

# Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

## *Continuum of Care – Executive Board*

**Meeting Date:** January 22, 2024

**Time:** 2:0 pm-4:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual on GoTo Meeting

**Chair:** Celene Steckel

### **Topic Discussion**

**Attendance** - Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Ed Singer, Amy Baker, Kaysy Crumley, Stephanie Halley, Tammy Black, Scott Yard, Cathy Baker, Corey Hardinger, Nicole Jackman, Roberta Lawrence, Vicky Kretzer, Jennifer Graybill, Gina Valentine, Samantha Garcia, Joanna Waters, Sue Doyle, Stephanie Powers, Danielle Yates, Angel Hill, Carly Long, Eric Brown, Debby Standiford, Andrea Dyson

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

## **2. Approval of the November 27th Minutes**

- Eric Brown motions to approve
- Scott Yard seconds
- Minutes approved without objection

## **3. Shelter Utilization Report**

- Night by Night – high numbers lately; highest was 48; 4 positive COVID cases; mask protocol being followed in NbN; rise in new individuals utilizing shelter; uptick in discharges from detention centers and hospitals
- Adult only – now up to 40 capacity

## **4. Overflow for Night by Night for cold weather update – Gina Valentine**

- MOU created with Citizen Services and HSP for using the Westminster Senior Center (multipurpose room and lobby) as an overflow for the Night by Night Shelter from November 15<sup>th</sup>-March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Hours will be from 9pm-7am
- There are some blackout dates
- 30-40 individuals taking advantage of warming center hours

## **5. Subcommittee Development Discussion**

- Map out priorities for each subcommittee
  - i. Need secretary, note taker
  - ii. Get subcommittees moving by February/March
- Lived Homelessness Subcommittee
  - i. Amy Baker – chairperson; objective to reduce homelessness and increase participation of homeless individuals
  - ii. Members - Scott Yard, Mike Clavin, Rickey Pauley, Laurie Galloway
  - iii. Corey and Ed finding out new individual on the YHSC interested in participating with lived experience
  - iv. Looking to start a lived experience advisory group
- Advocacy Subcommittee – looking at legislative impact
  - i. Chairperson – searching for a steering member that could guide committee
  - ii. Members - Judi Nance
  - iii. Suggestion made that someone should chair the committee that does not include “our” agencies
  - iv. Sent out Governor Moore’s Housing Package Guide
- Affordable Housing Subcommittee
  - i. Celene Steckel – Chairperson
  - ii. Members - Eric Brown, Danielle Yates, Tiffany Fossett, Heather Powel, Jennifer Graybill, Paul Moffett, Gina Valentine, Vicky Kretzer, Corey Hardinger, Paige Sunderland
  - iii. 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
  - iv. 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
  - i. Tammy Black – chairperson; objective to develop processes of discharges and appropriate admissions
  - ii. Members – Stephanie Halley, Celene Steckel, Jennifer Graybill, Joanna Waters, Kaysy Crumley, Sharon McClernan
  - iii. One representative from the Detention Center, Westminster Rescue Mission, DSS, and Springfield suggested and pending
  - iv. Multi-discipline referrals – how many are falling through the cracks or not eligible for services
  - v. Potomac would be able to help with follow through, peer support also an option
  - vi. Jenny and Celene meeting offline to develop a list
- Co-Case Management Coordinated Subcommittee
  - i. Samantha Garcia - Chairperson
- Temporary Ad Hoc Committee of the Coordinated Entry Committee to review Needs Assessment Tool/TA from HUD
  - i. Carly Long – Chairperson
  - ii. Members – Debby Standiford, Kaysy Crumley, Joanna Waters, Mike Clavin, Samantha Garcia, Jenny Graybill
- Data Committee
  - i. Carly Long and Kaysy Crumley co-chairpersons
  - ii. Meeting with HUD this Friday
- Youth Homelessness Subcommittee
  - i. Ed Singer – Chairperson
- Ending Veterans Homelessness Subcommittee
  - i. Roberta Lawrence - Chairperson
  - ii. Members – Gina Valentine, Amy Baker

## **6. Funding/DHCD Updates – Corey Hardinger**

- No COC NOFO updates
- DHCD – revamped all submissions, assessments, but no timelines
- Community Reinvestment & Repair Fund (Cannabis Reform Act Funding) (Pot Pot)
  - i. Cannabis Reform Act – Carroll County receiving 2% related to cannabis crimes \$300k
  - ii. Specific uses for funding to target impact area, homeless services (expand RRH, funding a Day Center)
  - iii. Will be an inconsistent funding source
  - iv. Celene will send out eligible uses for funding from the Office of Social Equity

## **7. Homeless Services Cross Agency Training at CCC – Stephanie Halley**

- Coordinate meeting for planning this training
- Ideas for buckets of money to fund training:
  - i. Cathy Baker said the LBHA might be able to help with funding
  - ii. Corey Hardinger said we are waiting on bonus funding from the HSP grant that might help

## **8. Subcommittee Updates**

- Youth Updates – Ed Singer
  - i. Meeting quarterly

ii. Met with Zac Tomlin employment of disconnected youth

iii. Youth Action Board meeting on Wednesday

- Ending Veterans Homelessness – Gina Valentine

i. Veterans Benefits and Claims Clinic at Soth Carroll Senior Center March 13<sup>th</sup>

- Cathy Baker - Town Hall on February 6<sup>th</sup> rescheduled; hybrid meeting; submit written testimony; Secretary will be present

- Amy Baker – Sequential Intercept March 21<sup>st</sup>

- Tammy Black – new fulltime dentist hired, Dr. Julian Woods

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

- Entitlement Benefits Training

*The next Executive Board Meeting will take place in person on Monday, February 26th from  
2:00pm to 4pm VIRTUALLY*