



Meeting Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 9:30 am

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Stephanie Halley

Topic Discussion

Attendance:

Stephanie Halley, Christina Ogle, Paul Moffett, Lauren McCarthy, Amy Baker, Linda Ibex, Lois Romeo, Patrick Webber, Emma DiBlasi, Doug Klein, Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Tony Roman, Adison Eslinger, Joanna Waters, Lynn Kujan, Scott Yard, Kathi Green, Ed Singer, Chris Burge, Yolandie Els, Jennifer Graybill, Caroline Babylon, Dave Drezner, Lily Stonesipher, Debby Standiford, Judi Nance, Marie Liddick, Carly Long, Mike Clavin, Maggie Kunz, Becky Saunders, Donna Devilbiss, Mary Mahoney, Sharee Hidalgo, Shannon McHale, Shamika Brown, Peg Ryan, Jim Skillington, Luke Cotis, Melissa Zahn, Lauren Biggs, Danielle Yates, Javier Toro, Matt Ramsey, Cera Tarr, Bani Davalos, Michael Adekunle, Mavis Ackun, Kalea Kaiser

1. Welcome – Celene Steckel

a. Community Partners Introductions and Announcements

- i. Amy Baker – September is Recovery Month and Suicide Prevention Month
- ii. Danielle Stansbury – September 20th event – Community Scavenger Hunt; Mrs. Roper’s Romp
- iii. Stephanie Halley – October 4th is OkSOBERfest at Westminster Rescue Mission
- iv. Adison Eslinger – Bridges out of Poverty Powell – September 25th 8:30am - 3:30pm at McDaniel College
- v. Ed Singer – we are the HUB for the Consortium for Coordinated Community Supports
- vi. Caroline Babylon – Milk Run on September 20th at Wakefield Valley; free shredding event on September 13th

b. Age Friendly initiative Focus Group – Lois Romeo

- i. Shared presentation and took the survey

2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes

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

3. Outreach Update – Shannon McHale and Mike Clavin

- a. Packets distributed at Hampstead Carnival in early August and then Break the Stigma
- b. Taneytown Elementary Back to School Night is tonight
- c. Will be at Gamber Fire Hall on October 5th and NESAP event on November 19th

- d. Pop Up Events at Union Bridge Food pantry on October 15th and Eldersburg food pantry on October 29th

4. Shelter Services – Joanna Waters and Yolandie Els

- a. Adult Only –91% utilization rate in July and 98% in August
- b. Family Shelter –65% utilization rate in July and 71% in August
- c. Night by Night –111% utilization rate in July and 91% in August
- d. Wait list –
 - 1. Adult Only – 15
 - 2. Family Shelter – 2
 - 3. Rapid ReHousing – 85
 - 4. Perm Housing – 4
 - 5. Youth Rapid ReHousing - 4

5. Domestic Violence – Springboard – Danielle Stansbury

- a. Shelter has been at capacity for both July and August
- b. Hartley House has been temporarily closed in Frederick due to 100% staff turnover – receiving overflow from Frederick

6. Citizen Services Update – Celene Steckel

- a. Aging Your Way Expo – September 10th from 9am - 2pm at the Ag Center
 - 1. Health screenings
 - 2. Fitness demos
 - 3. 2 pickle ball courts
 - 4. Vendors and complimentary therapies available
 - 5. Hashawa boxed lunches available
- b. Family Shelter project – The COVE will be opening in early 2026
- c. Housing – Danielle Yates
 - 1. Voucher program working with a shortfall team for this calendar year; have paused accepting new vouchers
 - 2. 796 vouchers in Carroll County and also have some move on vouchers
 - 3. Doug Klein – new Housing Stability Coordinator started July 31st

7. Youth Updates – Ed Singer

- a. Youth Homelessness Subcommittee – YSB updates; Liza Guroff is the new Executive Director; Angela Chamar and Kate Swisher are the clinical director roles
- b. Connecting Youth program is fully staffed
- c. Family Preservation has a 6 week wait time
- d. Enough Act – getting community assessment together and presenting to the Commissioners September 18th

- e. YHSC – next meeting October 8th
- f. Youth Action Board – group of youth aged 14-24 with lived experience of homelessness
 - 1. Back to School event in August – rock painting activity
 - 2. Youth Homelessness Conference in October
 - 3. Hygiene Drive – for the YAB in the month of November
- g. CCPS – Kathi Green
 - 1. 68 homeless youth identified; number is trending up
 - 2. FY25 finished with 209 youth identified
 - 3. Tutoring and counseling available at the family shelter
 - 4. Don Mongold is returning to mentor unaccompanied youth students; had 3 youth that went to college; connects youth to finances, education and work, and helping to set goals and plan for the future
 - 5. Focus on attendance in the State of Maryland – 33% chronic absenteeism across the state; chronic is at least a 10% absenteeism rate during the school year; State goal is to reduce number by half; Carroll County is at 22% chronic absenteeism; messaging campaign to improve school attendance
 - 6. MSOP – tier 3 program for students who were chronically absent who stopped attending school due to mental health condition; in home therapy and mentoring with parents or aide; has been successful
 - 7. New program for tier 2 instruction in partnership with Advanced Behavioral Health called the Stars Program -for students who are starting to trend towards poor attendance – will provide counseling as well as training and support for parents as they support their children

8. Health Department Update – Amy Baker

- a. Harm Reduction - Purple Naloxone boxes are at 20 different locations throughout the county
- b. Handed out over 13,000 doses of Naloxone in FY25
- c. Mike Clavin does outreach for homelessness and mental health; has enrolled 70 people in CCHD program
- d. Prevention unit has several Coalitions:
 - 1. Suicide Prevention
 - 2. Cannabis
 - 3. Tobacco Cessation
 - 4. Overdose Prevention
- e. Peers Promoting Recovery Month
- f. Lived Expertise Advisory Board – still meeting and actively seeking members and working on a charter document
- g. Health Department working on their strategic plan
- h. Medication take back event on October 4th behind the County Maintenance building
- i. Out of Darkness Walk is not happening in Carroll County this year

9. COC NOFO Update – Carly Long and Corey Hardinger

- a. No update as the NOFO or application has not been released yet

10. COC Training – Means-tested Benefits and Protections

- a. Danielle Stansbury – VAMA and Emergency Transfers
- b. Amy Baker - SOAR/SSDI
- c. Luke Cotis – SNAP/TANF/Medicaid Enrollment
- d. Scott Yard – HUD’s Equal Access to Shelter and Housing

Next Scheduled CoC Meeting (IN-PERSON) @ Exploration Commons – November 4th, 2025 – 9:30am to 11:30am