



Meeting Date: November 14, 2023

Time: 9:30 am

In person and Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Stephanie Halley

Topic Discussion

Attendance:

Jacqueline Spielman, Gina Valentine, Garnell Brunson, Kevin Dayhoff, Danielle Yates, Victoria Parks, Jenna Stambaugh, Logan Sloane, Jamie Keller, Buddy Thomas, Julie Cassiday, Ashley Stahl, Emma Meredith, Mallory Sutphin, Marty Kuchma, Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Stephanie Halley, Amanda Chase, Rachel Marks, Judi Nance, Wayne Millette, Marni McGarry, Maria Lowry, Maggie Kunz, Ed Singer, Cristina Harbaugh, Nicole Shifflet, Jesse Gruder, Christina Ogle, Rowan Daley, Samantha Garcia, Dawn Moody, Corey Hardinger, Bobbie Lawrence, Tony Roman, Julie McGraw, Meghan Edwards, Emma Sparks, Scott Yard, Paul Moffett, Jennifer Graybill, Javier Toro, Lorrie Yinger, Lou Yeager, Donna Devilbiss, Joanna Waters, Lauren Biggs, Elaine Scott, Michael Clavin, Laurie Galloway, Peg Ryan, Jim Skillington, Meghan Edwards, Tiffany Fossett, Lt. Rife

1. Welcome – Celene Steckel

a. Community Partners Introductions and Announcements

- i. Bobbie Lawrence – in the midst of Medicare open enrollment part D, spaces are limited for appointments, call Aging for appointments
- ii. Mallory Sutphin – mobile treatment is up and running at CCYSB; referrals sent to Julie Anton or Sherry Bowman
- iii. Marty Kuchma – Blues Christmas and Community Homeless Memorial Service on Thursday, December 21st at 7pm at St. Paul's
- iv. Corey Hardinger – County received an award of 5,000 Chromebooks for low-income households in the county; Looking for agencies that are interested in distributing Chromebooks that eligible families can keep

b. Community Spotlight – Laurie Galloway – On Our Own

- i. Peer support wellness recovery center; non-judgmental environment with trauma informed care
- ii. Open 6 days a week 8:30am-3pm; not open on Saturdays; Tuesday close at 1pm
- iii. Winter hours are 7:00am-6:30pm; looking for volunteers to support expanded hours
- iv. 265 East Main Street, Westminster, MD
- v. Walden's – referring to this agency; they will come and pick participants up for addiction
- vi. Open house in January

2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

- a. Jenny Graybill motion to approve, Tony Roman seconded
- b. minutes approved, no opposition

3. Exec COC Retreat Outcomes – Celene Steckel

a. SWOT Analysis – Diversion and Prevention

1. Strengths – easy to access; strong community connections and coordination; community support funding; outreach workers
2. Weaknesses – no case management required; not enough resources/funding; long wait lists; gap in services from youth to young adult; no weatherization or housing counseling program in Carroll County
3. Opportunities – increase coordination with hospitals and detention centers; more community engagement on COC committees; County requirement to assess affordable housing; Single Room Occupancy (SROs)
4. Threats – limited affordable housing stock; zoning challenges; cost of living/FMR; funding cuts

b. SWOT Analysis – Shelter

1. Strengths – shelter space year-round; Continuum of Care/system of delivery; referrals to other services; location; move-on vouchers
2. Weaknesses – case management can't be done and is not a requirement; a gap in services from youth to young adults; no day center; transportation
3. Opportunities – shelter for seniors, Safe Haven, Substance Use Disorder, and Youth and Children; medical respite; communication with community partners regarding challenges; moving Family Shelter to more appropriate space; easy intake/challenge
4. Threats – mental health providers discharging to shelters; capacity; funding uncertainty/state funding is down; substance use and overdoses; evictions are up

c. Additional Comments – Laurie Galloway

1. Main Street Housing – On Our Own Maryland – Ken Wireman – direct contact
2. Bmore Club in Baltimore – Fountain House – not a respite care
3. The next PIT count will take place in January 2025, not required to count unsheltered count this year

4. Shelter Assessment – Celene Steckel and Danielle Yates

- a. Required to do an assessment
- b. Pulled together a team to look at our shelter services with the goal of developing an action plan for each shelter
- c. Submitting tomorrow
- d. Some participants are never getting to the top of the list to get into rapid rehousing because they are not as chronic
- e. Critical time intervention case management training

5. Outreach Update – Judi Nance and Mike Clavin

- a. Westminster Resource Fair had 29 vendors and 18 free haircuts were given
- b. Union Bridge pop-up event in December with Food Program
- c. Seeing a growing population of older individuals needing food and services
- d. Plan for a pop-up event next Spring at NESAP in Hampstead
- e. Contact information: Judi Nance 410-596-0212 and Mike Clavin 443-536-2821

6. Shelter Services in the month of October – Joanna Waters and Samantha Garcia

- a. **Night by Night** – 79 total served; 45 high one night and 33 low; August showed high utilization; 3 individuals moved into Perm Housing; 8 individuals moved to the adult only shelter; no one on the needs-based list
- b. **Adult Only** – 35 served; 91% utilization rate; upped capacity to 36; 2 moved out; 1 moved into perm housing; 1 to a long-term care facility; 17 people on our Adult Only needs based list
- c. **Family Shelter** – 8 households served; 11 adults and 17 children served; 77% utilization rate; 3 families moved into Perm Housing; 1 family on the needs-based list

7. Domestic Violence in October– Springboard, Ashley Stahl

- a. New brochures and hotline cards available in the back
- b. 1,445 bed nights and 285 hotel bed nights
- c. 16 people served over 11 families and 33 children; 2 male head of households, 1 trans
- d. 13 successful discharge and 3 were unsuccessful
- e. 20 LAP calls and 48 hotline calls
- f. Staff transition period – Nicole Jackman point person for Springboard
- g. What is Love event – end of October; great turnout, Food Truck gave away 50 free meals for DV Awareness Month
- h. Applied Through MD Community Health Commission to begin a Youth Intervention Program
- i. Anger Management and Parenting Anger Management
- j. Looking for Food Donations for our food pantry
- k. Holiday Yard Sale – November 29 - December 1st; 12-6:30pm shopping each day

8. Citizen Services Update – Celene Steckel

- a. Aging – Gina Valentine
 - 1. 10 Year Anniversary of Veterans Services Program of Carroll County on October 25th
 - 2. Received another grant from the Kahler Foundation for emergency financial assistance to veterans
 - 3. Meetings with Veteran Homelessness Committee on going
 - 4. Older Adult emergency fund for individuals on the brink of homelessness
- b. Housing – Danielle Yates
 - 1. Housing Stability Team – attending eviction court every Monday with Maryland Legal Aide

2. Aware of issue with Westminster Way and Sunnybrook and failures to pay rent cases; working with Conifer Realty to resolve those issues; meeting with new property management team next Tuesday
3. Expungement Day – January 24th flyer coming out soon from 9am-5pm to help individuals in expunging their records

9. Health Department Update -

- a. Bridge Access Program for uninsured or underinsured individuals have clinics planned for November 17, December 18, and January 19
- b. Behavioral Health cross agency training at CCC last month – identified to have a cross agency training for homelessness services

10. COC NOFO Application Update – Corey Hardinger

- a. Application been submitted
- b. Awaiting feedback which will not come until after January 1st

11. Data Committee Update- Corey Hardinger

- a. Meeting on December 7th at 2pm
- b. Looking at coordinated entry data

12. Youth Updates – Ed Singer

- a. Youth Homelessness Sub Committee – will meet quarterly, next meeting in January
- b. Youth Action Board – meeting with UMD this morning with Corey and Ed
- c. Using Youth Reach Funds
- d. Met with 13 youth a month ago
- e. Maryland Corp and Service Year Option for Youth – possible Circle of Caring training in January; program pays youth \$15/hr

13. Additional Announcements

- a. Stockings for Shephard Staff – for seniors and youth
- b. Ed Singer - RFP for HUBs to apply for a grant

Next Scheduled CoC Meeting (IN-PERSON) @ Exploration Commons – January 9, 2024 – 9:30am to 11:30am