

# Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

## *Continuum of Care – Executive Board*

**Meeting Date:** April 25, 2022

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual on GoToMeeting Platform

**Chair:** Tammy Black, Celene Steckel

### Topic Discussion

**Attendance** - Jason Martin, Gabby Zelaya, Celene Steckel, Brian Colussy, Scott Yard, Roberta Lawrence, Joanna Waters, Corey Hardinger, Sue Doyle, Gina Valentine, Vicky Keller, Alma Balsamo, Tammy Black, Amy Baker, Danielle Yates, Vinice Burney

#### 1. Welcome and Announcements from Board Members – Round of introductions

- Access Carroll is losing a psychiatrist and a therapist, having some staffing shortages
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the BOAD on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm
- Youth Homelessness Count has ended; info will be shared when data has returned
- LMB is conducting a community needs assessment

#### 2. Approval of February 28<sup>th</sup>'s Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Scott Yard and seconded by Corey Hardinger; 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. Questions regarding agency updates provided by email

#### 4. Funding Updates – Celene Steckel and Corey Hardinger

a. **COC NOFO Update** – registration has opened; no scores or feedback received from HUD; should be coming soon

##### b. HSP Grant-

##### i. Priorities for Funding (need to vote)

- **ERAP** – originally anticipating ERAP 2 funding 2.9 million through 2025
  - Treasury pulling money back and ERAP 2 funding needed to be spent by year end 2022
  - Still have ERAP 1 funding which needs to be spent before the end of September 2022
  - How can we pivot with HSP Grant and what to do with the funding?
- **Prioritize RRH** – rental payments and case management services, homelessness preventions
  - Twenty vouchers for Perm Housing, Shelter Plus Care, or RRH will begin immediately

- Implement move on strategy
- Great majority is coming from our shelters; need to identify in order for them to receive case management services
- Peer support returning in evening shelters with HSP and Health department partnering
- Need to push out the PATH program to the full Circle of Caring
- In order to be officially enrolled in PATH you need to have a mental health diagnosis
- Need to update a flow chart and push out
- Funding sheets with expiration dates would be helpful
- Grant dates are always changing, and a sheet would be fluid
- Call for a vote to use funding for prevention and housing stability
  - if you are opposed email [jcmartin@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:jcmartin@carrollcountymd.gov)
  - No opposed, vote passed

#### **5. Input from those with Lived Homeless Experience**

- i. **Quarterly Town Hall meetings at the Shelters/Day Center** – have not had any to date; Committee did not meet this month, but are meeting April 28<sup>th</sup>; working towards July for the first Town hall Meeting; will also be talking about the Resource Fair

- ii. **Inviting people to COC/Exec. Meetings**

#### **6. HMIS – Danielle Yates and Stephanie Krome**

- Danielle presented PIT and HIC counts; Stephanie will send out finalized information

#### **7. Data Committee – Corey Hardinger and Stephanie Krome**

- a. Executive Board recommendations for Data Elements to Analyze – Corey and Stephanie

- b. Review of Data from last committee meeting

- i. Looking at HMIS open system is still a work in progress; looking at data in ways we haven't looked at it before
- ii. Using Stella data to get some new information
- iii. Call for more members to be on the committee
- iv. Possible presentation to Exec CoC in May?
- v. Tammy Black – always appreciates seeing the data; provides a good idea to where the data metrics are falling; need to hone in more closely on specific information
- vi. Scott Yard feels its important for service integration data

#### **8. Emergency Food and Shelter Program Update – Celene Steckel**

- Two phases of funding; Phase 39 - \$32,579 and ARPA-R - \$100,244
- The ranking committee met on April 13<sup>th</sup> and heard presentations

- We were able to provide an award for each applicant; HSP, Westminster Rescue Mission, Boys and Girls Club, Carroll Food Sunday, Westminster Lions Club, Carroll Food Locker, Salvation Army of Carroll County

## **9. CoC Subcommittee Report Schedule**

- Revisit in person meetings for the full Circle at Exploration Commons maybe by the July meeting
- Westminster City has a building that also has a big conference room which we could possibly coordinate with Eric Brown
- CoC Exec to remain virtual
- Need to announce to the full Circle that meeting time is changing to 9:15-11:15 am

## **10. Concern from Brian Colussy**

- Homeless seem to just be getting pushed from one encampment to another
- There are folks that can't or don't want to go to the overnight shelter
- Folks won't be staying in the shelter when it gets warmer
- They come in and get services and then leave
- Need to continue to push people to utilize services, but some choose not to and will enter the criminal justice system
- Single room occupancy can be used as a solution under a reasonable accommodation request
- Westminster Rescue Mission could be used as a resource and should have a seat at the Executive CoC table
- More clinical based clients are what we are seeing being moved from encampment to encampment
- Tammy updated that they served 86 unique homeless individuals.
  - January – 64
  - February – 75
  - March – 86
- Special care shower numbers are low, but will increase during the summer
- Consideration for a county condoned 24-hour encampment? Likely not be supported by the Board of County Commissioners due to costs to maintain/support.

***The next Executive Board Meeting will take place VIRTUALLY on Monday, May 23rd from 2pm to 4pm.***