



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE of the Carroll County Continuum of Care



NOTES – March 8, 2023 – Virtual

WELCOME

- View our website [HERE](#).

ATTENDEES

- Carroll County Government (CCG): Gabby Zelaya, Corey Hardinger, Kerri Vartz, Javier Toro, Stephanie Krome
- Carroll County Youth Service Bureau (CCYSB): Tiffany Masimore, Jessie Cunningham, Megan Jacobs
- Department of Social Services (DSS): Courtney Wunderlich, Thoko Shumba
- Zion Boykins, Youth Action Board of Carroll County
- Angel Hill, Together We Own It (TWOI)
- Zeno Fisher, Department of Juvenile Services (DJS)
- Christina Ogle, Carroll County Public Library (CCPL)
- Dr. DaVida Anderson, Carroll Community College (CCC)
- Lorrie Yinger, Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc. (HSP)
- Arianne Minyard, STEP/Goodwill
- Lydia Naper, Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)
- Dee Anne Weber, Rape Crisis Intervention Services (RCIS)

AGENDA

I. Agency Highlights & Calls for Help - all

- Gabby Zelaya, CCG: We are happy to welcome Dee Anne Weber from RCIS as a new member to the YHS! Also, Dominique Evans from Carroll County Workforce Development wanted to share the following: CCWD is getting ready to launch their Summer Youth Program Application for youth ages 16-18. The program will run from July 6-August 16. A link for applications will be sent once it is ready!
- Kerri Vartz, CCG: The Bureau of Housing is in the process of getting approval to implement the Moving On strategy for youth in the Rapid Re-Housing Youth program. If approved, starting in FY24 each year five Housing Choice Vouchers will be held for eligible youth in the Rapid Re-Housing Youth program.
- Lydia Naper, DORS: We are gearing up for our summer work program. There will also be a PM Connections event with the Chamber of Commerce on M23 from 4-6 pm. We want our partners and local employers to attend so we can match them with our youth for work experiences.
- Tiffany Masimore, CCYSB: The Connecting Youth program is fully staffed! Megan Jacobs was hired as the program's Clinical Case Manager and she will help eliminate the barrier of waiting lists by helping our youth get into therapy and by providing assessments as needed. This is timely because the Connecting Youth program has recently experienced an uptick in referrals.
- Lorrie Yinger, HSP: There is a Homeless Resource Outreach Fair on April 27 in Taneytown.
- Zeno Fisher, DJS: DJS has a new Secretary. There are a lot of upcoming training opportunities for our Department, and we will also be going to local law enforcement agencies to explain what Child in Need of Supervision (CINS) is and how the department can help their agencies.
- Dr. DaVida Anderson, CCC: It has been challenging to find affordable housing. What housing support services exist for youth over age 25? Please email suggestions to DaVida at: danderson3@carrollcc.edu.
 - Lorrie suggested calling 410-857-2999 for security deposit assistance.
 - Kerri suggested calling 410-386-3600 to engage with a Housing Stability Coordinator.

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- Corey Hardinger, CCG: An affordable housing planning committee is up and running in the early stages. It will take a comprehensive look at affordable housing, including zoning and planning, in our community.

II. Youth Action Board updates - *Youth Action Board members and/or Together We Own It staff*

- A. Zion Boykins, President of the Youth Action Board of Carroll County, asked the Youth Homelessness Subcommittee to please email him or Angel if they know of any youth who are interested in participating in the YAB: ccyouthactionboard@gmail.com and/or angelhill@togetherweownit.org. The YAB also has a Facebook (Youth Action Board of Carroll County) and an instagram (@yabcc2022).
- B. Angel said she could share with the Subcommittee any flyers or informational materials about the YAB for us to distribute to help spread the word.

III. National Network for Youth Summit & Hill Day recap - *all*

- The National Network for Youth Summit & Hill Day was a hybrid conference that occurred March 2nd and 3rd. Several Subcommittee members tuned in virtually while four YAB members and Angel attended the Conference in-person in Washington, DC. Here are some of the takeaways from those who attended:
- How often youth asked to be paid for the work they do.
- The term “lived expertise” over the term “lived experience.”
- Some youths’ motto was “nothing about us without us”
- Youth don’t just want pizza parties or gift cards - they want jobs and it is important to not only house youth but to also set them up for success by offering them positions.
- Supporting expecting and parenting youth has been a growing need (single young mothers who are unstably housed or homeless) and how helping these young parents can affect multiple generations.
- How can we utilize a direct cash payment system for youth? Instead of pizza and gift cards, try to pay these youth with cash and directly.

IV. Youth Homelessness Data updates

- Homeless Management Info. System ([HMIS](#))/Community ServicePoint ([CSP](#)) Data Update
 - Katie Speert of TWOI received training last week. Hoping they can enter data about their unstably housed and homeless youth from 10/01/2022.
- Other agency trends in young clients experiencing homelessness - *all*
 - Carroll County Public Schools update -
 - Per Kathi’s Green report-out: *As of February 28, 2023 (120) students have been identified as homeless. This is a cumulative/running report with the exception, if a student has withdrawn from CCPS they have been removed from the count.*
 - Angel wanted to know if there is data on where youth go if moving out of the county. It is cheaper to live in Hanover so clients may be successfully housed outside of our community.
 - Angel will follow up with CCPS to ask if there is any data to support this.

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- Stephanie suggested updating the assessment used by TWOI in HMIS/CSP to identify when youth exiting homelessness are becoming successfully housed outside Carroll.

V. Resource & Gap Updates

- Youth Rapid Re-Housing *Moving On Strategy* update: As stated by Kerri Vitz above, the Bureau of Housing is in the process of getting approval to implement the Moving On strategy for youth in the Rapid Re-Housing Youth program. If approved, starting in FY24 each year five Housing Choice Vouchers will be held for eligible youth in the Rapid Re-Housing Youth program.
- Upcoming Child Sex Trafficking Regional Navigator program: With the addition of RCIS’s Dee Anne Weber to our Subcommittee, we look forward to receiving information and training regarding human trafficking.
- Grant Planning Group - Because we are interested in pursuing the YHDP grant and other grants, we plan to engage members of the Subcommittee in this process. This could include participating in writing parts of the grant, reviewing questions and responses, and helping ensure we are utilizing a collective approach in the application. We will reach out soon to most, if not all, YHS agencies to ask for their assistance.
- Reminder: [Housing & Voucher one-pager](#) (click Housing Services Info Sheet under “General Resources”)
- [Host Homes Presentation by SHIP of Frederick County!](#) Join us on April 17th at 1:30 to hear Melissa Muntz, Executive Director of SHIP, tell us about their host home program. Attend virtually (the virtual meeting link will be shared once available) or in person in the Multipurpose Room of the Carroll County Health Department (290 S Center St, Westminster, MD 21157).
- Youth Engagement Training by Thandor Miller, Master Facilitator of Youth Work Practice, Life Practice and Motivational Speaker! This 2-hour training opportunity the morning of April 26th will be made available to members of the Connecting Youth Coordinating Council. If there are still openings remaining, we will invite members of the Subcommittee to attend.

PARKING LOT/FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- Rename the Subcommittee
- Annual Summits for Continuum, youth, etc.
- Possibility of YAB fundraisers

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2023 at 10:00 am for the Connecting Youth Coordinating Council

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