

1/11/2024
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 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm. Email 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/>

1. Open Discussion

Francie Booterbaugh (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) announced that The Cornerstone of Beaver County has a job opportunity for an outreach position available. Jess is temporarily filling in.

Emily Shuster (CareerLink) shared that they are planning a re-entry summit and working with DRS, CCBC, and other partners.

Zabriawn Smith (Housing Opportunities) announced they will be hosting a homeowner workshop January 17th at Huntington Bank in Beaver from 6 pm to 7 pm. They will discuss stable income and first time grant for closing cost.

Theresa Lukes (Blind Association) announced they will be moving locations by the end of March and there will be an upcoming free clinic in September to help with eye exams and glasses.

Shawn Johnson (Clear Choices) shared information about the outreach program and stated anyone can utilize the program.

Heather Slaughter (SDHP) reminded the group of regular scheduled webinars available and the Housing Conference taking place June 11th and 12th. She also shared they are hiring two Housing Coordinators in Wester PA.

Rayetta Lee (Deewalk Promise Hands) announced that she completed the zoning hearing and her shelter was approved. They are looking to do something for Aliquippa. She also shared, any woman in need of treatment to contact Caprice Reed at Matrix.

Annie Dayich (VA Clinic Rochester) shared they received a donation and will be holding a clothing drive for Veterans. Clothing, food, hygiene, and household items will be provided to all veterans even if they aren't enrolled.

Shante Thompson (Cornerstone Recovery and Supports) shared that The Center of Midland youth assisted with packing the Point in Time supplies. She also informed the

group that The Center has a clothing and food bank available to anyone in the county. Contact Jen Miller for additional information at jen@midland.center Shante reminded the group to check on their clients, a female body was found this afternoon near Geneva College.

Maggie Ward (Gateway) shared information about the new community based recovery specialist for Beaver County.

Jan Davis (Trails) announced that volunteers are needed for the weekly meals provided. She shared that Red Door Church at 1217 6th Avenue provides 1,000 meals weekly and Table of Grace can't do Mondays anymore, but they assist 100 to 150 people.

Debbie Pilz (New Hope Haven) reported that the New Hope Haven Pregnancy home is open and accepting four ladies now. They are interviewing clients 18 and older who are not using substances or maintenance, have no other children, is smoke free, and can pass a background check. If interested call 412.204.6119.

2. Agenda

Crisis Services

Crisis Team

Michelle Slaughter and Mike Edelsign shared that CRISIS is available via phone 24/7, walk-in Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm, and mobile Monday through Friday 9 am to 7 pm. Crisis is working to increase staff, add more mobile team members, partner with Western Psych and Beaver County, and create a hospital diversion and safety plans. Crisis has a certified specialist, and those in need can call for a consultation. They can be reached at 724.371.8060 or 800.400.6180.

Point in Time Survey

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina shared information about the upcoming point in time survey and reminded the group to sign up for the training if they are participating in the community.

DHS Housing Strategy

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina shared information about the DHS Housing Strategy.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

See attached.

NEXT MEETING: February 8th at 1:30 pm

SAVE THE DATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Housing Strategy Survey: <https://deloittesurvey.deloitte.com/Community/se/3FC11B261EAA9B6D>

01/19/24 Point In Time MANDATORY Training at 10-11:30 on Zoom. Required for anyone who plans to complete surveys.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84046726082?pwd=M01xWTZYRzZHQkNZWDISU09Yak1KUT09>

01/23/24 Point In Time Event ALL DAY! Email ciabatonidina@gmail.com if interested in participating.

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

Updated Free Meal Schedule and Food Pantries can be found at: www.bchmis.info

TRAININGS AVAILABLE!! Visit <http://www.bc-systemofcare.org/training/>

Information on NA meetings throughout the county (both in person and online), visit: beavervalleyna.org