

Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board
Continuum of Care - Executive Board

Meeting Date: February 23, 2026

Time: 2:30 pm-4:30 pm

Location: Virtual

Chair: Celene Steckel

Topic Discussion

Attendance: Ed Singer, Bobbie Lawrence, Chris Burge, Amanda Coshun, Corey Hardinger, Kevin McGinnis, Celene Steckel, Jason Martin, Emma Diblasi, Yolandie Els, Jennifer Graybill, Joanna Waters, Stephanie Halley, Carly Long, Marie Liddick, Debby Standiford, Nicole Jackman, Jason Jones, Amy Baker, Matthew Levy, Scott Yard, Stephanie Powers, Kaysy Crumley, Gina Valentine
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1. Welcome and Introductions

- Ed Singer – April 30 is Resource Fair in Union Bridge from 4:30pm-7:30pm
- Kevin McGinnis – Vacate notices to encampments behind the Health Department have been delivered
- Bobbie Lawrence – March 28 Grandparents and Older Relatives Raising Grandchildren Conference 9am-2pm
- Carly Long – sending out the link for Youth to complete the Youth Reach Survey

2. Approval of the December 22nd Minutes

- Gina Valentine motions to approve
- Stephanie Halley seconded,
- Minutes approved without objection

3. Shelter Utilization Review

- Jenny Graybill shared HSP excel report
- Amy reviewed the PATH data

4. Federal Budget/COC NOFO Update

- COC NOFO renewed for January – March
- Will renew projects for the second quarter by April 1st and the 3rd and 4th quarters by July 1st
- HUD filed to dissolve injunction by December; they want to roll out new funding

5. PIT COUNT – Emma DiBlasi

- January 23rd found 17 unsheltered individuals up 1 from last year
- Sheltered count was 109; decrease of 27 from last year
- Looking to revamp our Homeless Experience video through the county; Chris Burge and the LEAB are interested in participating in making a new video
- Ribbon Cutting for the New Family Shelter March 17th at 1pm

6. Homeless Services Summit

- Monday, May 11
- Steering Committee to be formed and meet to plan the summit

7. Subcommittee Updates:

- **Data Committee – Kaysy Crumley and Emma DiBlasi**
 - i. Met on February 23rd
 - ii. Discussed data being submitted to the performance management tracker
 - iii. System-level HMIS reports, and LASA were successfully submitted in December
 - iv. PIT Count completed in January
- **Lived Expertise Advisory Board – Amy Baker and Chris Burge**
 - i. Met February 19th at the COVE

- ii. Working on a homeless services survey to be distributed in the spring; considering holding the Homeless Services Summit first and distributing the survey afterward.
 - iii. Planning a “Getting Ahead” Training (Safety 101) in April, with Kevin (Deputy) presenting; Q&A will be offered.
 - iv. Interested in participating in the revamp of the PIT count video.
- **Advocacy Subcommittee – Stephanie Halley and Dave Drezner**
 - i. Met online on February 2 at 2:00 p.m.; meets every first Monday of the month.
 - ii. Discussed educational opportunities related to the PIT count.
 - iii. Working to develop more materials and information to engage with legislators and representatives at the county, state, and federal levels.
- **Access to Housing – Celene Steckel**
 - i. No update
- **Systems of Care – Scott Yard**
 - i. Transitioning to a new chair due to Scott’s departure
 - ii. Marie Liddick volunteered to serve as chair
- **Coordinated Entry – Jennifer Graybill**
 - i. Continue to meet monthly and focusing on individuals who have not gone through Coordinated Entry
 - ii. Will not meet in March and will resume meetings in April
- **Ending Veterans Homelessness – Bobbie Lawrence**
 - i. Met in February
 - ii. Included Friendship Place in the meeting
 - iii. Will meet again in March
- **Youth Homelessness – Ed Singer**
 - i. Reviewing subcommittee membership for emergency and transitional housing for youth.
 - ii. No major updates: updates were shared at the last meeting.
 - iii. Next meeting is April 8; a human trafficking presentation is planned.

- **YAB – Carly Long**
 - i. Promoting the MD YouthREACH survey.
 - ii. Many YAB members are participating in the survey.
 - iii. Second round of YESI funding is forthcoming and would extend through the end of FY27.
 - iv. Attending the National Network for Youth Summit in Washington, D.C., for networking opportunities.
 - v. Attending the family shelter ribbon cutting on March 17.
- **Outreach – Jenny Graybill**
 - i. Met in late January.
 - ii. Focused on the PIT count.
 - iii. Hosted a Pop-Up Event on February 12 at St. Ascension Church, distributed resource packets.
 - iv. Meeting again this Thursday to discuss upcoming events.

8. Additional comments:

- Meeting ideas and Community Spotlight suggestions are welcome; Amy Baker training pitch for a 10-minute Mental Health First Aide training
- New Family Shelter Ribbon Cutting on March 17th at 1pm

The next Executive Board Meeting will take place in person on Monday, March 23rd at The COVE from 2:30pm to 4:30pm