

Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board
Continuum of Care – Executive Board

Meeting Date: March 23, 2026

Time: 2:30 pm-4:30 pm

Location: In-person

Chair: Celene Steckel

| Topic Discussion |
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| Attendance: Chris Burge, Amanda Coshun, Kevin McGinnis, Celene Steckel, Jason Martin, Emma Diblasi, Yolandie Els, Jennifer Graybill, Stephanie Halley, Carly Long, Debby Standiford, Matthew Levy, Stephanie Powers, Mike Clavin, Gina Valentine, Kaysy Crumley, Danielle Yates, Melissa Zahn, Ed Singer |
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1. Welcome and Introductions

- Stephanie Powers – April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month; Tap Room Takeover event April 0th, Denim Day April 29th
- Ed Singer – April 30 is Resource Fair for the Enough Act in Union Bridge from 4:30pm-7:30pm

2. Approval of the February 23rd Minutes

- Chris Burge motions to approve
- Stephanie Halley seconded,
- Minutes approved without objection

3. Shelter Utilization Review

- Jenny Graybill shared HSP excel report
 - i. Less homeless served this year
 - ii. Length of stay has increased due to housing options and expense
 - iii. Perm Housing is ready for 3 new households
 - iv. Last weekend we had 45-50 in Night by Night Shelter; this weekend we had 44-45

4. New Family Shelter Update

- Ribbon cutting ceremony went well
- Moving families in this Thursday
- Appliances and small wares purchased to stock the kitchen
- The YAB donated hygiene products to the shelter as well as painted rocks for decoration

5. Night by Night Capacity

- End of cold weather season is April 1st
- Moving forward there will be a cap on NbN capacity
- All will go through a screening process to access level of need
- Preference to limit out of county out of season
- Meeting to craft a policy to limit out of county participants in NbN
- Currently running 30% participants out of county
- Discussion to have a time limit at NbN if they don't go into Adult Only shelter
- Meeting upcoming to phase in dates

6. Federal Budget/COC NOFO Update

- COC NOFO renewed for January – March
- No deadline to issue grant agreements
- NOFO for FY26 out sometime this summer; due by end of April
- Will renew projects for the second quarter by April 1st and the 3rd and 4th quarters by July 1st
- HUD filed to dissolve injunction by December; they want to roll out new funding

7. HSP Grant Update

- Application out for FY27: funds street outreach, Rapid ReHousing and Youth Rapid ReHousing
- Budget is less than \$653,000
- Application due April 17th

8. Review of System Performance Measure Data

- Emma shared her presentation

9. Homeless Services Summit

- Monday, May 11, 9am-4pm at Carroll Community College
- Flyer coming out this week
- Steering Committee to be formed and meet to plan the summit

10. Subcommittee Updates:

- **Data Committee – Kaysy Crumley and Emma DiBlasi**
 - i. Met with GIS team to talk about creating a visual map for street outreach
 - ii. Built for Zero on April 29th
- **Lived Expertise Advisory Board – Amy Baker and Chris Burge**
 - i. Great attendance at the meeting this month; many new faces and are almost up to 10 members
 - ii. Waiting to finalize a date with Kevin McGinnis for how to be homeless and safe on the streets
 - iii. Announced the Homeless Services Summit and discussed participation and distribution of flyers
 - iv. Next meeting is April 16th from 2-3pm at The COVE .
- **Advocacy Subcommittee – Stephanie Halley and Dave Drezner**
 - i. Met this month; Chris Burge is a new member
 - ii. Members of the committee are visiting Annapolis or Capitol Hill for advocacy
 - iii. Next meeting is April 6th at 2pm
- **Access to Housing – Celene Steckel**
 - i. No update
- **Systems of Care – Marie Liddick**
 - i. No update
- **Coordinated Entry – Jennifer Graybill**
 - i. Did not meet this month
 - ii. Next meeting is April 5th with Tenants Bill of Rights presentation
- **Ending Veterans Homelessness – Bobbie Lawrence**
 - i. Shared VAC information Vac stats
 - ii. 6-month grant report turned into Kalert Foundation on April 1st

iii. Veterans Celebration May 3rd from 12noon-4pm at the Farm Museum

iv. Grandparents conference for the Saturday is cancelled

- **Youth Homelessness – Ed Singer**

- i. No major updates: updates were shared at the last meeting.

- ii. Next meeting is April 8; a human trafficking presentation is planned.

- **YAB – Carly Long**

- i. YHSIP met with the State, members of Van Hollen staffers

- ii. 3 YAB members attended the YHS

- iii. Working on drafting a budget and how they want to apply for funding

- iv. Painted rocks and donated hygiene items to the Family Shelter at their ribbon cutting event

- v. Outreach event at Union Bridge on April 30th

- vi. YAB will have participation in the panels at the Homeless Services Summit on May 11th

- vii. One member took part in the ribbon cutting process; also got accepted to a school in North Carolina and will be moving in the summer

- **Outreach – Jenny Graybill**

- i. 150 Resource packets assembled

- ii. 8 packets delivered to the Boston Inn

- iii. Another pop-up event planned for the pet pantry

11. Additional comments:

- ACIS – Dr. Levy

- Medical funded program to provide tenant housing services; must maintain 4 or more ED visits in a year or be chronic

*The next Executive Board Meeting will take place in person on Monday, April 27th at The COVE from
2:30pm to 4:30pm*