

Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

Continuum of Care – Executive Board

Meeting Date: July 25th, 2022

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Virtual on GoToMeeting Platform

Chair: Tammy Black, Celene Steckel

Topic Discussion

Attendance - Gabby Zelaya, Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Stephanie Krome, Danielle Yates, Corey Hardinger, Brian Colussy, Roberta Lawrence, Nicole Jackman, Scott Yard, Eric Brown, Tammy Black, Gina Valentine, Carly Long, Amy Baker, Heather Powell

1. Welcome and Announcements from Board Members

- Human Trafficking Seminar last week third installment in August or September – Gabby Zelaya
- Carly Long has resigned from HSP and last day is August 12th
- Leslie Wagner resigned and last day will be August 24th
- Laurie Galloway, On Our Own, has requested to be a part of the Executive Committee – need to review the Governance

2. Approval of June 27th Meeting Minutes

- Past Meeting Minutes will be posted online - Scott Yard moves to approve and Tammy Black seconded; minutes approved without objection

3. Questions regarding agency updates provided by email –

- Corey Hardinger asked about updates from HSP and whether they were youth or kids
- Amy Baker – add 1 person to Shelter plus care and are up to 10 families

4. Funding Opportunities/Updates: – Corey Hardinger

- Special NOFO –Targeted to larger jurisdictions; not applying for this funding due to size
- Review Homeless Solutions Program Award – applied for competitive funds; awarded 50% of funds of what we were asked; RRH rent payments, funds Housing Stability staff and new Homelessness position at Citizen Services and RRH Case management with youth

5. CoC 2022 NOFO Discussion– Corey Hardinger

- Review/Group Discussion- COC Plan for Servicing People with Severe Service Needs
 - Landlord recruitment, focus groups and putting them together, Stephanie Krome will take the lead, speaking to individuals at all levels so we can better understand our system, recruiting to join this committee with focus groups starting in August
 - Definition of severe service needs? – dual diagnosis or physical disability? ; Corey updated in the chat - The Prioritization Notice states that a household is considered to have severe service needs if they have a history of high utilization of crisis

services and/or have significant health or behavioral health challenges or functional impairments which require a significant level of support in order to maintain housing.

- Amy Baker – theme with severe mental health disorders that they have a hard time dealing with crisis
- Tammy Black – stating that mental health crisis is highest in all her 17 years at Access Carroll
- Discussion on mental health issues

6. Input from those with Lived Homeless Experience

- Quarterly Town Hall meetings at the Shelters (Citizen Services to lead this process)

7. HMIS & Data Committee-Corey Hardinger & Stephanie Krome

- Unsheltered homeless and how can we count them better; restricted to a certain timeframe makes it difficult to get an accurate count; recruiting for data committee; shared PowerPoint; menti survey; top three choices were true first time homeless, subpopulations – veterans, chronic, youth, and length of time homeless

8. Safety Concerns over CoC meeting – how do we address this safety issue? Training?

- Have staff reach out with training for active shooter or de-escalation plan

9. Outreach Committee – Amy Baker

- report out results of the Resource Fair and future planning efforts – had 32 vendors at the resource fair; 60 individuals came through; 15 haircuts given; 20 naloxone trainings; bike giveaway was well received

10. CoC Subcommittee Report Schedule

- Determine next subcommittee to report out – talk about the NOFO

The next Executive Board Meeting will take place VIRTUALLY on Monday, August 22nd from 2pm to 4pm.