

# Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

## *Continuum of Care – Executive Board*

**Meeting Date:** September 25, 2023

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual on GoToMeeting Platform

**Chair:** Celene Steckel

### **Topic Discussion**

**Attendance** - Jason Martin, Ed Singer, Danielle Yates, Celene Steckel, Stephanie Halley, Kevin McGinnis, Tammy Black, Kaysy Crumley, Zion Boykins, Sharon McClernan, Vicky Kretzer, Scott Yard, Sue Doyle, Cathy Baker, Heather Powell, Dr. Mark Olszyk, Corey Hardinger, Roberta Lawrence, Cristina Castillo, Victoria Parks, Jennifer Graybill, Nicole Jackman, Gina Valentine, Samantha Garcia

1. Welcome and Announcements from Board Members
  - Danielle Yates – Expungement Day – October 25, 2023
2. Approval of August 28th Meeting Minutes
  - Past Meeting Minutes will be posted online
  - Scott Yard motions to approve; seconded by Stephanie Halley: August 28th minutes approved with no objections
3. Shelter Utilization –
  - Sharon McClernan – limited capacity for behavioral health patients; have had discussions about a registry; process in place at Carroll Hospital to transfer patients to other hospitals that have beds available; volume of patients significantly increasing; would

like to see data on out of county shelter individuals; hearing an increase of out of county patients being discharged from Carroll Hospital

- Jenny Graybill – wants to find out information of all hospital discharges since July 1; will pull all data for Sharon McClernan
- One reason we might be seeing an uptick in out of county individuals is that there are intake requirements in other counties, but not in Carroll County
- Cathy Baker is aware that Frederick Memorial and Montgomery County hospitals are sending patients to Carroll County shelter system; stated Amy Baker can get information to Sharon McClernan
- Celene Steckel – met as a subcommittee with Frederick County Circle of Caring and they were having some of the same issues with out of county patients coming into their county
- Jennifer Graybill – still seeing ER discharges to shelter; will get information to Sharon McClernan; maybe develop a flyer for the ER
- Introduction of Dr. Mark Olszyk
- Sharon McClernan – what kind of crisis service beds are available?
- Nicole Jackman – Springboard is inundated with out of county inquiries and individuals, revising criteria for out of county placement
- Sharon McClernan – seeing problems with Uber drop-offs of out of County residents
- Jenny Graybill – NbN shelter uses bunk beds; need to be ambulatory enough to climb up on top
- Sharon McClernan – How do we provide a system of care?
- Stephanie Halley – what needs to happen for the hospital to buy in?
- Sharon McClernan – looking at data and digging deep for client information and where it is happening

4. Overflow for Night by Night for Cold Weather Discussion

- Additional space needed for overflow of shelter, maybe Westminster Senior Center

5. DHCD Shelter Assessment Timeline

- Awarded timeline
- October 5<sup>th</sup> will be internal meeting
- Scott and Jenny from HSP due back to the Circle of Caring on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

6. Performance Measure Discussion – Corey Hardinger

- No update: in a couple of months will review October 1, 2022 – September 20, 2023

7. Strategic Planning COC Half Day Retreat

- October 23rd-12:30-4:00 (Boxed Lunch) at The Arc
- Incorporation of Shelter Assessment

8. COC NOFO Update

- Application is complete and will be submitted tomorrow
- First time asking for a bonus project
- Thanks to Corey Hardinger for all her hard work in completing and to those that helped with their submissions

9. Behavioral Health Cross Training

- October 27<sup>th</sup> at Carroll Community College

- Behavioral Health Discussion 8am-5pm
- Will be a charge of \$20 per person
- ASAM training

#### 10. Subcommittee Updates

- Data Committee – meeting October 5<sup>th</sup> 2pm at Citizen Services
- Youth Updates – Corey Hardinger and Ed Singer
  - i. We did not receive funding for the YHDP grant this year – there were 16 awards given and it was very competitive
  - ii. Ed and Corey will be visiting with the Youth Action Board to help keep it active and continuing to meet
- Coordinated Entry – continues to meet to break down barriers to make people successful
- Ending Veteran Homelessness – meeting every month or every other month; provide case conferencing; added a veteran from Colorado; helped a gentlemen get housed this past week; received Kahlert funding October 1
- Affordable Housing Planning Subcommittee – going before the board on October 12<sup>th</sup> to seek approval of a Housing Study
- Outreach Committee
  - i. Resource Fair – October 4<sup>th</sup> with 11<sup>th</sup> as a rain date
  - ii. Will make a rain call by 3pm on October 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - iii. Happening in Ascension Church parking lot
  - iv. Have heard back from 6 RSVPs
  - v. CCHD mobile unit will be in attendance
- Seeing more folks in encampments and a couple of new pop ups

#### 11. Additional Discussion

- Vicky Kretzer – DSS hosting an open house on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-6pm; offering tours
- Carroll Hospital Health Expo this Saturday from 10am-2pm
- Corey Hardinger – County is applying for Chromebooks; looking for agencies who want them or are willing to distribute them within 6 months

***The next Executive Board Meeting will take place in person on Monday, October 23rd from 12:30pm to 4pm at The Arc of Carroll County***