



Meeting Date: May 10, 2022

Time: 8:30 am

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Tammy Black

Topic Discussion

Attendance:

Jason Martin, Tasha Cramer, Scott Yard, Debby Standiford, Louis Yeager, Leslie Wagner, Gabby Zelaya, Celene Steckel, Elaine Scott, Tammy Black, Judi Nance, Madison and Nicole Shifflet (CCVIP), Stephanie Halley, Danielle Yates, Katie Speert, Bobbie Lawrence, Lorrie Yinger, Gina Valentine, Phil and Mona Carter, Joanna Waters, Tiffany Fossett, Dawn Moody, Stacey Hartman, Donna Devilbiss, Michael Clavin, Sue Doyle, Alma Balsamo, Dotty Dalphon, Lauren Biggs, Amy Baker, Jan Mickey, Stacia Smith, Amanda Chase, Vicky Keller, Lauren Sands, Amanda Chase, Robyn Bridges

1. Welcome – Tammy Black

a. Needs and Community/Partners updates

b. COC Meetings-In Person at Exploration Commons with new time of 9:15am-11:15am

c. Community Spotlight Presentation – Stephanie Halley, Executive Director, Westminster Rescue Mission

Underwent a name change to the Westminster Rescue Mission Addiction Healing Center – is a faith-based organization and addiction healing center. It is a long-term residential men’s and women’s program with both transition and residential housing available. They believe in Holistic care by providing individuals with several types of care, not just addiction treatment. Individuals are surrounded by a therapist, pastor, peer recovery, nurse practitioner, and workforce help.

- Comprehensive Treatment approach – meet with every member of their care team and receive one on one support. This is a 9-month program, but the length depends on individual and group sessions with therapists
- Peer Recovery Support – certified peers working alongside people in recovery
- Work as Therapy – work as a therapeutic tool; assessing skills and identifying skillset; the goal is that once the individual leaves the program they have a job secured
- Mission Food Program – largest food redistributor in Carroll County; onsite pantry and TFAP provider; collect food, sort it, or give food away on our campus or at 50 other organizations; goal is to get as much food out into the community
- Mission Marketplace – have a store; give a lot away; work with partners to provide free furniture
- Longer Term Treatment works – the longer they stay the more successful they become
- Serve 18-year-olds and older; 30-day black out period and then visitation is allowed; passes are given out; pet therapy is allowed
- 5 women and 13 men in the program; capacity is 36 men and 20 women

- Non smoking facility; can wear a patch to ween of smoking
- Looking at adding levels of care
- Drive pickups will continue

2. Approval of March's Meeting Minutes

- d. Stephanie Halley motion to approve; Donna Devilbiss seconded; minutes approved, no opposed
- e. Vote to approve Jason Sidock with CCVIP to become a member of the Continuum of Care Executive Board – Celene Steckel motions and Lou Yeager seconded; no objections; Jason Sidock approved to CoC Exec Board

3. Local Management Board Update/Youth Reach – Gabby Zelaya

- a. All of grants are rewed and in review for 1.3 million dollars
- b. Community survey closes later this month – over 420 responses; hosting several focus groups; feeds into community assessment which funnels into annual plan
- c. Youth reach – every other year; concluded at end of April – collected 48 surveys of data
- d. Funding is available for youth efforts; one focus is youth homelessness subcommittee in Circle of Caring

4. PIT Count – Danielle Yates

- a. **Point in Time Count** – required by HUD annually February 22nd
- b. **Count in total was 73; Sheltered count was 62; Unsheltered count 11**

5. Shelter Services – Utilization and Capacity/Waiting Lists

a. Night by Night – HSP

During the month of April, HSP served 46 individuals. With a high of 26 and a low of 14 per night. Average of 20. Twice as many men as women.

b. Adult Only Shelter – HSP

During the month of April, HSP served 33 individuals. 7 moved out and 5 went to perm housing; Adult only shelter has 2 male and 2 female openings

c. Family Shelter – HSP

Family Shelter is full. Waitlist of 2 families; served 33 individuals and 9 households

d. Domestic Violence – Springboard

6. Day Centers – Updates/Utilization

Served 46 individuals in the month of April. Since the beginning of May served 27 different individuals. Still on track to close the Day Center at the end of June. Still need to work out details for handling meals at night by night instead of the day center. Use On Our Own.

7. Funding Updates

a. Emergency Rental Assistance Program Funding 1 and 2

- i. ERAP totals 328 households and served 2.4 million in assistance
- ii. Appear in court weekly and diverted 69 evictions
- iii. Working with sheriff's office and receive warrants for unpaid rents

- iv. ERAP change – ERAP 1 need to have expended by the end of Sept 2022; funding will be pulled back
- v. ERAP 2 – submitted request for additional funding; funding will only be used by the end of Dec 2022; funding will be pulled back

e. Homeowners Assistance Program – state run

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund.aspx>

f. Emergency Food and Shelter Program Update

We awarded \$132k in funding to 7 applicants: Boys and Girls Club of Carroll County, Carroll County Food Sunday, Westminster Rescue Mission, HSP Inc, Westminster Lions Club, Carroll Food Locker, Salvation Army of Carroll County

8. Citizen Services Updates – Celene/Danielle/Gina

- a. **Housing** – In 2.5 years have awarded 109 mainstream vouchers; there is a waitlist to receive a mainstream voucher; 100% of vouchers are in use; applied for an additional 10 mainstream vouchers by June or July; annual plan designated 20 vouchers for part of Move On Strategy
- b. **Aging-** Wrapped up 50th Anniversary Celebration; Veterans Celebration May 15th at the Farm Museum; World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15th; Shredding Event – Veterans Claims Clinic on June 7th by appointment only; will send out flyer; Health and Resource Fair; Senior Centers are for 60 and older; Congregate meals are for 60 and over for a donation of \$4.80. 50-59 meals cost \$4.80. Shout out to Bryan Colussy transport veteran to Martinsburg.
- c. **Penn Mar Property** – purchased Change building; settled last month; working through bid process to renovate and relocate family shelter to that property; working in conjunction with HSP; 3 years out from the physical move

9. Health Department Update – Amy Baker

Fully reopened; masks still required in lobby and offices; hiring for peer support specialists; 9-2pm Sept 21st event at CCC

10. Youth Services – Dona Foster

CCPS Homeless Youth Services (See Table A) – is a running total

HOMELESS STUDENTS TO-DATE THIS YEAR 2021-2022									
4/30/21	9/30/21	10/29/21	11/30/21	12/31/21	1/31/22	2/28/22	3/31/22	4/29/22	
21	58	80	89	93	115	124	132	141	TOTAL HOMELESS
6	30	37	39	44	53	61	64	67	Elementary
5	13	21	24	23	28	30	34	39	Middle
10	15	22	28	26	34	33	34	35	High and Post Secondary
4	13	17	20	22	25	27	30	30	Special Education
5	10	11	14	14	21	20	21	22	Unaccompanied
1	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	8	ELL
13	21	32	40	43	52	63	70	75	Doubled Up
0	10	15	16	17	18	17	17	19	Hotel
1	9	12	11	11	15	15	15	15	Shelter
5	18	21	22	22	30	29	30	31	Temporary (temporarily dislocated due to fire, flood, etc.-will return to their home)
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Other (living in a situation that may include a car, park, tent, camper on the street)

Funds for Services/Student Needs - Available for all homeless students

Homeless Grant Funds are available for **tutoring and counseling**. All homeless students are eligible. Services may be provided to close the achievement gap, as well as, prevent a student from falling behind and to assist students whose homeless status is causing stress at school.

Homeless Grant Funds are available for **other needs too - just ask your PPW or the Supervisor of Student Support**, if you see a student need. For example, we have a partnership with the **General Federation of Women's Club of Carroll County**. The local Women's Club is partnering with us to meet the needs of homeless students. We are very grateful for their support!

As of April 29, 2022 (141) students have been identified as homeless. This is a cumulative/running report with the exception, if a student has withdrawn from CCPS (i.e., Home schooling, private school, moved out of county, etc....,) they have been removed from the chart.

11. CoCHB Training

Behavioral Health Training – Tammy Black and Amy Baker

- Homeless Services – provide low barrier housing, Rapid Rehousing, and permanent supportive housing for adults 18 and older; only barrier is sex offender with family shelter; eligibility lists – who has the highest need; keys first philosophy – how do we get you your keys; integrated service model; work at participants pace requires patience and lots of encouragement.
- Shelters include Adult Only; Night by Night; Family Shelter
- Housing – homeless prevention and diversion services; permanent supportive housing; rapid rehousing services

- Process:
 - Call screening line or walk in
 - Start with diversion screening – are you eligible?
 - Complete Coordinated Intake – highest need will enter services first
 - Night by Night – just walk in by 10pm; closes at 8am
- Energy Assistance – a bill paying service; assists with energy and heating costs; MEAP Grant, Electric Universal Service Program; Arrearage Retirement Assistance
- Poverty level-based eligibility program – based on income
- Extensions are available for 55 days if you aren't eligible
- Need to have application signed; photo ID, proof of residency; proof of gross income and SSN

Amy Baker with CCHD

- Two programs CoC formerly Shelter Plus Care
- Permanent supportive housing
- Carroll county residents suffering from mental illness
- PATH program – another homeless service – Mike Clavin case manager
- Outreach and case management to homelessness uninsured with mental illness
- Help people find permanent housing

Next Scheduled CoC Meeting (IN-PERSON) @ Exploration Commons – July 12, 2022 – 9:15am to 11:15am