

**Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board**  
***Continuum of Care – Executive Board***

**Meeting Date:** September 26, 2022

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual on GoToMeeting Platform

**Chair:** Tammy Black, Celene Steckel

<b>Topic Discussion</b>
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<b>Attendance</b> - Jason Martin, Stephanie Krome, Celene Steckel, Corey Hardinger, Tammy Black, Scott Yard, Jenny Graybill, Gina Valentine, Brian Colussy, Danielle Yates, Gabby Zelaya, Debby Standiford, Eric Brown, Vicky Keller, Nicole Jackman, Joanna Waters, Cathy Baker, Samantha Brong (sp)
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- 1. Welcome and Announcements from Board Members**
  - Gabby Zelaya – thanked everyone for participation in the Resource Fair
  - Stephanie Krome – talked with over 30 participants at the Fireside Chats
  - Nicole Jackman – next month is Domestic Violence Month; flyers coming out soon
  - Gina Valentine – thank you to Brian Colussy for helping locate missing person
- 2. Approval of August 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes**
  - a.** Past Meeting Minutes will be posted online
  - b.** Scott Yard motions to approve; Jenny Graybill seconded; August 22<sup>nd</sup> approved
- 3. Questions regarding agency updates provided via email – no questions**
- 4. Liaison for Institutions of Care**
  - a.** A point of contact for treatment facilities outside of Carroll County for discharge planning purposes for Carroll County clients – suggestions included:
    - i. Tammy Black
    - ii. 2 service coordinators from CCHD
    - iii. Cathy Baker has fielded calls from detention center for assistance
  - b.** Cathy Baker/Tammy Black/ Celene Steckel to have a meeting to discuss further
- 5. CoC 2022 NOFO Discussion–Celene Steckel, Corey Hardinger, & Stephanie Krome**
  - a.** COC wide Anti-discrimination policy
    - i. Review Draft Policy
    - ii. Add to COC Website
  - b.** Vote to approve adding Draft Policy in Outreach
  - c.** Debby Standiford motioned to approve for adding policy in Outreach; seconded by Tammy Black; Motion approved with no opposition
  - d.** Review Homeless Served Data
    - i. Veterans served in FY 21 – 21
    - ii. Veterans served in FY 22 – 28
    - iii. Children served in FY 21 -??
- 6. Lived Homeless Experience – Danielle Yates**
  - a.** Fireside Chat Updates – spoke with individuals who have had lived homeless experience
    - i. Stephanie Krome, Housing Stability Coordinators, Corey Hardinger, and Debby Standiford
    - ii. Met at St. Paul’s Church with Pastor Marty
    - iii. Had pizza, discussions, and handed out gift cards to participants who shared
    - iv. Plan is to meet quarterly for Fireside chats to keep gathering data, and to also meet with every shelter, Rapid rehousing Program, Perm Housing, and Shelter + Care
    - v. These meetings will help us get a good idea of stumbling blocks that still exist for exiting homelessness, and continue to help us make informed decisions

7. HMIS and Data Committee – skipping over to move onto Agenda item #8
8. Affordable Housing Subcommittee Development
  - a. Carroll County Landlord Association president or board members would be good to include
  - b. Drew (??) sits in on these meetings
  - c. Housing Stability Team and Danielle can attend
  - d. Jenny Graybill and Samantha (HSP new hire)
  - e. Eric Brown suggested we need to define what affordable housing is
  - f. Jenny Graybill has sat on a committee that has developed low-income housing
  - g. Legislative Committee – Scott Yard
    - i. Tax credits
    - ii. Waiving fees
  - h. HUD defines Affordable Housing as 30% of gross income
  - i. Danielle Yates – payment standards are 110% of FMR
  - j. HUD wavier may be extended after December 31, 2022
  - k. Further Discussion on Barriers to Affordable Housing
    - i. No resources exist for Spanish speakers and environment is not conducive for Spanish speaking population
    - ii. Youth Homelessness also is difficult because they do not like the shelters
    - iii. Accessible Housing for clients who need housing on first floor there is a shortage
    - iv. Domestic Violence population consider rents are high and unaffordable and lack of options
  - l. Committee needs to define how we are going to address these issues
  - m. Seek out Conifer, Greenspring Housing, and Taneytown Village
9. Discussion on Future Resource Fairs
  - a. Develop a year-long plan
  - b. Have a firm date and location
  - c. Draft Resource Fair plan
  - d. Have gift card donations and or prizes (bikes)
  - e. Have volunteers from Executive Committee to sign up to attend
  - f. Market at least two months out for each Fair
  - g. Have a Resource Fair around the time of the PIC count
  - h. Invite homeless community and those who participated in Fireside chats to help with the PIC Count

***The next Executive Board Meeting will take place VIRTUALLY on Monday, October 24th from 2pm to 4pm.***