



Meeting Date: January 12, 2021

Time: 8:30 am

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Tammy Black

## Topic Discussion

### Attendance:

Claire Payne, Tammy Black, Danielle Yates, Celene Steckel, Shane Fox, Paul Moffett, Katie Kirby, Lauren Biggs, Myrna Stuart, Sondra Groft, Donna Devilbiss, Maureen Aversa, Louis Yeager, Marty Kutchma, Nina Christian, Nikki Heuer, Leslie Wagner, Lillian Hardie, Alice Barry, Jenny Graybill, Cheri Ebaugh, Joanna Waters, Alexis Johnson, Tenzin Woesel, Bobbie Lawrence, Janet Mickey, Gina Valentine, Claire Hallowell, Amy Baker, Elaine Scott, Corey Hardinger Wilt, Gabby Kahney, Carly Long, Sara Tarr, Debby Standiford, Amanda Chase, Heather Powell, Stacia Smith, Nicole Jackman, Scott Yard, Stephanie Hallie, Liz Davoren

### 1. Welcome

#### a. Introductions (Tammy Black)

##### i. Needs and Community / Partner updates

- Sondra Groft- Welcome Claire Hallowell to the Circle!
- Lou Yeager, Catastrophic Health Planners- We are continuing to not see clients in our building.
- Shepherd's Staff- We are accepting new coats. Call to make an appointment for drop-off. Other services are available through appointment only.
- Nina Christian, Salvation Army- 6000 people served!
- Jennifer Graybill, HSP's VITA program opens Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The VITA program will be seeing clients by appointment only. Clients will drop off paperwork to tax preparer.
- Heather Powell, BERK is open for virtual and in person appointments

### 2. Homelessness COVID-19 Response

#### a. Preparations for Night by Night Shelter/Day Center (Scott Yard)

- There have been 57 individuals stay in the Night by Night shelter so far. That is 7 over the goal. HSP is

continuing to see new individuals. There have been 12 individuals who came to check the shelter out, grab a meal, and leave.

- Without St Paul's Church taking a leap of faith with HSP and the Night by Night shelter, HSP has been able to keep those 57 individuals safe. Thank you, Pastor Marty!
- Women should head to Stoner Avenue and Men should go to St. Paul's Church.

**b. Encampment/Street Outreach (Carly Long)**

- HSP & the Health Department have been going out to the encampments to deliver food, supplies, and make sure the individuals are staying healthy and connected to services

**i. Updates on Outreach Efforts/New Staff**

- Springboard Community Services will join the Outreach Team 1-2 outreaches per month to address any DV needs.
- HSP will drop back from Outreaches and ramp up with Rapid Rehousing in the extra dollars provided by Citizen Services.
- There are only 10-15 in encampments at this moment on Outreaches radar.

- If you are aware of a new encampment or someone who is homeless in Carroll County, please contact someone from the Outreach Team to report:

Michael Clavin [michael.clavin2@maryland.gov](mailto:michael.clavin2@maryland.gov)

Stacia Smith [stacia.smith@maryland.gov](mailto:stacia.smith@maryland.gov)

Carly Long [clong@hspinc.org](mailto:clong@hspinc.org)

Amy Baker [amy.baker@maryland.gov](mailto:amy.baker@maryland.gov)

**ii. New Outreach Committee Co-Chair- Mike Clavin & Amanda Chase-Welcome!**

**iii. Update on numbers in encampments**

**c. Census Final Report-Thank you to all for your efforts!**

**d. Shelter Utilization Updates/Changes**

**i. Adult/Family (Joana Waters)**

- The Adult Shelter is running at full capacity. HSP has partnered with the Health Department to allow all participants in the adult and night by night shelters to be being given a COVID vaccine. A special thanks to Tammy Black at Access Carroll who will be administering the vaccine for the participants.
- Family Shelter has served 13 adults and 17 children. One more family is moving into the shelter today which will bring it to full capacity.

**ii. Domestic Violence (Liz Davoren)**

- The DV shelter is at capacity.
- If a client meets the requirements, we will hotel them.
- In December, Catastrophic Health Planners was able to deliver a car to a DV victim at DV shelter.

**3. Food Resources (Corey Hardinger)**

- No one present from the Department of Social Services to speak to this item\*

**4. Homeless Veterans by name list update- (Amy Baker/Gina Valentine)**

- Currently working with 2 homeless veterans in hotels.
- Benchmarks are holding us back from declaring we've ended veteran's homelessness.

**5. Funding Updates (Debby Standiford)**

**a. CDBG -COVID Round 2 Funding**

- Awarded half million dollars for Eviction Prevention through HSP program partnered with Citizen Services.
- We are waiting to find out if we've received funding through the stimulus check. Either way, we have a lot of money!

**b. ESG COVID Round 2 Funding**

- We were awarded \$636,000. Half is towards rapid rehousing and will also fund hotel placement for domestic violence clients. The other half will go towards admin costs.
- This funding is for individuals who owe back rent. Although it does not go towards mortgages, HSP offers assistance in other areas such as tax preparation, and home energy assistance.

**6. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (Claire Payne)**

- Currently waiting for a new phase of funding to be released. It is anticipated to be released before our next CoC Meeting. Once it is released, Claire Payne will send out the application to the Circle to give everyone the chance to apply.

**7. Youth Reach (Celene Steckel)**

- If you are interested in helping the Youth Reach Team administer the virtual survey to homeless Youth in Carroll County contact Claire Payne at [cpayne@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:cpayne@carrollcountymd.gov)

**8. FFY20-Carroll County Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Application -(NOFA)-(Debby Standiford/Leslie Wagner)**

- NOFA has been renewed for all projects in FY20. There will be a competitive round released at some point in FY21 that we will apply for

**9. Virtual Learning for Homeless Youth-(Jenny Graybill/Dona Foster)**

- In the Family Shelter, most of the children are been infant and toddlers. There is currently one 12 year old girl who is virtual learning. HSP transformed an area in their shelter into a classroom. Virtual learning has been difficult for this girl as she is wrapped up in family drama and unable to disconnect herself from that to give her full attention to her virtual classes.

**10. Homeless Youth Data from CCPS (Dona Foster)**

HOMELESS STUDENTS TO-DATE THIS YEAR 2020-2021				
09/27/20	10/30/20	11/30/20	12/31/20	
21	30	43	48	TOTAL HOMELESS
6	11	15	17	Elementary
5	4	11	12	Middle
10	15	17	19	High and Post Secondary
4	6	10	10	Special Education
5	6	7	7	Unaccompanied
1	1	1	2	ELL
13	13	20	22	Doubled Up
0	6	8	11	Hotel
1	2	2	2	Shelter
5	6	10	10	Temporary (temporarily dislocated due to fire, flood, etc.-will return to their home
2	3	3	3	Other (living in a situation that may include a car, park, tent, camper or on the street, etc...)

Tutoring and Counseling services are being provided by CCPS staff on a weekly basis to students at the homeless shelters.

- Please Note- CCPS uses a different definition for homelessness. Once a student is marked homeless they stay homeless that entire year.

**11. Housing Opportunities for People with Aids/HIV (HOPWA) Long Term Housing (Danielle Yates)**

- Housing has signed a Memorandum of Understanding and it is in place with the Health Department. Housing is already working with one family towards obtaining a HOPWA Voucher.

**12. HMIS Data update-(Danielle Yates/Shane Fox)**

- PIT Count will take place on January 20<sup>th</sup>. This unsheltered count occurs every other year. The outreach team will count individuals at soup kitchens, the day center, and in the encampments. There will be no need for additional volunteers this year.

	Annual Unduplicated Homeless Served (ES, SH, RRH, CI, PATH, PSH, HP, CCBOAD-VET)						
	SFY14*	SFY15**	SFY16	SFY17***	SFY18****	SFY19	SFY20
Total Unduplicated Homeless	464	563	694	691	694	657	664
Subpopulations							
Veterans	42	20	25	24	38	40	23
Chronic	25	47	63	66	116	110	119
Children (17 and under)	91	152	201	178	164	135	151
Unaccompanied Youth (18-24)	16	41	60	51	45	45	65
Over 62	14	16	16	21	31	38	44
Discharged from Institution (Jail, Hospital, Psych, SAT)	28	22	29	32	22	27	25
Unsheltered PIT Count*****	6	11	NA	22	NA	23	N/A

\*PATH had just started

\*\* First year for CI

\*\*\* Changes to Chronic Data Collection October 2016

\*\*\*\* First year CCBOA Vets

\*\*\*\*\* PIT Numbers not included in Unduplicated Count

Please note: DV clients are no longer included in the unduplicated count. Unduplicated count only includes clients with a project entry into emergency shelter, RRH, Safe Haven, Coordinated Intake, PATH, PSH, HP, and the CCBOA Veteran's Program

**13. Follow Up –**

- There are many barriers with helping folks 62 years and older. We would like to develop a way to teach our staff general knowledge on everyone's positions in their agency so that our individuals that come to us for assistance are not passed between our staff as often.
- We are looking to develop a data committee so that we can have a story behind our data.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:05am**

**Next Scheduled Meeting – March 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am  
Virtual Go-To Meeting**