

9/12/2024  
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**

**Angela Pope (Community College of Beaver County)** introduced new key facilitator Amber Lutes, she formerly worked for CYS. The program helps with financial assistance for students with TANF or SNAP.

**Monique Anderson (Harmony House)** shared that the new recovery and wellness program is open. Clients must have an open CYS case and they must be working with a housing program. Recovery and wellness provides assistance to the community to connect resources and to help overcome barriers.

**Cami Williams (Mental Health Association)** reminded the group of the upcoming mental health training on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Mental Health Association.

**Zabriawn Smith (Housing Opportunities)** shared that they can provide assistance for closing cost or grants to purchase a home. He reminded the group of upcoming workshops September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Aliquippa and September 19<sup>th</sup> in New Castle.

**Nancy Grieco (Red Cross)** reported one single family fire in Beaver County, the family has insurance and is being taken care of. Nancy also shared on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm the red cross will be installing smoke detectors.

**Dina (CoC)** announced that they are seeking to hire a data quality analyst to work with the HMIS program. The position will pay \$1500 monthly.

## **2. Agenda**

### **Crop & Kettle**

**Aria Miller**

Aria shared that Crop and Kettle is a 16 week job training program that focuses on teaching cooking and restaurant readiness skills to help individuals achieve livable wages. They aim to instill value and purpose in students through programs like culinary training and agriculture taught by their skilled team. The program can accommodate up to 24 students per year offering hands on training with results of certificates, job placement, or even opening their own business. Crop and Kettle also assist local communities by donating vegetables to low income families, providing fresh produce and also through catering services.

**CoC Funding Competition****Dina Ciabattoni**

Dina announced that the CoC funding competition proposals are due tomorrow by 12 pm. Selected projects are anticipated to be announced by Monday, no later than Tuesday and applications are due in e-snaps by 4 pm on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Renewals are due by September 27<sup>th</sup> by 4 pm.

**Bed Availability****Dina Ciabattoni**

See attached. Dina shared there are not a ton of openings. Valleyview has 2 bedroom apartments available. All housing programs have increased this month.

**In lieu of an October meeting, we will be gathering on October 10th from 12 pm to 1 pm at the Beaver County Courthouse to acknowledge World Homeless Awareness Day! Please join us to help raise awareness of this critical issue.**

## **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

**9/17/24 Stand Against Stigma Training** from 1-4 pm at the Mental Health Association located at 105 Brighton Avenue 2nd floor Rochester, PA 15074

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

**9/27/24 Data Quality Analyst proposals are due** by 4 pm to CDP at 1013 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Beaver Falls, PA 15010

**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)