



Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

Time: 9:30 am

In person and Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Stephanie Halley

### Topic Discussion

#### Attendance:

Christina Ogle, Paul Moffett, Elaine Scott, Heather Mackie, Cathy Baker, Lauren Biggs, Tammy Black, Linda Ibex, Sarah Bush, Tiffany Fossett, Vicky Kretzer, Meghan Edwards, Shamika Brown, Yolandie Els, Wayne Millette, Peg Ryan, Shannon McHale, Lois Romeo, Bobbie Lawrence, Maria Lowry, Patrick Webber, Emma DiBlasi, Becky Saunders, Caroline Babylon, Carly Long, Stacey Hartman, Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Judi Nance, Tony Roman, Cybill Buckwalter, Emily Barrier, Danielle Yates, Scott Yard, Jennifer Graybill, Lou Yeager, Joanna Waters, Kathi Green, Ed Singer, Chris Burge, Lt. Tim Rife, Corey Hardinger, Danielle Stansbury, Robin Hoff, Billy Lyve, Amy Baker, Aleah Williamson, Nelda Caballero, Mary Mahoney, Donna Devilbiss, Riley Roomence, Cheri Ebaugh, Gina Valentine, Tasha Cramer

#### 1. Welcome – Celene Steckel

##### a. Community Partners Introductions and Announcements

- i. Yolandie Els – tax prep assistance program starting at HSP for individuals making \$67k or less
- ii. Amy Baker – CCHD closed due to a burst water pipe

##### b. Overview of Housing Study Presentation – Tiffany Fossett

- i. Shared her presentation of the housing study as presented to the Board of County Commissioners on December 19<sup>th</sup>

#### 2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- a. Scott Yard motions to approve, seconded by Tony Roman
- b. minutes approved, no opposition

#### 3. PIT Count Update and Overview – Carly Long

- a. If you would like to volunteer sign up with Carly
- b. PIT Count is January 24<sup>th</sup>
- c. Will break into groups and go out into the community to search for unsheltered residents

**4. Outreach Update – Judi Nance**

- a. No updates

**5. Shelter Services for December– Joanna Waters**

- a. Adult Only – served 45 individuals with a 96% utilization rate; 1 individual left to perm housing
- b. Family Shelter – served 8 families; 12 children; 80% utilization rate; 1 family moved into perm housing
- c. Night by Night – served 60 individuals with a 100% utilization rate; 94 different individuals in the month of December
- d. Wait list –
  - 1. Adult Only – 44
  - 2. Family Shelter – 3
  - 3. Rapid ReHousing – 94
  - 4. Perm Housing – 4
- e. On Our Own is now open from 8am-7pm almost every night unless it is slow and would close earlier

**6. Domestic Violence – Springboard**

- a. Have been at 100% capacity from April-December
- b. 2 weeks before Christmas had multiple families move out into perm housing
- c. Capital improvements ongoing; replacing mattresses and painting

**7. Citizen Services Update – Celene Steckel**

- a. Family shelter renovations starting in March at the COVE
- b. Signage up at the COVE at 115 Stoner Ave
- c. Some of our Aging staff have offices there
- d. State of the County Address three topics; powerline project, budget season, and Blueprint
- e. Housing – Danielle Yates
  - 1. Admin plan review – posted online
  - 2. HOTMA implemented
  - 3. Public Hearing for the Housing Admin Plan at Open Session on March 13<sup>th</sup>
  - 4. Mainstream vouchers now have a new separate waitlist
- f. Public info session on the Women and Children Recovery Home
  - 1. Last night at Crosswinds Church 7pm-8:30pm
  - 2. Public hearing this Thursday at 9am

**g. Aging – Bobbie Lawrence**

1. Increasing Capacity Flyers – February 1<sup>st</sup> 9am-12noon – skills for caregivers
2. Medicare enrollment – 571 served and 278 into new plans
3. Veterans Celebration is May 4<sup>th</sup> from 12noon-4pm at the Carroll County Farm Museum
4. Have funds available for snow removal for seniors
5. Kahlert grant funds available for seniors who need assistance
6. Tony Roman here for veteran services programs

**8. Youth Updates**

**a. Youth Homelessness subcommittee – CCYSB going through some staffing changes and establishing a new connecting youth position that focus on unaccompanied youth**

1. Adison Eslinger has been hired and starts Thursday at the Community Engagement Coordinator

**b. Youth Action Board – Carly Long**

1. Personal hygiene drive event wrapped up and was successful and was distributed to the Westminster Youth Project, Gateway, Winters Mill, Taneytown Community School
2. Have been volunteering at Carroll Food Sunday preparing Thanksgiving meals and kits
3. Developing a Youth Homelessness Work Day
4. Meeting tonight from 4-6pm at Exploration Commons and we will assemble bags for the PIT Count

**c. CCPS Youth Services – Kathi Green**

1. 141 homeless students; YTD up 8% from last year
2. Worked with Bucks club
  - Campaign for kids – 80-90 kids
  - Sacred Heart – 10 families in Glyndon
  - Shop with a Cop

**9. Health Department Update – Amy Baker**

**a. Offices closed till Wednesday due to water pipe burst**

**b. Lived Expertise Advisory Board sub committee new name from Lived Homelessness Subcommittee**

1. Met on January 10<sup>th</sup>
2. Looking for people to join the subcommittee
3. Trying to set up funding for rental application fees
4. Customer service survey pushing out at resource fairs
5. Going to have their own table at the next resource fair
6. Talk about having a voucher 101 class to shelter residents or at soup kitchens

**c. Harm Reduction program Feb 14 Share the Love event at Exploration Commons**

**d. Tobacco Cessation program at CCHD**

**e. Peer support staff ready to take referrals**

**Additional Comments:**

Access Carroll 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 3pm

Next Scheduled CoC Meeting (IN-PERSON) @ Exploration Commons – March 11, 2025 – 9:30am to 11:30am