

# Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

## *Continuum of Care – Executive Board*

**Meeting Date:** April 24, 2023

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual on GoToMeeting Platform

**Chair:** Tammy Black, Celene Steckel

Topic Discussion
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<b>Attendance</b> - Jason Martin, Vicky Kretzer, Kevin McGinnis, Amy Baker, Jenny Graybill, Tammy Black, Dotty Dalphon, Debby Standiford, Victoria Parks, Joanna Waters, Celene Steckel, Corey Hardinger, Roberta Lawrence, Samantha Brong
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1. Welcome and Announcements from Board Members
  - RCIS – has hired a regional Child Sex Trafficking Navigator
  - RCIS moved into a new clinical space in Winchester Exchange with June 1<sup>st</sup> Official opening; houses clinical team on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and also the Child Sex Trafficking Navigator
  - DSS and RCIS are looking for Board members
2. Approval of March 27th Meeting Minutes
  - Past Meeting Minutes will be posted online
  - Jennifer Graybill motions to approve; seconded by Tammy Black; March 27th minutes approved with no objections
3. Questions regarding agency updates provided via email –
  - Debby Standiford asked if there was a way to look at these updates over a course of time; be more informative; past 2-year data; 3-month snapshot; YTD
4. Transition COC Chair
  - Tammy Black has overstayed her term graciously
  - The COC will vote at the next Circle of Caring Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> to approve Stephanie Halley as the new Chair of the Circle of Caring
5. Earth Day – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Safe cleanup of encampments is going to be difficult without proper equipment and machinery
  - Who is going to cover the cost? Need funding for this mission
6. Data Committee Update – Corey Hardinger
  - Went live to an open system with HSP, Health Department, Housing Staff, and TWOI on April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Kaysy pulling all HSP reports; good amount to cleanup
  - April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at 2pm focused on return to homelessness – broke out by different exit destinations
  - Between 6-12 months the return to homelessness is between 8-12%
  - At 24 months that number shoots up to 24%
  - HUD's recommendation is 10%
7. Youth Homelessness Subcommittee – Celene Steckel
  - Referrals are coming quickly and continue to work through them
  - Seasing of TWOI services
  - Youth Action Board is transitioning existing youth to multiple youth services providers
  - Youth set up to get reimbursements with stipends and gift cards
  - Still looking at homelessness for youth
  - Vicky Kretzer stated Angel Hill is starting a new program – 3-7pm M-Thurs homework completion and dinner provided
  - Next meeting is in May
  - Youth reach coming back up in the fall; housing navigation approved with youth rapid rehousing funding
  - Still looking for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project application due June 27th
  - YAB submitting video of what they have done for award; only 25 award total
  - Debby – grant has been in place for years; if awarded grant is rolled into continuum and automatically awarded every year

**8. EFSP Funding – Celene Steckel and Jason Martin**

- Heard presentations from applicants and have decided to award \$39,461
- Award letters were sent out to all applicants that received funding and are retroactive for at least the past year
- Celene will send out list of recipients

**9. Strategic Planning CoC Half Day Retreat – Celene**

- Basic strategic guide sent out; want to get together in September for a half day retreat and develop conversation with the team
- Send any dates unavailable in that time to Jason Martin
- Looking for members to be on the planning committee

**10. COC NOFO Award and Score – Corey Hardinger**

- 200 points available; 175 received which is above median
- Received bonus project of additional \$20k
- Still need to incorporate those with lived experience
- Need to schedule a meeting to go over performance measures
- 2023 competition coming out as early as May
- System Performance will continue to be a focus
- Debby Standiford – lobbying Congress to do every two years instead of every year

**11. Coordinated Entry Subcommittee Update – Samantha Brong**

- Completed twice a month focusing on those who are street homeless and chronically homeless
- Requested feedback
- Celene Steckel – chronic by name list to identify actual chronic individuals
- Jenny Graybill – list was being identified by Danielle/Stephanie
- Meeting requested to be moved to once a month from bimonthly
- Identifying team members – Julie from Aging, Potomac, All shelter staff, Access Carroll (Dawn or Trish), Emma, Javier, Mike, and Tony
- Updates done every meeting with shelters; twice a month duplicate structures for both meetings
- Joanna Waters – information sharing is helpful, but limited discussion during meetings
- Amy Baker – want to continue sharing information, but not have a repeated schedule twice a month
- Jenny Graybill – one meeting geared toward shelter; meetings/committee has shifted based on who is attending meetings and who is on committee
- Celene Steckel suggested to ask staff who are attending if these double meetings are beneficial, or would a new structure be preferred?
- Email being sent out for a reminder to discuss with folks the future of subcommittees

**12. Affordable Housing Planning Subcommittee**

- Still on track, looking for co-chair partner

**13. Outreach Committee – Jenny Graybill**

- Taneytown Resource Fair April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12noon (rain date May 4<sup>th</sup>)
- 33 vendors with 6 inside church as “core”

- Early team of 7:15am and church volunteer guiding traffic
- Event teams to work parking lot, inside the church, assisting vendors
- 20 - \$10 grocery store gifts cards, free haircuts
- Final reminders to vendors sent out today
- Wednesday 3pm inclement weather call (rain of any kind)
- Expected attendance 200-300

**14. Additional comments:**

- Deputy McGinnis – one family trying to get in contact with; kids are at risk having not attended school; may be possibly living in the woods
- Food and supply drive in Union Bridge
- Celene Steckel – Carroll County United Way Run Board
  - i. Taneytown food giveaway – food and household items going out once a month
- Looking to do the same in Union Bridge and give out info at the resource fair

***The next Executive Board Meeting will take place VIRTUALLY on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2pm to 4pm.***