



Meeting Date: January 10, 2023

Time: 9:15 am

In person and Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Tammy Black

Topic Discussion

Attendance:

Jason Martin, Gabby Zelaya, Stacey Nash, Debby Standiford, Heather Powell, Tiffany Fossett, Helena Griffith, Jamie Keller, Lorrene Munoz, Mike Clavin, Brook Sis, Russ Tourangeau, Megan Edwards, Kathi Green, Zion Boykins, Tony Roman, Victoria Parks, Carrie Vincent, Marni McGarry, Jacqueline Spielman, Ray Woodson, Danielle Anwana, Kerri Vartz, Emma Sparks, Samantha Brong, Wayne Millett, Lou Yeager, Paul Moffett, Amy Baker, Dr. Darcel Harris, Jennifer Grabill (PATH), Nicole Shifflet, Kami Beezer intern CCVIP, Caroline Babylon, Elaine Scott, Jennifer Graybill, Javier Toro, Cheri Ebaugh, Scott Yard, Stephanie Krome, Celene Steckel, Judi Nance, Danielle Yates, Katie Speert, Bryce Speert, Lorrie Yinger, Gina Valentine, Joanna Waters, Stacey Hartman, Donna Devilbiss

1. Welcome – Celene Steckel

a. Needs and Community/Partners updates –

- i. Stephanie Krome – preparing for the PIT Count
- ii. Caroline Babylon – County wide Food Conference on Feb 13th at the Westminster Rescue Mission
- iii. Heather Powell – If you have people looking for jobs it's a great time to come in; career assessment
- iv. Jennifer Graybill – free tax preparation through VITA Program-Income less than \$85k
- v. Jacquelin Spielman – NAMI has a resource table at the Westminster Library

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

c. Community Spotlight – Lorrene Munoz S.T.E.P.

- i. Shared PowerPoint presentation
- ii. Behavioral Health Program Manager for the Goodwill S.T.E.P. program

2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- a. Scott Yard motion to approve; Louis Yeager seconded; minutes approved, no opposition (45:39)

3. Shelter Services - Utilization and Capacity/Waiting Lists Joanna Waters, Jennifer Graybill, Sam Brong

- a. **Night by Night** – served 56 individuals in the month of December; highest number was 32; 100% utilization for the month; 2 moved into permanent housing, 1 went to a self-pay rental; one individual went to a subsidy rental; 2 people moved into the Adult Only Shelter

- b. **Family Shelter** – served 9 households in the month of December for a 79% utilization rate; 5 families in shelter now; 2 current openings; 4 families moved out in December; 2 moved out with HUD vouchers, and 2 moved with friends temporarily
- c. **Adult Only** – served 31 participants for December for a 100% utilization; 1 moved out into a self-pay; 1 moved into senior living, 1 moved out with a VASH voucher
- d. **Street Outreach** – served 28 households; 1 moved to perm housing through RRH
- e. **Waitlist – Sam Brong**
 - 1. Night by Night has no waitlist
 - 2. Adult Only has 31 on waitlist; has 1 opening which will be filled this week
 - 3. Family Shelter has no one on waitlist and just filled 2 openings
 - 4. RRH has 47 on the waitlist
 - 5. Perm Housing has 1 person on waitlist
 - 6. Shelter + Care has 1 person on the waitlist
- f. **Springboard – Helena Griffith**
 - 1. 4 families served in the month of December
 - 2. 1 was a single male
 - 3. 8 children

4. Stoner Avenue Task Force

- a. Stoner Avenue Campus encompasses Westminster Senior Center, Adult Only Shelter, Night by Night Shelter, Aging Offices, and the COVE
- b. Has seen challenging behavioral, substance use, and trespassing issues on the campus; wanted to identify as a team to talk about what has been happening and what are we seeing
- c. Agencies have come together to talk about solutions, and we have seen a significant decrease in amount of activity
- d. Will continue to meet as a team and help meet people where they are and provide positive outcomes

5. Citizen Services – Updates – Celene Steckel

- a. Family Shelter Relocation Project – The COVE – Center for Opportunity, Value, and Empowerment
- b. Penn Mar lease back for 30 months
- c. In the middle of the procurement process to hire a vendor for design and engineering of the family shelter
- d. Soft move of Aging offices happening this week; Family Shelter will probably take two more years
- e. Debby Standiford- submitted applications for a State Bond bill for construction and the State Shelter Capital Program; as we get final designs and estimates we will have a couple of more options
- f. COVID Mitigation funding was applied for, but have not received award notice from the State yet for emergency hotel placements
- g. COC NOFA – next step we are still pending awards from the last round, we will see our scores for the last round; awards coming in anytime now

h. Aging update – Gina Valentine

1. Veteran Services Program – Tony Roman will provide case management services to veterans
2. Seen an increase for veterans seeking emergency financial assistance
3. The PACT Act – resulted in an influx in inquiries by veterans looking to get assistance
4. Pickle Ball Tournament donation received of \$4,500 from Carroll County Pickleball that will go directly to Veterans who need assistance
5. Group meets monthly to discuss Veteran Homelessness in our County
6. Older Adult Emergency Fund available provided by the Kahlert Foundation
7. Snow removal fund available from SPIN
8. Veteran Shuttle Transportation Program – to transport Veterans who need to get to medical appointments at four locations; coordinate through Aging and Disabilities

i. Housing update – Danielle Yates

1. ERAP 1 spent over 3 million dollars in rental assistance
2. ERAP 2 ended as of December 31st; only can provide for assistance in calendar year 2022; applications still accepted but only assistance given in calendar year 2022; spent over \$350,000 in rental assistance; apply through HSP and then Housing makes final payment
3. We were awarded additional 10 mainstream vouchers – 119 in total
4. PIT - Point in Time Count for unsheltered homeless on January 24th with a snow date of January 31st

6. Health Department Update – Amy Baker

- a. PATH program – outreach to individuals who are diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental health disorder and who are experiencing homelessness; 9 people in the program; referrals come from HSP; 1 person pending for a slot and had 1 person pass away in December so an additional one or two openings; rehoused one person
- b. Stacia Smith has left the Health Department and we are looking to fill the role as a peer supervisor
- c. Working on having peer support specialist to work in the shelter in the evenings to help get people linked in for 5 nights a week

7. Affordable Housing Subcommittee Update - Celene Steckel

- a. Developing an Affordable Housing Subcommittee; tomorrow there is a meeting with a planning group to talk about next steps
- b. Should hear next month about the Affordable Housing Subcommittee Launch

8. PIT Homelessness Count – Stephanie Krome

- a. PIT count date is Jan 24th with snow date of Jan 31st
- b. Volunteers from outside of our core service providers are helping out
- c. Have two groups going out at separate times one early morning; but will have volunteers stationed at agencies throughout the day
- d. Utilizing the Survey 123 app that will download on a device that will have GPS location and all information will be digital

which will allow for quick access to data

- e. Three commissioners will be joining the PIT count and go out into their communities

9. Youth Homelessness Subcommittee – Gabby Zelaya

- a. Meeting regularly since August
- b. Discussed individual and collective goals
- c. Incorporating Together We Own It as a provider into our HMIS system
- d. Youth Action Board created – incorporate with youth that have lived homelessness experiences
- e. **Katie Speert** – TWOI has 6 youth on the Youth Action Board; have hired youth as peer support, meeting monthly, Zion Boykins is the president; meetings are 6-7pm on the first Wednesday of the month and open to anyone who wants to join; applications are available if you wish to join; 2/3rds of Board have experience youth homelessness
- f. In November they attended the Maryland United for Youth Conference; In March they are going to the National Network for Youth Summit – 4 youth going
- g. The Board has been focused on getting off the ground; finished their bylaws and resource mapping
- h. YAB meeting with Gabby and Corey about the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Grant applications
- i. Data – main focus for YAB is to streamline all the data received and to presented in a way that makes sense to HUD

10. Carroll County Public Schools – Kathi Green

As of **December 31, 2022** (99) 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.

Here are some details:

HOMELESS STUDENTS TO-DATE THIS YEAR 2022-23						
12/31/21	8/31/22	9/30/22	10/31/22	11/30/22	12/31/22	
93	45	83	84	96	99	TOTAL HOMELESS
44	21	38	39	44	44	Elementary
23	11	17	19	19	20	Middle
26	13	28	26	33	35	High and Post Secondary
22	11	23	23	24	24	Special Education
14	5	11	12	12	11	Unaccompanied
2	0	0	0	0	0	ELL
43	34	49	52	61	59	Doubled Up
17	3	18	21	21	22	Hotel
11	1	4	3	5	9	Shelter
22	7	12	8	9	9	Temporary (temporarily dislocated due to fire, fl
0	0	0	0	0	0	Other (living in a situation that may include a ca

Homeless Grant Funds are available for tutoring and counseling. 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.

Homeless Grant Funds are available for other needs too - just ask your PPW or the Supervisor of Pupil Personnel, if you see a student need. For example, we have a partnership with the General Federation of Women's Club of Carroll County. The local Women's Club is partnering with us to meet the needs of homeless students. We are very grateful for their support!

11. Review of Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs Suicide Prevention Month Training Slides

12. BaFa BaFa Training – February 14th, 2023, 9:15am-11:15am @ Shauk Auditorium at Carroll Hospital

13. Louis Yeager – Catastrophic Health Planners got full funding for our PTSD study for Veterans; our medication and applicator will be fully functional and approved by the FDA in the next week; looking for Veterans that would like to be a part of the PTSD study, contact Catastrophic Health Planners; flyer to be sent to Jason Martin to distribute to the Circle

Next Scheduled CoC Meeting (IN-PERSON) @ Exploration Commons – March 14, 2023 – 9:15am to 11:15am