

# Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

## *Continuum of Care – Executive Board*

**Meeting Date:** April 22, 2024

**Time:** 2:0 pm-4:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual on GoTo Meeting

**Chair:** Celene Steckel

### **Topic Discussion**

**Attendance** - Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Kaysy Crumley, Stephanie Halley, Tammy Black, Scott Yard, Cathy Baker, Corey Hardinger, Vicky Kretzer, Jennifer Graybill, Samantha Garcia, Danielle Yates, Carly Long, Victoria Parks, Amy Baker, Gina Valentine, Stephanie Powers, Nicole Jackman, Eric Brown, Bobbie Lawrence

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

- **Danielle Yates** – Chromebook Giveaway is April 30th
  - Expungement Day is June 12th
- **Nicole Jackman** – Denim Day is this Wednesday
  - Take Back the Night Event is tomorrow
  - May 18<sup>th</sup> is our Yard Sale
- **Stephanie Halley** – new United Way Run Board mobile food distribution in Union Bridge starts June 19th
- **Cathy Baker** – April 20<sup>th</sup> Prescription medicine Take Back Event yielded 140 lbs. of meds and syringes
- **Amy Baker** – the CLAS class last Friday was a big success
- **Stephanie Powers** – the Lighting the Way for Survivors Vigil was last Thursday; What I Was Wearing art display
- **Jason Martin** – EFSP funds have been awarded to 6 different agencies

## 2. Approval of the March 25th Minutes

- Scott Yard motions to approve
- Eric Brown seconded
- Minutes approved without objection

## 3. May COC Exec Committee meeting has been canceled and will reconvene on June 24th

## 4. Shelter Utilization Report – no comments

## 5. Discussion regarding the encampments and trespassing individuals and outcomes of trespassing

- What outcome do we expect to happen once they are served a trespass letter? People will move to another encampment
- The idea is not to criminalize homeless
- Jenny Graybill when referring to who is in the encampment behind the Health Department:
  - i. One has a HUD voucher
  - ii. 2 couples and 1 new participant are engaged with Shannon and Mike, and they do not want housing
- We need to build rapport with what participants want to work on if their goal is not to achieve housing

## 6. Subcommittee Updates:

### • Lived Homelessness – Amy Baker

- Met April 9<sup>th</sup> – 4 individuals attended with Lived Homelessness Experience
- Emma Sparks, Mike Clavin, and Rickey Pauley attended
- We want to gain knowledge and develop a stronger rapport from Lived Homelessness Experience individuals about what is working and what isn't
- These individuals need support after they are housed; clothing is needed for larger men; some individuals willing to sit on Exec COC Committee
- Next meeting is May 14<sup>th</sup>

### • Advocacy – no update

### • Affordable Housing – Celene Steckel

- we have hired a Housing Study Consultant Group - Mosaic

- ii. Circle of Caring Housing Study Focus Group – June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
  - iii. Have not conducted first meeting yet
- **System of Care – Tammy Black**
  - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was held on April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Have decided to hone in on how to create a multi organizational approach to have people get into the correct shelter
  - iii. Next meeting is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am
- **Co-Case Management Coordinated Entry – Samantha Garcia**
  - i. Had another meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - ii. Focusing on opening up more available beds
- **Temporary Ad Hoc Committee of the Coordinated Entry – Carly Long**
  - i. Had their first meeting with HUD on Equity Leadership Data
  - ii. Trying to meet this week to come up with an Action Plan for goals in the areas addressed from the meeting with HUD
- **Data Committee – Kaysy Crumley and Carly Long**
  - i. Met in April – reviewed outline and mapped out next few months:
    - June – Equity Analysis
    - July – Deep Dive into Performance Measure #5
    - August – review HMIS policy documents
  - ii. Want to review performance measure #5 on a quarterly basis
- **Ending Veterans Homelessness – Gina Valentine**
  - i. 1 veteran has a VASH voucher; 2 are mainstream vouchers
  - ii. 1 veteran passed away
  - iii. Veterans Service update submitted
    - 51 veterans survived
    - 13 have experienced homelessness
    - Connect Ray (sp.??) with Mike and Shannon
- **Outreach Subcommittee –**
  - i. Taneytown Resource Fair – April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm
    - 106 breakfasts served to 70 individuals
    - 22 haircuts given out
    - Hospital saw 30 clients
    - 6 new vendors
    - Looking to plan a 3<sup>rd</sup> resource fair
- **Youth Homelessness**
  - i. Met April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Youth representation from middle school through Boys and Girls Club age
  - iii. Different agencies are meeting together to develop plan to work with youth

iv. Reformation of the Youth Action Board

v. Next meeting is in early May

**7. COC NOFO Discussion/Action Items – Corey Hardinger**

- Organizing a benefits training at the Circle of Caring meeting in July
- VAWA emergency transfer plan needs to be in place
- Need to update our written standards
- Need to find ways to get domestic violence survivor representation on the Circle of Caring
- System performance measure discussion

**8. Homeless Solutions Program Grant – Corey Hardinger**

- Due May 8<sup>th</sup> or May 15<sup>th</sup>
- We can receive bonus points for:
  - i. integrating WorkForce Development into Rapid Rehousing
  - ii. opening a Medical Respite
- Can provide direct cash transfers to participants is a future option, but more study is needed
- Flex Funds, landlord incentives; eliminating household barriers, car repairs
- Bonus points could provide an extra \$160k in funding

**9. Homeless Services Summit – Celene Steckel**

- Danielle Meister, Assistant Secretary of Division of Homeless Solutions, is attending and giving opening remarks
- Commissioner also attending and will introduce the Secretary
- Updated flyer has been circulated
- Vender table set up is May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm or early morning on the 21st

**10. Upcoming Training for Circle of Caring Meeting Ideas and Community Spotlight Suggestions**

*The next Executive Board Meeting will take place in person on Monday, June 24th from  
2:00pm to 4pm VIRTUALLY*