

Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

Continuum of Care – Executive Board

Meeting Date: February 26, 2024

Time: 2:0 pm-4:00 pm

Location: Virtual on GoTo Meeting

Chair: Celene Steckel

Topic Discussion

Attendance - Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Heather Powell, Kaysy Crumley, Stephanie Halley, Tammy Black, Scott Yard, Cathy Baker, Corey Hardinger, Roberta Lawrence, Vicky Kretzer, Jennifer Graybill, Samantha Garcia, Sue Doyle, Stephanie Powers, Danielle Yates, Carly Long, Eric Brown, Debby Standiford, Kevin McGinnis, Victoria Parks

1. Welcome and Introductions

- **Cathy Baker** – applying for grant funding on Cannabis
- **Carly Long** – HMIS working on performance measures
- **Bobbie Lawrence** – March 23rd Grandparents and Caregivers conference – must register to attend
- **Danielle Yates** – March 18th Chromebook Giveaway at the Department of Citizen Services with Carroll Tech Council; next Expungement Day is scheduled for June 2024
- **Vicky Kretzer** – Community partners present forum to DSS
- **Samantha Garcia** – covering 3 positions; Coordinated Entry and covering for Drew’s position
- **Eric Brown** – Westminster City waiting list is currently closed; Updating waiting list until March 8th
- **Amy Baker** – interviews for Harm Reduction and Peer Support ongoing; application due Friday if you are applying for the coordinator position; CCRE conference in April; SIMS looking for 50-60 participants; looking at how people move through the criminal justice system and identify priorities
- **Victoria Parks** – Veterans Celebration, May 5th from 12noon-4pm at the Carroll County Farm Museum
- **Stephanie Powers** – Continually updating our resource guide with a QR code; Addiction Healing Center has outpatient and IOP options; received funding through the CDBG to purchase a property for women in recovery with children; office is shutdown, but

still have the Winchester Exchange space; just hired a new therapist; April 18th – Lighting the Way Vigil at Belgrove Park at 6:30pm; Art – What I was Wearing

- **Heather Powell** – Workforce Talent Reimagined – 78 people attended; Summer Youth Program – 6-week session looking for host agencies; Multipurpose Center will get a HVAC renovation and will be shut down at the end of March through October
- **Jennifer Graybill** – HSP tax prep program free up to \$60k salary
- **Tammy Black** – new dentist hired Dr. Julian Woods; provide walk in assessments for substance use disorder; big uptick in calls received on the Behavioral Health call line

2. **Approval of the January 22nd Minutes**

- Scott Yard motions to approve
- Victoria Parks seconded
- Minutes approved without objection

3. **Shelter Utilization Report**

- Night by Night – seeing numbers in the mid-30s; spiked to 50 last week; seeing some random numbers show up from outside Carroll County; more men than women; providing grief counseling for anyone due to a participant passing away

4. **Overflow for Night by Night for cold weather update – Gina Valentine**

- Senior Center has not been used as a warming center by NbN recently; NbN has extended hours due to the snow recently

5. **Subcommittee Development Discussion**

- Initial Meeting of the Subcommittee chairpersons will take place this Wednesday at 3pm with the idea of the first subcommittee meetings taking place in March
- Lived Homelessness Subcommittee
 - i. Meeting will be scheduled with Celene Steckel, Stephanie Halley, and Amy Baker
- Advocacy Subcommittee – looking at legislative impact and review bills
 - i. Chairperson – searching for a steering member that could guide committee
 - ii. Members – Jacqueline Spielman and Judi Nance
 - iii. Suggestion made that someone should chair the committee that does not include “our” agencies
- Affordable Housing Subcommittee
 - i. Celene Steckel – Chairperson
 - ii. Members - Eric Brown, Danielle Yates, Tiffany Fossett, Heather Powel, Jennifer Graybill, Paul Moffett, Gina Valentine, Vicky Kretzer, Corey Hardinger, Paige Sunderland
 - iii. Hired a consultant, Mosaic; participated in the launch of a Housing Study – surveying the public with focus groups, mini town halls; getting data on housing needs
 - iv. Goals:
 - Scope of work of RFP
 - Identify current housing stock and population in need of housing
 - Workforce, students, older adults housing
 - Disabilities, youth, and homeless sub populations
- Systems of Care Subcommittee
 - i. Tammy Black – chairperson; objective to develop processes of discharges and appropriate admissions

- ii. Members – Stephanie Halley, Celene Steckel, Jennifer Graybill, Joanna Waters, Kaysy Crumley, Sharon McClernan
 - iii. One representative from the Detention Center, Westminster Rescue Mission, DSS, and Springfield suggested and pending
 - iv. Adding Heather Dupree from Sheppard Pratt
- Co-Case Management Coordinated Subcommittee
 - i. Samantha Garcia – Chairperson
 - ii. Meeting monthly
- Temporary Ad Hoc Committee of the Coordinated Entry Committee to review Needs Assessment Tool/TA from HUD
 - i. Carly Long – Chairperson
 - ii. Members – Debby Standiford, Kaysy Crumley, Joanna Waters, Mike Clavin, Samantha Garcia, Jenny Graybill
- Data Committee
 - i. Carly Long and Kaysy Crumley co-chairpersons
 - ii. Corey Hardinger is secretary
 - iii. Met in February and meeting monthly; data one month and then next focusing on policy
 - iv. Received the 23 Annual Homelessness Report
 - v. Incorporating Stella and EVA – HUD tools
- Youth Homelessness Subcommittee
 - i. Ed Singer – Chairperson
 - ii. Revamping and will have agencies provide shared responsibility
- Ending Veterans Homelessness Subcommittee
 - i. Roberta Lawrence - Chairperson
 - ii. Members – Gina Valentine, Amy Baker
 - iii. Meeting every month
 - iv. 1 veteran in shelter; 1 hoteled at the Boston Inn; 1 at the Westminster Rescue Mission
 - v. Hannah Rodriguez meeting from BHA – outreach to us; invite her to COC to partner with VHA
- Outreach Subcommittee
 - i. Finalizing flyer for the Taneytown Resource Fair – April 18th from 9am-12pm
 - ii. Some smaller Pop-Up events at the Boston Inn on March 6th and at NESAP in May or June
 - iii. CC Fire EMS will conduct smoke detector awareness in Taneytown in April

The next Executive Board Meeting will take place in person on Monday, March 25th from 2:00pm to 4pm VIRTUALLY