

8/8/2024  
Meeting Agenda

**Welcome and Housekeeping**

*The Housing & Homeless Coalition welcomes ideas, opinions, and knowledge from a broad spectrum of partners; thus meetings are open to the public and new members are always welcomed. Meetings take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm. Email [ciabottonidina@gmail.com](mailto:ciabottonidina@gmail.com) for the meeting information and to provide input and feedback. Meetings are not permitted to be recorded.*

*Archived Coalition Meeting Minutes are available at <https://www.bchmis.info/>*

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**1. Open Discussion**

**Rosalyn Johnson (Pinnacle Treatment Center)** introduced new case workers, Maddie and Kaley.

**Natalie Thomas (Family Matters)** shared that the food pantry received a donation of refrigerators from another church. For more information about the pantry visit their website at <https://www.familiesmatterfoodpantry.org/find-food/>

**Dina (CoC)** announced that Grace Lutheran Church in Rochester will be hosting Judy's Communal Table every third Thursday of the month at 5 pm. Dina also shared that October 10<sup>th</sup> is world homeless day and The Cornerstone of Beaver County will be hosting an event at the courthouse. We agreed as a group to attend the event in place of the monthly meeting.

**Mike Little (Housing Authority of the County of Beaver)** shared that the housing authority is going through renovations and staff has been dispersed throughout the county.

**Zabriawn Smith (Housing Opportunities)** shared that they moved locations from Beaver to Rochester. He reminded the group of month workshops available on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Zabriawn shared that clients can use their section 8 vouchers to purchase a home and they work in conjunction with the housing authority. He stated financial counseling will be provided, there is closing cost assistance, and utilities cannot be paid with the voucher.

**Dorothy Budd (Salvation Army)** reminded the group that project bundle up is coming up, check the website for more information.

**Nancy Grieco (Red Cross)** reported two single family fires in Beaver County, five adults have been displaced and the cases are still open.

**2. Agenda**

**Duquesne Light Company**

**Kimberly Squire**

Duquesne Light Company representatives shared information about the programs available to customers. Programs include the budget billing program, payment arrangements for financial hardship, CAP (customer assistance program) for low income households, CARES program for temporary hardships and requires no income guidelines, LIHEAP, and dollar energy fund. Contact Duquesne Light for additional information on programs or apply online at [www.duquesnelight.com/cap](http://www.duquesnelight.com/cap) Columbia Gas also has budget programs to assist with bills such as the budget program, CARES program, CAP (customer assistance program), weatherization program, and an audit/rebate program.

**CoC Funding Competition**

**Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina announced that the CoC funding competition is now open. Applications are due September 13<sup>th</sup> before 12 pm, and selected projects applications are due in e-snaps by 4 pm on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Bed Availability**

**Dina Ciabattoni**

See attached.

**NEXT MEETING: September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm**

## **SAVE THE DATES & OPPORTUNITIES**

**9/13/24 CoC and DV Bonus proposals** due by noon to the Community Development Program located at 1013 8th Avenue Beaver Falls, PA 15010. The Request for Proposals can be found here:

<https://www.beavercountypa.gov/departments/community-development>

**9/13/24 Zero Suicide Town Hall** from 9-3:30 at Shadow Lakes (200 Beaver Lakes Blvd Aliquippa, PA 15001). To register, visit:

<https://forms.gle/UQ9RSNHIABMiqv1TA>

**9/14/24 Veteran Muster** from 10-2 at 2850 Jack Street (Hopewell Twp) Aliquippa.

Free meals, haircuts, resources, counseling referrals, employment resources, and much more for veterans! For more information visit:

[www.wildwoodchapel.com/muster](http://www.wildwoodchapel.com/muster) or call 724.417.7925

**9/27/24 RENEWAL and NEW COC proposals are due** by 4 pm in e-snaps

**For assistance with SNAP benefits**, contact Patricia Ferricks from the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank at: [pferricks@pittsburghfoodbank.org](mailto:pferricks@pittsburghfoodbank.org), cell: 724.549.8463, or visit at TCBC (600 6<sup>th</sup> Street Beaver Falls, PA)

**Updated Free Meal Schedule and Food Pantries can be found at:** [www.bchmis.info](http://www.bchmis.info)

**Information on NA meetings** throughout the county (both in person and online), visit: [beavervalleyyna.org](http://beavervalleyyna.org)