

Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

Continuum of Care – Executive Board

Meeting Date: March 25, 2024

Time: 2:0 pm-4:00 pm

Location: Virtual on GoTo Meeting

Chair: Celene Steckel

Topic Discussion

Attendance - Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Kaysy Crumley, Stephanie Halley, Tammy Black, Scott Yard, Cathy Baker, Corey Hardinger, Vicky Kretzer, Jennifer Graybill, Samantha Garcia, Sue Doyle, Danielle Yates, Carly Long, Debby Standiford, Kevin McGinnis, Victoria Parks, Ed Singer, Joanna Waters, Amy Baker, Gina Valentine

1. Welcome and Introductions

- **Cathy Baker** – April 20th is a Prescription medicine Take Back Event

2. Approval of the February 26th Minutes

- Scott Yard motions to approve
- Stephanie Halley seconded
- Minutes approved without objection

3. Shelter Utilization Report

- Adult Only – steady flow of participants coming and going; no openings
- NbN – average 40 people; have seen a surge in violent behavior and mental health; drug use and heavy drinking behaviors have also returned → Spring has come early
- Family Shelter – had one new family move in
- Perm Supportive Housing – no openings right now; maybe have some by 1st quarter of the year
- Westminster Rescue Mission to come in to shelter and promote recovery in the future
- A CCHD peer, Rickey Pauley is visiting the shelter during the week to assist
- Tammy Black says there is still Behavioral Health needs funding that can be utilized
- Kevin McGinnis stated there has been an influx in mental health calls and up 20% in calls; 4 suicides in the last month
- Ed Singer is working with the youth in these instances; Amy Baker through LVN working on Columbia Life House Project
- Celene and Gina with Commission Rothstein are visiting the Resiliency Center at Fort Meade
- Corey Hardinger said there is Postvention services for suicide available at CCYSB

4. Encampment behind the Health Department

- Kevin McGinnis reached out to the property owner last year who has since moved to London, England, and served trespass notices to the people in the encampment
- We need to get a map together of all the encampments behind the health department
- One person in the encampment got her voucher
- These individuals can be in shelter, but choose not to be
- Need to compose a letter giving them a date of 3 weeks to vacate
- The last letter gave 20 days and was signed by Sue Doyle and Celene Steckel

5. Subcommittee Development Discussion

- Jason to schedule a meeting with Amy and Stephanie to discuss the Lived Homelessness Subcommittee
- Lived Homelessness Subcommittee – Amy Baker
 - i. Initial meeting to be held on April 9th at 1pm at the CCHD
- Advocacy Subcommittee – looking at legislative impact and review bills
 - i. Chairperson – searching for a steering member that could guide committee
 - ii. Members – Jacqueline Spielman and Judi Nance
 - iii. Suggestion made that someone should chair the committee that does not include “our” agencies
- Affordable Housing Subcommittee – Celene Steckel

- i. Hired a consultant, Mosaic; participated in the launch of a Housing Study – surveying the public with focus groups, mini town halls; getting data on housing needs
 - ii. Goals:
 - Scope of work of RFP
 - Identify current housing stock and population in need of housing
 - Workforce, students, older adults housing
 - Disabilities, youth, and homeless sub populations
- Systems of Care Subcommittee – Tammy Black
 - i. Had first meeting on March 4th
 - ii. Carly Long has been appointed secretary
 - iii. Meetings are the third Monday of every month
 - iv. Possible tour of Shelter system in May or June/Open House; 1-3pm timeframe would work best but not on Mondays
- Co-Case Management Coordinated Subcommittee
 - i. Samantha Garcia – Chairperson
 - ii. Meeting monthly – discussing hard to serve participants and people who are not engaged
- Temporary Ad Hoc Committee of the Coordinated Entry Committee to review Needs Assessment Tool/TA from HUD
 - i. Carly Long – Chairperson
 - ii. Met last month and worked on outline together
 - iii. Looking at doing some CE workshops recommended by HUD
- Data Committee – Kasy Crumley
 - i. No meeting yet this month; next meeting is next Thursday, February 29th
- Youth Homelessness Subcommittee
 - i. Ed Singer – Chairperson
 - ii. Revamping and will have agencies provide shared responsibility
- Ending Veterans Homelessness Subcommittee
 - i. Roberta Lawrence - Chairperson
 - ii. Members – Gina Valentine, Amy Baker
 - iii. Meeting every month on the 2nd Friday
 - iv. 4 approved for VASH vouchers, 2 moved out of the area, 3 were housed and continue to be housed
 - v. Veterans Celebration on May 5th at the CCFM
 - vi. Khalert grant due in April
 - vii. Task Force meeting is Monday at 1pm and is virtual
- Outreach Subcommittee
 - i. Taneytown Resource Fair – April 18th from 9am-12pm
- Youth Homelessness Subcommittee – Ed Singer
 - i. First meeting is April 10
 - ii. Adding new team members

6. COC NOFO Discussion/Action Items – Corey Hardinger

- Shared the scoring sheets that were sent to the board
- HUD used the most recent PIT count data which showed a homeless increase from 85 to 122 and we received 0 pts.
- Develop strategies to walk through Performance Measures
- Opportunity exists to incorporate DV survivors into the Circle of Caring and sit on the Exec Board
- Areas with MOUs as a COC to providers; look at Exec COC as a whole and draft MOUS for each agency
- Create MOUs, not financial arrangements
- We have no control over Westminster City admitting participants into the voucher program
- Policy work needs updating before the NOFO submission
- Carly Long shared her presentation

7. Homeless Services Summit at CCC-Celene & Stephanie

- May 21st from 8am-3pm; start at 8:45am
- Four panels
 - Shelter, Housing and Food
 - Youth
 - Medical Behavioral Health
 - Education and WorkForce
- Next planning meeting is April 1st at 3pm
- Looking to have folks attend that have lived homeless experience; looking at a way to pay panel participants and attendees who have lived homeless experience
- Could possibly use HSP FY24 grant funding

8. Upcoming Training for Circle of Caring Meeting Ideas and Community Spotlight Suggestions

- Hoffa Foundation – transportation
- Having other providers for level of care and services
- Brief recap on how people access services (Tammy and Vicky trainings for July COC)

The next Executive Board Meeting will take place in person on Monday, April 22nd from 2:00pm to 4pm VIRTUALLY