distract from the situations where human trafficking is actually occurring. Ann stated that it does occur here but it is not always kidnapping, bondage, or occurring over international lines. She stressed it can happen that way but these ways are not the norm. She warned against these myths appearing online or through text messages and people believing them to be true and calling for help. This distracts the resources and can even flood the hotline making so actual victims cannot get through. They then explained what human trafficking actually is: exploitation. This can include forced labor, money, sex etc. There is force, fraud, and coercion involved. They also explained that people of all ages are vulnerable to human trafficking. For example, homeless teens may be offered housing and meals for free and then later expected to give something in exchange or become homeless again. Red flags to look for include: someone who is dressed very nice but has no income, a person who is present with them seems overly protective, has a tattoo and is weird about it, or doesn't know their address. You may ask some clarifying questions if you see these red flags such as "how do you make money?" or "do you have to do something to stay where you stay?". Kaitlyn and Ann reminded us that even though we may recognize a person as being trafficked that person may very much believe they need the trafficker and may even love them. If you suspect someone is being trafficked the first call should be made to the Women's Center at 724.775.0131. You may also call ChildLine, SafetoSay, or Protective Services. The Anti-Human Trafficking website can be found here: <https://bcantihumantraffickingcoalition.weebly.com>

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CoC and Home4Good Competitions

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina reported that she emailed everyone 2 Requests for Proposals yesterday and also included them in the packets for this meeting. She stated that they are also posted on the Community Development Program website under Invitation to Bid & Proposals. She encouraged partners to share the RFPs with their colleagues as well. She stated that there is quick turn around on both proposals. She stated this is as a result of the funders guidelines. She went on to state that the Home4Good proposals are due to CDP by noon on 8/24/22. She highlighted that Home4Good uses a broader definition of homelessness than HUD does and it is a bit more flexible. It must meet one of the programs goals which include: Prevention/Diversion; Innovative Solutions; or meeting a Critical Needs. She stated that proposals must address the Beaver County Strategic Plan which is attached to the RFP. Also she stated that the available amount of funding is \$50,000 and that the selected agency will receive the funding directly from CDP. This is different than last year when projects contracted directly with PHFA.

Dina then explained the CoC RFP. She noted that the funding amounts for the Bonuses has not been announced yet so she used estimates. Projects may adjust their proposals when the finalized amounts are confirmed. These proposals are due to CDP on 8/24 by 4 pm. Eligible CoC Bonus projects include: PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH, HMIS, CE, and to expand any existing project of these types. Eligible DV Bonus projects include: RRH, Joint TH-RRH, CE, or to expand any existing projects of these types. Again, the RFP states projects should address the Strategic Plan which highlights gaps and needs in the County. The Strategic Plan along with the selection tool, and a sample of the scoring tool used in Rank & Review are included with the RFP. She stated that the selection tool will be used to choose projects to be included in the application to HUD. The scoring tool will be used to rank all of the projects for funding priority by the Rank & Review committee. Dina explained that 95% of our funding will fall into Tier 1 which is funded first across the nation. 5% of our funding will fall into Tier 2 which the highest scored CoCs are funded first until the total funding is allocated. CoCs are scored by their CoC Consolidated Application which is the portion of the grant that Dina works on. She will be reaching out for information and commitments from many of you to support the application and to more fully answer all of the questions. She also stressed that anyone can reach out to Dina with information that you feel is relevant and would enhance our application. She explained that folks can learn more about what HUD is looking for in this competition by attending the webinar later today and by reading the NOFO which can be found via a link on the RFP. Dina did state that HUD is giving more points for PSH and RRH projects that have formal partnerships with healthcare providers, and for projects that can leverage housing units. Also HUD is looking for projects to have strategies to address racial and LGBTQ equity both in service delivery and outcomes. Dina stated she is available for questions.

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Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina noted available units with Crescent Commons and reminded folks that applicants must be chronically homeless. Also, Stone Harbour has several openings. This is a TH program for people with substance use challenges and legal histories. Dina also noted that the CE wait list numbers have returned to a more average state. Finally, she mentioned that Valley View has five 2 BR apts with 5 people waiting but Dina reminded the group sometimes people self-resolved while waiting. She also reminded the group that the program descriptions are on the back of the chart including eligibility criteria for the 811 units that Heather discussed.

NEXT MEETING:
September 8, 2022 at 1:30 pm

SAVE THE DATES & OPPORTUNITIES

8/22/22 Housing Authority Golf Outing Fund Raiser If interested in participating, call: 724.775.1220

8/25/22 Free Vision Screening & Eyeglass Glasses from 9 am- 11:30 at Beaver County Association for the Blind (616 4th St Beaver Falls, PA). Call for an appt: 724.506.6477

8/31/22 International Overdose Awareness Day from 11 am – 2pm in the rear parking lot of the Human Services Building at 1050 8th Avenue Beaver Falls, PA.

10/15/22 The Cornerstone of Beaver County's Annual Party with a Purpose: A Night at the Races from 6-10 p.m. at the Rochester VFW. To purchase tickets, call: 724.846.6400

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: 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 7/14/22 Housing & Homeless Coalition Meeting was held on Zoom. Below is a list of attendees who were visibly present or who signed into the chat.

Carrie Miller	PA Cyber
Kate Trimble	The Children's Institute
Shante Thompson	CRS
Maric Timpano	The Cornerstone of Beaver County

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Cyndi Brown	ABC Associates
Adam Loverich	BCRC
Joyce Bendishaw	Private Industry Council
Ann Lewis	A Child's Place
Joyce Depenhardt	Big Beaver Falls Area School District
Lori Gagan	Staunton Clinic
Mandy Baker	Hope House
Kaitlyn Veiock	Women's Center
Vicki Zanotti	Allies for Health & Wellbeing
Raquel Mullen	Women's Center
Francie Booterbaugh	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Branden Dudek	Central Outreach Wellness Center
Rich Strother	Job Training
Casey Seevers	CYS
Cyndi Gilkey	Neighborhood Legal Services
George Beegle	HMIS
Monica Cordell	BCRC
Michelle Walter	Literacy Pittsburgh
Mike Stanislow	VLP/SSVF
Rosalyn Johnson	Pinnacle Treatment Services
Nancy Greico	Red Cross
Amy Frederick	BC CYS
Heather Slaughter	SDHP/Inglis
Melissa Grimes	Housing Authority
Darcy Casey	Housing Authority
Dina Ciabattoni	CoC Coordinator
Stephanie Waxler	Pinnacle Treatment Services
Denise DiVittis	Domestic Relations
Rich Pirozzi	VA Pittsburgh
Angela Pope	KEYS/CCBC
Cassandra Remler	Community Development Program

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**International
Overdose Awareness
Day**

**AUGUST 31, 2022
11 AM - 2 PM**

**REAR PARKING LOT OF BEAVER COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
1050 8TH AVENUE, BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010**

**JOIN US IN HELPING TO END
THE STIGMA SURROUNDING
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS**



**LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS**

**RESOURCE TABLES
FOR SUBSTANCE
ABUSE AND MENTAL
HEALTH TREATMENT**

**NARCAN
DISTRIBUTION**

**MEDICATION
DISPOSAL BAGS**

**GIFT CARD
GIVEAWAY**

**BEAVER COUNTY
BEHAVIOR HEALTH
DRUG & ALCOHOL**

1050 8th Avenue
Beaver Falls, PA 15010
724-847-6220





FREE

VISION SCREENING & NEW EYEGLASSES!!!

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

WHEN : Thursday August 25, 2022
ONE DAY ONLY!

TIME : 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 am

**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.

Computer Classes- August 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Internet Basics 10:00-12:00 Excel for Job Search 1:00-3:00	2 Computer Basics 10:00-12:00 Excel 1:00- 3:00	3 Open Computer Lab Day 10:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 2:00 Instagram for Business 2:00-4:00	4 Open Computer Lab Day 10:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 4:00	5 Open Computer Lab Day 9:00 – 4:00
8 Internet Basics 10:00-12:00 Email Etiquette Workshop 1:00-3:00	9 Computer Basics 10:00-12:00 Excel 1:00- 3:00	10 Open Computer Lab Day 10:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 4:00	11 Open Computer Lab Day 10:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 4:00	12 Open Computer Lab Day 9:00 – 2:00
15 Internet Basics 10:00-12:00 LinkedIn Workshop 1:00-3:00	16 QR Code Workshop 10:00-12:00 Password Safety Workshop 1:00-3:00	17 Open Computer Lab Day 10:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 4:00	18 Open Computer Lab Day 10:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 4:00	19 Computer Lab Closed
22 Computer Lab Closed	23 Computer Lab Closed	24 Open Computer Lab Day 10:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 4:00	25 Open Computer Lab Day 10:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 4:00	26 Open Computer Lab Day 9:00 – 2:00
29 Open Computer Lab 9:00 – 12:00 Google Drive Workshop 1:00- 3:00	30 Power Point 10:00-12:00 Evening Class at The Soma Gathering, Downtown Beaver Falls Open House/Open Lab 6:00-8:00	31 Google Docs 10:00-12:00 Windows 10 1:00-3:00	1 SEPTEMBER Open Computer Lab Day 10:00-3:00	2 Open Computer Lab Day 10:00-3:00

To Sign up Call/Text: **Michelle Walter** at (412)-760-5718 or email DigitalBYVR@literacypittsburgh.org
Daytime classes are held at PA CareerLink® at the Beaver Valley Mall and Evening classes are held at The Soma Gathering in Beaver Falls.

Computer Basics – This six-week, 12-hour, is designed to help total beginners gain confidence in using a computer for everyday tasks. This class focuses on basic mouse and typing skills, identifying places to store and save files, trouble-shooting basic computer issues, and using Google Drive to save and store files. Learners may take the NorthStar assessment and have an opportunity to earn a certificate. **(Starts July 5th)**

Microsoft Excel – This six-week, 12-hour, course covers using Excel, Microsoft's spreadsheet software. During the course, students will learn to identify and use many features of the software to create budgets and other spreadsheets. Additionally, learners will have the opportunity to work on skills like storing and organizing files on the computer. Learners will take a NorthStar assessment and can earn a certificate showing employers they understand the basics of using Excel. **(Starts July 5th)**

Internet Basics– This six-week, 12-hour course covers the basics of using the internet. This includes bookmarking, navigating web pages, and internet safety. Learners will gain insight into using keyboard shortcuts and search terms to make searching online for employment and information easier. Learners will also learn to critically assess websites to find the best information. Learners can take a NorthStar assessment and, at the end, will have the opportunity to earn a certificate. **(Starts July 11th)**

QR Code Workshop - This 1-day workshop, covers the basics of creating a QR code for a website. During the workshop, students will learn how to take a URL and create a QR code to be used on products, flyers, or other promotional materials.

Email Etiquette Workshop - This 1-day workshop, will focus on the best practices for emailing based on one's audience. Students will learn how to write emails that articulate their thoughts in a clear and concise manner when working with a business or employer. Learning the best practices for writing an email will create a positive impression and have effective communication.

LinkedIn Business Workshop – This 2-day workshop, will focus on creating and maintaining a professional online presence on the social media platform LinkedIn. LinkedIn will help in providing students a network of professionals to interact with and expand knowledge in their respective professional fields of interest. After creating a LinkedIn profile, students will learn best practices, tools, and strategies for using LinkedIn to build their professional brand.

Password Safety Workshop – This 1-day workshop, will focus on the best practices for password safety. Students will learn how to create strong passwords for work or personal use. Students will learn how to store passwords safely online.

Instagram for Business - This 1-day workshop, will focus on creating and maintaining an online presence for a business on Instagram. Students will learn how to create an Instagram for business account and understand the different types of posting on the social media platform. Students will learn how Instagram for business accounts can benefit them through engaging with their followers with Instagram for Business tools in the app.

PowerPoint – This six-week, 12-hour, course will help students gain skills to effectively use PowerPoint, Microsoft's presentation software. This includes identifying parts of the program, formatting text, inserting items, applying transitions, and saving and printing, as well as PowerPoint etiquette. Learners will take a NorthStar assessment and can earn a certificate showing employers they understand the basics of PowerPoint. **(Starts August 30th)**

Google Docs- This six-week, 12-hour, will focus on the basics of using Google Docs. Topics covered include formatting text, sharing, and collaborating in a Google Doc, creating lists, inserting tables and images, and downloading files as PDF's. Students will understand how to use Google Docs in a business or school setting. **(Starts August 31st)**

Windows 10- This six-week, 12-hour, covers the basics of using Windows 10, an operating system used by many companies. Students will use settings, access Google Drive, and navigate Windows 10 to perform essential tasks, like storing files, moving files, and keeping your computer organized. Learners may take a NorthStar assessment and will have the opportunity to earn a certificate. **(Starts August 31st)**

Open Computer Lab - Open lab is a drop-in time for individual instruction. You will talk to the instructor about your needs and goals, and then take an assessment to see what you need to know. You will then practice, either by watching videos or working with the instructor, to gain confidence and knowledge with using a computer. You have the same opportunity to earn the certificate as students in regular classes. You may also use the space to work on formatting a resume or cover letter for a job with the instructor's help.

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	male and female openings
CRS Transitional	Transitional	4	15	73%	CRS	4 female openings
Help House	Transitional	0	11	100%	Housing Authority	
Harmony House	Transitional	1	4	75%	BCCYS/SA	CYS referrals only.
BCCYS Housing	Emergency	4	14	71%	BCCYS	two 3 BRs, and one 2 BR
Women's Center	Emergency	1	24	96%	BC Women's Center	
Women's Center	Transitional	being used for quarantine	10	#VALUE!	BC Women's Center	
SA Rapid Rehousing *	Permanent	0	N/A	N/A	Salvation Army	Refer thru Coordinated Entry
Safely Home*	Permanent	3	16	81%	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.

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	0 -1BR; 6 -2BR; 0 - 3BR	Taking Applications	1BR: 33 applicants; 2BR: 5 apps; 3BR: 7 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:	

Housing Authority

Ambridge Towers	Ambridge	filling up!	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled	*Housing Authority applications are accepted for all sites.
Mt. Washington	Beaver Falls	1- 4 bedroom		
Eleanor Roosevelt	Aliquippa	vacancies	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled	
Sheffield Towers	Aliquippa	vacancies	must be 62 years old or older	
Morodo	Beaver Falls	a few vacancies		
Corak Towers	Midland	vacancies	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled	
811 Program	Koppel/Roch.	2 - 1 BRs (Koppel)	*See back for more information	

Coordinated Entry Waitlists

() indicates last month's count

PSH: 16 (20)
TH: 14 (18)
RRH: 41 (51) 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

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

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

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: mscott@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

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

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