



Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

Time: 9:30 am

In person and Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Stephanie Halley

Topic Discussion

Attendance:

Stephanie Halley, Maggie Kunz, Natalie Cioffi, Christina Ogle, Paul Moffett, Elaine Scott, Heather Mackie, Bernard Jones, Lauren McCarthy, Heather Powell, Cathy Baker, Linda Ibex, Sarah Bush, Meghan Edwards, Lois Romeo, Bobbie Lawrence, Maria Lowry, Patrick Webber, Emma DiBlasi, Lt. Tim Rife, Stacey Hartman, Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Judi Nance, Tony Roman, Adison Eslinger, Lynn Kujan, Scott Yard, Lou Yeager, Javier Toro, Kathi Green, Ed Singer, Chris Burge, Mary Mahoney, Cheri Ebaugh, Gina Valentine, Lauren Biggs, Scott Swartz, Yolandie Els, Jennifer Graybill, Caroline Babylon, Dave Drezner, Aleah Williamson, Marie Liddick, Jamie Clark, Carly Long, Danielle Yates, Becky Saunders, Amy Baker, Mike Clavin, Bryan Colussy

1. Welcome – Celene Steckel

a. Community Partners Introductions and Announcements

- i. Maggie Kunz – CCHD currently working on their Strategic plan
- ii. Sarah Bush – CareFirst has a nutrition plan for pregnant mothers with 4 weeks of food provided
- iii. Yolandie Els – tax season year-round at HSP
- iv. Caroline Babylon – vegetable program has started at the Farmers Markets
- v. Danielle Yates – new staff in Citizen Services:
 - i. Carly Long – CoC Coordinator
 - ii. Emma Diblasi – HMIS Coordinator
 - iii. Amber Henry – Housing Stability Coordinator
 - iv. Looking to fill 2 Housing Specialist positions after retirements in June
- vi. Pat Webber – Expungement Day on May 2nd at Citizen Services from 9am -12noon
- vii. Lauren McCarthy – Mountain Manor is accepting referrals for triage beds
- viii. Heather Powell – Summer youth employment program starts in July

b. Governor's Commission on Hispanic affairs – Javier Toro

- i. Shared his presentation

c. Habitat for Humanity – Scott Swartz

- i. Shared his presentation

2. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

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

3. Outreach Update – Judi Nance and Mike Clavin

- a. Taneytown Resource Fair May 22nd with rain date of May 29th
- b. Handed out 60 resource packets at the Union Bridge food distribution
- c. Will have table at carnivals this summer to hand out more resource packets
- d. Judi Nance retiring on May 30th

4. Shelter Services – Jennifer Graybill and Yolandie Els

- a. Adult Only – served with a 89% utilization rate; 2 individuals move out to permanent housing
- b. Family Shelter –67% utilization rate; 5 moved to permanent housing
- c. Night by Night – served with over 100% utilization rate; 3 out of 33 individuals left to perm housing; 2 moved to adult only shelter; averaging 45 persons per night; seeing high street homeless populations; people living out of their cars; 1 out of 3 individuals is outside Carroll County;
- d. Manchester pet pantry providing pet food for homeless individuals that have pets; pets are not allowed into shelter unless they are a service animal
- e. Wait list –
 - 1. Adult Only – 19
 - 2. Family Shelter – 6
 - 3. Rapid ReHousing – 97
 - 4. Perm Housing – 0
 - 5. Youth Rapid ReHousing - 5

5. Domestic Violence – Springboard

- a. No update

6. Citizen Services Update – Celene Steckel

- a. Housing – Danielle Yates
 - 1. ERAP ending June 30th; limited funding is remaining
 - 2. There is no assistance with utilities after ERAP is finished
 - 3. Resources limited for utilities at HSP as well
- b. Aging – Bobbie Lawrence and Gina Valentine
 - 1. Emergency funds are available through the Kahlert grant on a case-by-case basis
 - 2. Medication take back event had 70 cars in Mt. Airy; May 20th event will be at South Carroll Senior Center

3. Farmer's Market voucher application is online, and program begins May 15th
4. Veteran Services submitted 6-month report for the Kahlert grant on April 1st; served 38 veterans in case management; 14 of those were homeless; Housed 9 emergency shelter; currently have 3 in emergency housing
5. Annual Aging Your Way Expo is September 10th
6. Veteran's Celebration on May 5th – next year will be our 5-year celebration
7. Federal funding hasn't been released; providing normal services across all our program lines
8. Federal Funding "skinny budget" – low-income home energy assistance program believed to receive a cut in funding; still state assistance for LIHEAP; Block grants from state are flexible – CSBG; SamSa funding targeting Harm Reduction is looking to receive a cut in funding
9. We are looking to form an Advocacy subcommittee in the Circle of Caring
10. Housing choice voucher program proposed to receive a 43% reduction in federal funding and a 2-year cap on funding
11. Proposals to have CDBG funding and VASH funding resolved

7. Health Department Update – Amy Baker

- a. Looking at homeless individuals with income and maybe suggesting having roommates to be able to afford housing
- b. Harm Reduction program received no cuts in funding for FY26
- c. Medication takeback event this Saturday from 2-5pm at Sykesville Police Department – The Cow will be there handing out free ice cream
- d. Cannabis survey sent out to persons 12+ years old and up
- e. Harm Reduction vending machine to be set up at the Distillery is not yet up and running
- f. Naloxone boxes are around the county in 20 locations
- g. Syringe services surveys out to the public to be completed
- h. 988 hotline supplies are available – rubber ducks swag
- i. CCRC/CLA both had successful conferences and classes
- j. Cathy Baker
 1. Have not lost any staff positions
 2. Some were level funded
 3. Still waiting on funding for pregnant women
 4. Will be retiring on June 30th after 40+ years with the State
- k. Marie Liddick
 1. Most grants are level funding for FY26
- l. HSP Grant Application Update – submitted HSP application on May 2nd; funds to support homeless prevention, housing stability, street outreach, and Rapid ReHousing; will find out end of May or early June what our award will be

8. Youth Updates – Ed Singer

- a. Had YHSC meeting on April 9th – Shepherd Staff was supposed to present but was unable to attend; they have a new building project that will be able to better service youth
- b. CCYSB reported on programs and having wait lists for connecting youth and family services
- c. Working on youth data of homelessness
- d. Chapen Hall virtual conference on gathering youth data through HMIS tomorrow
- e. Milo spoke with the YHSC and shared perspective about youth facing homelessness
- f. Youth Action Board – Carly Long
 - 1. Raising awareness through outreach at Resource Fair in Taneytown
 - 2. Have their own space now on the same floor as Citizen Services
 - 3. Will have officer elections in June
 - 4. Updating social media for the YAB with their mission and vision
- g. CCPS Youth Services – Kathi Green
 - 1. Seeing stable trends
 - 2. Total youth homeless up and hit 205; largest number in +30 years
 - 3. Do not know the final budget yet for the next school year
 - 4. Receive homeless program audit every year to be held every August
 - 5. Have seen an increase in student absenteeism – need to continue to work with parents to get children enrolled and attending school

Additional Comments:

Celene - YHDP grant waiting to be released

- Family shelter construction well underway
- Will have space for 10 families; rooms are built out
- May be completed by end of October
- County budget to be ratified and approved on May 22nd

Stephanie – Feed Carroll Together – different pantries attending each carnival and setting up food donations

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