



Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

Time: 9:30 am

In person and Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Stephanie Halley

Topic Discussion

Attendance:

Marty Kuchma, Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Stephanie Halley, Amanda Chase, Laure McCarthy, Judi Nance, Kevin McGinnis, Amy Doody, Patrick Webber, Maria Lowry, Angie Thomas, Maggie Kunz, Ed Singer, Cheri Ebaugh, Cristina Harbaugh, Christina Ogle, Stephanie Garcia, Rowan Daley, Caroline Babylon, Samantha Garcia, Dawn Moody, Cristina Castillo, Lt. Tim Rife, Corey Hardinger, Bobbie Lawrence, Julie McGraw, Jim Skillington, Tammy Black, Elizabeth Davoren, Emma Sparks, Scott Yard, Paul Moffett, Amy Baker, Jennifer Graybill, Javier Toro, Lorrie Yinger, Stacey Hartman, Donna Devilbiss, Linda Ibex, Joanna Waters, Tiffany Fossett, Lauren Biggs, Judith Walker, Monica Borle

1. Welcome – Celene Steckel

a. Community Partners Introductions and Announcements

- i. Corey Hardinger – County is partnering with Carrol Tech Council to submit an application for Chromebooks for low-income households in the county; Looking for agencies that are interested in distributing Chromebooks that eligible families can keep
- ii. Stephanie Halley – Ravens Caw to Action September 18th at the Westminster Rescue Mission; Oksoberfest on October 14th; Addiction Healing Program accredited for 3.3 and 3.5 for higher level of care

b. COC Meetings-In Person at Exploration Commons with new time of 9:30am-11:30am

c. Community Spotlight – Amy Doody – Amy’s Laundry

- i. Shared her video
- ii. Provides laundry services to seniors who need to be serviced; willing to work together with agencies to provide discounts and cards for clients that come in with a person from their agency

2. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

- a. Tammy Black motion to approve; Jenny Graybill seconded
- b. minutes approved, no opposition

3. Outreach Update – Judi Nance

- a. Resource Fair confirmed for Wednesday, October 4th from 10:00am-1pm in parking lot behind Ascension Church; meal served

from 12noon-1pm

- b. Union Bridge and Hampstead for some pop-up events

4. Shelter Services – Joanna Waters and Samantha Garcia

- a. **Night by Night** – 71 total served; 44 high one night and 33 low; August showed high utilization; 4 individuals moved into the adult only shelter; no one on the needs-based list
- b. **Adult Only** – 33 served; 97% utilization rate; 5 moved out; 2 moved into perm housing; 18 people on our Adult Only needs based list
- c. **Family Shelter** – 8 households served; 11 adults and 18 children served; 79% utilization rate; 1 family moved into Rapid Re-Housing placement and 1 family moved with a Housing Choice Voucher; no one on the needs-based list
- d. Refer shelter participants to Access Carroll, Bureau of Aging, and Mental Health Agencies, and any other agency that has services
- e. There has been an uptick for individuals coming into shelter that have a significant mental issue; what happens when an individual with mental health issue gets discharged from the hospital into shelter

5. Domestic Violence – Springboard, Liz Davorean

- a. Contact information; 240-814-3064; edavoren@scsmd.org
- b. Supports clients who experienced domestic violence and sexual assault as well as elder abuse
- c. Clients stay for 60 days and receive 60 days of case management and meet with licensed therapists
- d. In August served 25 clients; 15 of those were children
- e. Received 35 LAP calls in the month of August: seeing an increase in calls
- f. 35 Hotline calls in the month of August
- g. Have clients that are gaining employment
- h. Fundraiser Softball Game – September 23rd 9am at Westminster Sports Complex; agency against agency; HSP, Springboard, Citizen Services; State’s Attorney’s Office; need 2 more teams of 10 players and 1 alternate; help to develop a local food pantry at Springboard
- i. October 20th What’s Love Event – Westminster City Park from 10am-2pm; games, clothesline

6. Citizen Services Update – Celene Steckel

- a. Aging –
 1. Seniors on the Go Expo – September 13, 9am-2pm “Every Mind Matters” at the Shipley Arena
 2. Several new employees; Ed Singer. Leah Morris, Patrick Webber, Sam Zuniga
 3. Director of Economic Development Jack Lyburn passed away; Denise Beaver acting Director
 4. Department of Land and Resource Management and Planning – Director Chris Heyn
 5. Family Shelter meetings with design and engineering firm ongoing
 6. Vehicles for Change – another big push for clients to qualify for vehicles available to Carroll County – see Jason

Martin for an application

7. Affordable Housing – vetting the vendor to do a year long housing study

7. Health Department Update -Amy Baker

- a. New and improved RV coming to the Health Department – out into the community this month; Health on Wheels; will be at the Resource Fair on October 4th
- b. Working out the schedule; request form through the health department
- c. Rickey Pauley – peer support specialist to visit shelters twice a week in the evenings to help remove barriers to recovery
- d. Two Naloxone cabinets installed with HSP help; one at the shelter and one is in their lobby
- e. Naloxone boxes are similar to first aid kits throughout the county
- f. 2 new peers have been hired by the Health Department
- g. Cultural Linguistic Appropriate Services Conference – date has been changed to October 20th; full day conference with 150 participants

8. COC NOFO application update – Corey Hardinger

- a. Application submitted for \$564,831 due at the end of September
- b. Will go before the Board of Commissioners to approve the application this week
- c. Planning grant has increased from \$12,000 to \$50,000
- d. Need to score high enough to get the DV bonus project

9. Data Committee – Corey Hardinger

- a. On pause due to staffing
- b. Resuming on the first Thursday of October with next meeting
- c. Working through performance measures; taking a deep dive into Coordinated entry as well

10. Youth Updates – Corey Hardinger/Ed Singer

- a. Youth Homelessness Subcommittee – formed back in October with Youth Action Board
- b. CCYSB – running a Connecting Youth Coordinating Council for several years
- c. Now combining into one group and next meeting is second Wednesday in September at 10am
 1. Youth Homelessness Subcommittee – applied for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project
- d. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project –Billy Lyve helped create a video to submit for grant
- e. Did not receive the funding decision from HUD
- f. There is no new data for the Homeless Students for the new calendar school year; an update will be provided at the next Circle of Caring
- g. As part of Blueprint imitative, there is a behavioral health component; School system is partnering with Citizen Services and the Local Management Board to provide behavioral health supports to students; School system is not entertaining proposals

from agencies that want to come into the school to provide services; only will to accept proposals that allow services after the school day or outside of the school day due to max capacity

11. Training – Diversion, Coordinated Entry, Housing First, and Housing Stability – Jenny Graybill and Danielle Yates

- a. Shared Housing First Flyer and HSP Needs Assessment
- b. Housing Stability Coordination Program – not tied to a program funding source; work closely with other agencies to provide wrap around services and case management; prevent evictions; Maryland Legal Aide providing Expungement Days on a quarterly basis

12. Additional Announcements

- a. **Cheri Ebaugh** – received 2,600 survey responses to their Community Health Needs assessment
- b. **Judith Walker** – Line Dancing and Taste of Asia Event

Next Scheduled CoC Meeting (IN-PERSON) @ Exploration Commons – November 14, 2023 – 9:30am to 11:30am