



Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

Time: 9:30 am

In person and Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Stephanie Halley

Topic Discussion

Attendance:

Maria Lowry, Javier Toro, Patrick Webber, Buddy Thomas, Barbara White, Patrick Sawyer, Caroline Babylon, Carly Long, Kathi Green, Lynn Kujan, Courtney Davis, Kevin McGinnis, Stan Whiteman, Sherri Bullard, Amy Baker, Debby Standiford, Elaine Scott, Tiffany Massimore, Gina Valentine, Garnell Brunson, Danielle Yates, Victoria Parks, Jenna Stambaugh, Stacey Hartman, Terry Serio, Tim Kunz, Julie Cassaday, Ashley Stahl, Marty Kuchma, Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Stephanie Halley, Judi Nance, Maggie Kunz, Ed Singer, Cristina Harbaugh, , Christina Ogle, Samantha Garcia, Bobbie Lawrence, Tony Roman, Julie McGraw, Meghan Edwards, Emma Sparks, Scott Yard, Paul Moffett, Lorrie Yinger, Lou Yeager, Donna Devilbiss, Joanna Waters, Lauren Biggs, Linda Ibex, Tiffany Fossett, Judy Reabe, Daphne Daly

1. Welcome – Celene Steckel

a. Community Partners Introductions and Announcements

- i. Victoria Parks – Carroll County Veterans Celebration – May 5, 12non-4pm at the Carroll County Farm Museum
- ii. Maggie Kunz – Community Overdose Action Town Hall next Wednesday, January 17th at Public Safety Training Center from 6:30-7:30pm
- iii. Patrick Webber – Expungement Day, January 24th

b. Community Spotlight – Meghan Edwards – Potomac Community Services

- i. Adult Targeted Case Management – 18 years and older with current mental Health Diagnosis
- ii. Mental Health Care Coordination – ages 4-18 with current mental health diagnosis

2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- a. Scott Yard motion to approve, seconded by Victoria Parks
- b. minutes approved, no opposition

3. Outreach Update – Judi Nance

- a. Planning spring Resource Fair in Taneytown and brainstorming additional pop ups in 2024
- b. Working with NESAP for having a Resource Fair pop-up event in the Spring
- c. Judi is transitioning to a case manager at the shelters, but will remain co-chair of the Outreach Committee

d. New hire for her position is Shannon McHale; Judi will share contact information with Jason to share with the Circle

4. Shelter Services – Joanna Waters and Samantha Garcia

- a. **Night by Night** – 70 individuals served in December, 2 moved out into permanent housing; 6 moved to Adult Only shelter; no needs-based list
- b. **Adult Only** – 45 individuals served in December, 36 capacity; 50% of our movers moved out into Permanent Housing destinations; 20 individuals on needs-based list
- c. **Family Shelter** – served 23 individuals; 12 adults and 11 children, 8 households; 50% capacity; had 3 different families move out and 1 family move out into a perm housing destination

5. Domestic Violence in December– Springboard, Ashley Stahl

- a. 20 children served: 9 female adults, no males
- b. Average length of services was 45 days; changed from a mandatory 60 day stay
- c. All families were adopted for the holidays
- d. Not accepting clothing donations, but are accepting food donations for their pantry
- e. Two new clinical groups starting – goes off insurance and need a referral
 - 1. Adult Trauma Group – starting January 24 on every Wednesday from 12-1pm for 10 weeks with one week off in March for spring break; clinical psycho educational based group for adult women who have experienced trauma with PTSD and/or substance abuse
 - 2. Youth Trauma Group – starting January 25 on every Thursday from 4-5pm; clinical psycho educational based group designed to help teens process and heal from trauma
- f. Most patents are in Carroll County; 1 out of county; all housed onsite and not in hotels in past 30 days
- g. Call mainline to donate food and/or hot meals

6. Citizen Services Update – Celene Steckel

- a. Aging – Bobbie Lawrence
 - 1. Kathy Wood retired on December 28th; still fully staffed
 - 2. Finished up open enrollment and served over 500 individuals
 - 3. Grandparents Conference Day – March 23rd, flyer coming out soon
- b. Housing – Danielle Yates
 - 1. Carly Long is our new HMIS specialist
 - 2. PIT count on January 24th of sheltered count; unsheltered is only for odd numbered years
 - 3. Westminster City Housing Authority has closed their waitlist; Carroll County’s waitlist is open
 - 4. Expungement Day – January 24th flyer coming out soon from 9am-5pm to help individuals in expunging their records
 - 5. When you are awarded your housing choice voucher you cannot port for the 1st year unless you have a reasonable accommodation request

- c. Family Shelter Relocation Project – Celene Steckel
 - 1. Still moving forward and working with vendor
 - 2. Applied for permits, and applying for grant funding
- d. Housing Study Update
 - 1. Launch meeting upcoming with Mosaic, vendor who is conducting the Housing study

7. Health Department Update – Amy Baker

- a. 988 information on the back table to take; put information on your outgoing email signature
- b. Received 38 calls from Carroll County last month
- c. When people aren't eligible for case management support you can apply for peer support which is recovery oriented; CCHD has 5 peers and is hiring 1 more
- d. Mike Clavin is with PATH; Garnell is peer support person who works with Mike; Jermaine Thornton is the peer supervisor
- e. Peer support is a low barrier service to help support people in their journeys of recovery
- f. Prevention team – Nicotine Cessation for people who want to quit smoking

8. COC NOFO Application Update – Celene Steckel

- a. No new update
- b. Still awaiting feedback from our application
- c. Trying to identify what trainings we need to have
- d. Ongoing planning for a Homelessness 101 at Carroll Community College

9. Data Committee Update- Danielle Yates

- a. Met last week, digging into Coordinated Entry data
- b. Longest length of stay in shelter is our families
- c. Larger population of older adults that we are helping with homelessness

10. Youth Updates – Ed Singer

- a. Youth Homelessness Sub Committee – will meet quarterly, next meeting is tomorrow January 10th at 10am; if interested in being on the committee see Ed; tomorrow is a presentation from Workforce Development
- b. Youth Action Board – not made a lot of progress on this front; trying to reinvigorate; communication has not been really good; scheduled a meeting with other partners to assist
- c. Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Grant – application submitted in December; 4 LMBs applied; applied to be a Hub to manage spokes who provide services
- d. CCPSS Youth Services – Kathi Green
 - 1. 131 homeless students identified, 30% increase month to month this school year
 - 2. American Rescue Plan funds still available until September 2024 – provides bedding, school-based fees, application

- fees for colleges, still doing some emergent hotel stays of up to 7 nights
3. Families lacking the most basic needs
 4. Unaccompanied youth – any school aged child who is not living with their parent or legal guardian; all unaccompanied youth this year are housed

11. Additional Comments:

- a. Sleep in Heavenly Peace – build beddings for those in need non-profit based in Frederick; trying to coordinate having a Carroll County build day; we need a fund-raising arm that will help support this initiative and someone that would like to participate in building beds in Frederick

12. Training – Patrick Sawyer – Maryland Department of Services and Civic Innovation

Next Scheduled CoC Meeting (IN-PERSON) @ Exploration Commons – March 12, 2024 – 9:30am to 11:30am