



Meeting Date: July 12, 2022

Time: 9:15 am

In person and Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Tammy Black

**Topic Discussion**

**Attendance:**

Jason Martin, Linda Ibex, Debby Standiford, Nicole Shifflet, Madisen Jones, Sue Doyle, Laurie Galloway, Lynda, Kim Parsons, Nelda Caballero, Caroline Babylon, Leslie Wagner, Elisabeth Davoren, Jamie Keller, Jennifer Graybill, Kerri Vartz, Javier Toro, Emma Sparks, Karen Bernard, Cheri Ebaugh, Carly Long, Julie McGraw, Laura Vizcaino, Scott Swartz, Paul Heisey, Scott Yard, Tammy Black, Gabby Zelaya, Celene Steckel, Elaine Scott, Tammy Black, Judi Nance, Dona Foster, Danielle Yates, Katie Speert, Lorrie Yinger, Gina Valentine, Dee Anne Weber, Joanna Waters, Tiffany Fossett, Heather Powell, Stacey Hartman, Donna Devilbiss, Michael Clavin, Alma Balsamo, Timothy Eckhardt, Carrie Sorenson

**1. Welcome – Tammy Black**

**a. Needs and Community/Partners updates**

- i. Caroline Babylon CCFS - Client food vouchers available
- ii. Leslie Wagner – Smart Recovery Group meeting on Tuesday evenings at On Our Own/ Laurie Galloway also confirmed
- iii. Elisabeth Davoren – Springboard – DV support group starting July 27, 5pm-6pm at new Family Support Center
- iv. Jamie Keller – Rescue Mission – July 28<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce Evening Out; Shift in intake process, more streamlined; now accepting clients that smoke

**b. COC Meetings-In Person at Exploration Commons with new time of 9:15am-11:15am**

**2. Approval of March’s Meeting Minutes**

- a. Scott Yard motion to approve; Carly Long seconded; minutes approved, no opposed

**3. Youth Homelessness Summit Update/Youth Homelessness Subcommittee – Gabby Zelaya**

- a. Held June 27<sup>th</sup> – 50 attendees
- b. Seeing an uptick in youth homelessness in Carroll County; some of the data we review does not always tell the full story; so, we needed to dig deeper
- c. Together We Own It:
  - a. Serving 130 clients, 120 clients under the age of 24

- b. 89.5% lived with a parent or caregiver that has mental health issues
- c. 79% have witnessed domestic violence
- d. 79% have suffered emotional abuse from a parent or caregiver
- e. 63% have experienced physical abuse as a minor
- f. 39% currently experiencing homelessness; additional 8% are at risk
- g. 5 were sleeping in tents or cars; 1 utilizing the shelter; 12 unaccompanied youth (not under physical custody of a parent or guardian)
- h. 32% were asked to leave by a parent or guardian
- i. 50% had parents who were unable to care for them
- j. Half of them dropped out of high school and over 1/3 of them are pregnant or parenting
- k. Average age for first time experiencing homelessness is 13\
- d. CCYSB – works with 16–24-year-olds not in school (opportunity youth); not working, not in school, and maybe homeless
  - a. 4.6 million nationwide; 85,000 in Maryland alone
  - b. Costing taxpayers 93 million annually
  - c. Barriers – lack of education, transportation, mental health, housing, poverty
- e. Next Steps – kicking off youth subcommittee with first meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup>; work with Connecting Youth Coordinating Council
  - a. Looking at our data locally
  - b. Create Youth Action Board
  - c. Have another Summit specifically for youth

**4. Shelter Services – Utilization and Capacity/Waiting Lists Joanna Waters**

- a. Night by Night- During the month of June, HSP’s shelter was at 97% capacity; served 26 individuals, served 54 unduplicated individuals; 9% were able to move into permanent housing destinations
- b. Adult Only – During the month of June, reached 100% capacity; 30 individuals; 3 move out, 2 to permanent housing destinations
- c. Family Shelter – During the month of June, reached 97% capacity (23 bed capacity); served 13 adults and 13 children in 8 different households; 1 family moved out to permanent housing destination
- d. **Wait Lists – Carly Long**
  - a. 15 adults waiting to enter the Adult Only Shelter
  - b. 8 households waiting to enter the Family Shelter
  - c. 35 households eligible for Rapid Rehousing Program
  - d. 3 Households eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing
  - e. 1 household eligible for Shelter Plus Care
- e. **Jenny Grabill – Day Center Stats**
  - a. Opened from April 1, 2021, to June 1, 2022

- b. Served 242 unique participants; Average 12 per day; 29 people the highest on a given day
  - c. Over the course of that time, 79% exited or transitioned to Adult Only or Family Shelter
  - d. 26% individuals secured permanent housing; 12% were served by Rapid Rehousing
  - e. Final exits – 34% either permanently or temporarily housed; 10% exited to institutions, hospitals, or treatment centers; 17% currently engaged with HSP; 39% left for unknown destinations
  - f. Tammy Black – any comment from the participants about the closing of the Day Center?
    - i. Can connect through case management through Judi Nance
    - ii. See them at Night by Night
    - iii. Evening meal is served at the night by night shelter on Stoner Ave.
  - g. Scott Yard – other natural supports have reopened; the library, On Our Own; soup kitchens; we have bridged the gap
  - h. Will the Day Center reopening be revisited? Funding would be the biggest opportunity, cost to operate is \$20k/ month and that funding is not currently available
  - i. On Our Own has opened on Sundays instead of Saturdays to cover the gap of having nothing open
  - j. Laurie Galloway – On Our Own – picking up since the Day Center closed, open in extreme weather
  - k. CCVIP will serve as a Day Center on Monday-Friday from 10am-3pm in extreme temperatures.
- f. Domestic Violence – Springboard – Liz Davoren**
- a. Brand new facility – 6 new rooms available for DV, IPV, Family Violence of 18 and up and victims of elder abuse
  - b. For the month of June served 12 families
  - c. No waitlist
  - d. Provide support of victims of Human Trafficking with counseling, mental health services, transportation, and case management
  - e. Domestic Violence support group starting July 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm
  - f. 10 of the 12 clients were Carroll County families

**Lived Homeless Experience Feedback:**

A gentleman with lived homeless experience reported to the group that his experience with the homeless service providers throughout the county had not been good. He noted lack of return calls, lack of dental services available and overall frustration with needs being met in real time. When offered contact information/solutions, the gentleman declined and left the meeting. Many providers within the meeting were familiar with the gentleman and able to provide outreach to him same day after the meeting to provide him with the additional supports he did not receive initially.

Another gentleman who had reported being previously homeless also shared his experience when working through living in the homeless shelter and spending his days in the local senior center. Recommendations for improvements were noted and the gentleman stated he would share additional details at future meetings.

**5. Resource Fair Update – Judi Nance – Homeless Outreach Coordinator**

- a. Resource Fair was held June 10<sup>th</sup> – received positive feedback
- b. 25 vendors in attendance, 60-70 participants, served 58 lunches
- c. Carly overwhelmed at support for community when she ran the CoC table

**6. Funding Updates – Celene Steckel**

- a. NOFO being released soon
- b. We are not applying for the supplemental NOFO because the supplemental NOFO is targeting COC's with larger unsheltered populations (1000 +). Carroll would not be competitive in this application.
- c. **Emergency Rental Assistance Program Funding 1 and 2 – Danielle Yates**
  - i. ERAP 1 funding cut from 4.2 million to 2.6 million to be spent by September 2022; all funding expended already
  - ii. ERAP 2 only going to December 30, 2022; we were supposed to get 2.9 million, but now are only receiving a little over 400,000
  - iii. Served 160 households and served 2.6 million in assistance
  - iv. Appear in court weekly and diverted evictions
  - v. Carly Long – HSP has always operated an eviction prevention program
    - a. Can receive funding from churches and other non-profits
    - b. Please reach out to Carly if you are wanting to donate to the EPP

**7. Citizen Services Updates – Celene/Danielle/Gina**

- a. **Housing** – ERAP update; still have our three Housing Stability Coordinators that are working with folks in tandem with HSP; if you have someone that needs assistance with staying housed, please reach out to us.
- b. **Aging-**
  - i. Julie McGraw introduction - Coordinator of Case Management for MAP; provides case management to older adults with disabilities who are seeking resources related to long term services and supports
  - ii. Veterans Services program – coordinator of case management that may have needs that fall outside of what the VA system provides including homeless veterans
  - iii. Veterans Claims Clinic back in June – identified a homeless Veteran; have funding from the Kahlert Foundation that enables us to provide emergency hotel stays if the Veteran qualifies
  - iv. Annual Plan is pending approval – additional funding for an additional MAP staff member; implementing AARP Age Friendly Community initiative – 5 year commitment; hire a consultant to help with implementation; goal is to make Carroll County more age friendly; conducting a community needs assessment – help us identify the domains of livability
- c. **Penn Mar Property** – the County has purchased the formr Change building on Stoner Ave.; the plan is to relocate family shelter to that property; working in conjunction with HSP; 3 years out from the physical move

**8. Health Department Update – Mike Clavin**

- a. Were unable to have the RV at the Resource Fair, but we had it at the Pride Festival this Saturday
- b. continually accepting peer referrals; offer first aide training
- c. Shelter + has 10 people housed working on the 11<sup>th</sup> which would be 100% capacity.

**9. Youth Services – Dona Foster**

CCPS Homeless Youth Services (See Table A) – is a running total

- a. Summer school in session, we are keeping our services open for the previously identified students; they are continuing to receive services over the summer; typically, they would not receive these services over the summer; reidentification begins in mid-August
- b. Numbers are back to pre-Covid numbers – climbing
- c. Have AARP funding – we applied for AARP funding 1 and 2 and received both; funds need to be spent by September 2023; funding for temporary housing
- d. Also have funding for tutoring and counseling

HOMELESS STUDENTS TO-DATE THIS YEAR 2021-2022									
4/30/21	9/30/21	10/29/21	11/30/21	12/31/21	1/31/22	2/28/22	3/31/22	4/29/22	
21	58	80	89	93	115	124	132	141	<b>TOTAL HOMELESS</b>
6	30	37	39	44	53	61	64	67	Elementary
5	13	21	24	23	28	30	34	39	Middle
10	15	22	28	26	34	33	34	35	High and Post Secondary
4	13	17	20	22	25	27	30	30	Special Education
5	10	11	14	14	21	20	21	22	Unaccompanied
1	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	8	ELL
13	21	32	40	43	52	63	70	75	Doubled Up
0	10	15	16	17	18	17	17	19	Hotel
1	9	12	11	11	15	15	15	15	Shelter
5	18	21	22	22	30	29	30	31	Temporary (temporarily dislocated due to fire, flood, etc.-will return to their home)
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Other (living in a situation that may include a car, park, tent, camper on the street)
<b>Funds for Services/Student Needs - Available for all homeless students</b>									
<p><b>Homeless Grant Funds</b> are available for <b>tutoring and counseling</b>. All homeless students are eligible. Services may be provided to close the achievement gap, as well as, prevent a student from falling behind and to assist students whose homeless status is causing stress at school.</p>									
<p><b>Homeless Grant Funds are available for other needs too - just ask your PPW or the Supervisor of Student Support</b>, if you see a student need. For example, we have a partnership with the <b>General Federation of Women's Club of Carroll County</b>. The local Women's Club is partnering with us to meet the needs of homeless students. We are very grateful for their support!</p>									

As of April 29, 2022 (141) students have been identified as homeless. This is a cumulative/running report with the exception, if a student has withdrawn from CCPS (i.e., Home schooling, private school, moved out of county, etc....,) they have been removed from the chart.

**10. DSS Presentation– Karen Bernard**

- a. Open 8:00-4:30 by appointment
- b. Have events that have people walking in
- c. Advertised vacant positions – trying to hire and retain
- d. PowerPoint presentation

**11. Andrea Berstter – CCPL**

- a. Welcome to Exploration Commons – a one of a kind space
- b. Employees are trained and work only in this space
- c. Held focus groups to help with planning; took 2 years of planning and 2 years of building
- d. Opened in December 2021
- e. Certified 170 students on various machines and equipment
- f. Kitchen classes only charge for food, no instructor fees
- g. Work with Target, ARC, and Boys and Girls Club
- h. Scholarship program to cover commercial costs

Next Scheduled CoC Meeting (IN-PERSON) @ Exploration Commons – September 13, 2022 – 9:15am to 11:15am