

Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

Continuum of Care – Executive Board

Meeting Date: March 28, 2022

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Virtual on GoToMeeting Platform

Chair: Tammy Black, Celene Steckel

Topic Discussion

Attendance

Leslie Wagner, Celene Steckel, Jason Martin, Gabby Zelaya, Scott Yard, Bobbie Lawrence, Danielle Yates, Gina Valentine, Stephanie Krome, Amy Baker, Heather Powell, Debby Standiford, Joanna Waters, Vicky Keller, Carly Long, Tammy Black, Jason Sidock, Alma Balsamo, Brian Colussy, Eric Brown, Laurie Galloway, and Vinice Burney

- 1. Welcome and Announcements from Board Members – Round of introductions**
- 2. Approval of February 28th's Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve by Scott Yard and seconded by Amy Baker; all were in favor and the minutes were approved.

a. Past Meeting Minutes will be posted online

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/citizen-services/circle-of-caring-homelessness-board/past-meeting-minutes/continuum-of-care-executive-board-meeting-minutes/>

- 3. Vote on Jason Sidock being presented before the CoC for the formal consideration on the Executive Committee**

Voted into the Executive Committee with no objections

- 4. Access Carroll Updates – Tammy Black**

- Open 7 days a week; have triage set up for dental care, huge waitlist
- Covid-19 protocols are still in effect; they are still masking, and patients are doing a temperature check
- Two designated parking spaces will remain designated for COVID testing; have been helpful in identifying testing subjects

- 5. HSP Updates**

a. Shelter Utilization/Vacancy Update

- Adult Only has served 33 different people, 6 people moved out and 5 went to perm housing; bed bug room closure; 2 male openings; 5 of the 8 women with housing opportunities, just waiting on place; 3 men waiting on place
- Family shelter served 12 adults and 15 kids; 1 family moved to perm housing; no openings; 3 or 4 babies right now
- Night by Night 22 highest and 14 lowest; uptick seen in elderly and medically vulnerable population

b. Perm Housing Update

- no turnover; no update; monitoring visit with Citizen Services

c. Eviction Prevention Update

- Not many changes

6. Day Center

- served 42 people in March; that is a low number from previous months; 15-20 come and go each day
- Day Center at St. Paul is generous and willing to stay open as long as they can
- Utilization was 46 different individuals at Day Center in February; data shows 71% of Day Center enter Night by Night shelter

7. On Our Own – Laurie Galloway & HSP

- open 7 days a week; before covid 35-40 people a day, since covid started about 25 people a day
- Have the ability to sign people up for services
- Hours are 9am-3pm; not providing food in evenings; hours can be flexed if they need to be if need is there for later hours
- Eligible participants must be 18 and older working on recovery; can't come if intoxicated; they have 18-75-year-old
- 95% of incoming participants are homeless; most of the folks cross over and go to the day center

8. Outreach Efforts – HSP/Health Dept./Springboard

- Joanna: Judy is going to libraries and convenience stores to find a different demographic
- Amy Baker – Resource Fair later in the Spring when weather is more cooperative
- Resource Fair Update – on the next outreach meeting agenda

9. Shelter Plus Care-Amy Baker

- just housed a family last week; another single person waiting on 1 bedroom
- got permission to look for two-bedroom apartments; can take on two additional individuals through coordinated entry

Vote to accept updates to Housing Services Coordinated Entry- Shelter Plus Care Procedures

- Keeping in draft format and will table the vote-Amy Baker recommended additional changes. Will meet with CE Subcommittee to review.

10. Veterans Services Update – Gina Valentine & Jason Sidock

- 4 homeless veterans became housed
- Received donations from Catholic War Veterans - toilet paper, soap, laundry detergent, silverware, plates
- May 15th Celebration announcement

- Met with HUD and received technical assistance; reviewed benchmarks; once application is received, they will send it to a review committee
- Thank you to Deputy Colussy for all his support
- BOAD 50th Celebration announcement
- AARP application approved
- Veterans Claims Clinic June 7th 9am-3pm.
- Jason Sidock – assisted 3 veterans in positive outcomes in court cases
- 4 additional Veterans processed for benefits total to 21
- 5 approved to receive benefits
- Caseload increased to 93
- March 29th, National Welcome Home

11. Funding Updates – Celene Steckel and Corey Hardinger

- COC NOFO Update** – registration has opened; we will see an application around May/June timeframe; have not received a score yet
- HSP Grant-Use for additional funding discussion** – state and federal money are used to run shelters and rapid rehousing for youth; training on this is tomorrow March 29th
- Input from those with Lived Homeless Experience**
 - Quarterly Town Hall meetings at the Shelters/Day Center** – subcommittee- Jenny, Scott, and Amy – coordinate a meeting after the Resource Fair
 - Inviting people to COC/Exec. Meetings**

12. HMIS - Danielle Yates ad Stephanie Krome

- Performance Measures – PowerPoint presentation shared by Stephanie Krome
- PIT Count Update – moved to next meeting

13. Data Committee – Corey Hardinger and Stephanie Krome

- Executive Board Recommendations for Data Elements to Analyze – Corey and Stephanie
- Call for additional members for Data Committee

14. Emergency Food and Shelter Program Update – Celene Steckel

- Two phases of funding; Phase 39 - \$32,579 and ARPA-R - \$100,244
- Still looking to fill one more seat on the ranking committee

15. Update on DV/Safehouse Utilization – Springboard Community Services

16. CoC Subcommittee Report Schedule

- March 28th – Regular Meeting- determine next subcommittee to report out for April Meeting

*The next Executive Board Meeting will take place VIRTUALLY on Monday, April 25th from
2pm to 4pm.*