

11/9/2023  
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**

**Heather Slaughter (SDHP)** shared that a flyer will be sent out for landlord risk, and 811 information.

**2. Agenda**

**Partners overview of their services**

**Melissa Grimes (Housing Authority of the County of Beaver)** shared that she works for the housing authority as program director of Crescent Commons a permanent supportive housing program, safely homes a program for victims of domestic violence, and is the hearing officer. In order to utilize the programs you must go through coordinated entry. She stated that the housing authority would be starting a new partnership with Boy Scouts and troop leaders are needed. Melissa can be reached at 724.993.3217 or Lisa Conway can be reached at 724.775.1220 ext 209.

**Shante Thompson (Cornerstone Recovery & Supports)** shared that she is the housing support coordinator who assist clients that are homeless with a mental health diagnosis. She stated that CRS also has CRR group homes and transitional housing Stone Harbour that you must go through coordinated entry to get into. For referrals call 724.987.3839.

**Renee Sannan/Brionna Massey (The Salvation Army)** shared The Salvation Army programs with the group. They shared they have food banks, summer lunch programs, rental assistance, utility assistance, bus passes available, soup kitchen Sundays at 3 pm and after school programs on Wednesday for youth from 4:30 pm to 6 pm and Thursday from 5 pm to 7 pm for teens. The utility and rental assistance programs are currently out of funding until 2024. For additional information please call 724.846.1089.

**Rayetta Lee (DeeWalk Promise Hands)** announced that she is in the process of opening a shelter and sober living facilities. Call 412.480.8720 or 412.302.5232 if you know someone who is in need of help.

**Chris Leininger (Community College of Beaver County)** announced that students are working on sustainability and developing a tiny house. They are in need of additional data to put some things together.

**Rich Pirozzi (Veteran's Association)** shared that they have programs to assist veterans with homelessness, and court. He reported that they have an outreach team to assist with camps and shelters and justice outreach. The housing programs are grant per diem, there are several housing sites where veterans can stay 6 months to 2 years. The contact is Denise S, she can be reached at 412.377.4689.

**Tracy Irwin (Beaver County Behavioral Health Drug & Alcohol)** shared that the SOR program is to assist opioid abuse clients for 6 months, they can be homeless but  $\frac{3}{4}$  houses are not permitted. Contact 724.891.2827 for additional information.

**Mike Little (Housing Authority of the County of Beaver)** stated that he oversees the CARL program for the housing authority of the county of Beaver. To qualify for the program you must go through coordinated entry and have a case manager. He shared that they have been doing speed groups at the Brodhead building to brain storm, create safety plans and climbing mountains. Refreshments are provided. He can be reached at 724.912.3709.

**Jose Gonzalez (Trails Ministries)** shared that Trails has programs to help adolescents from 17 to 26 years old that come through CYS or foster programs get housing. They have prison and mental programs available to assist individuals with housing. You can call 412.218.5528 or email Sally Ricci at s.ricci@trailsministries.org

**Saffra Rahonany (Summit Legal)** announced that legal aid trainings are available to everyone. She also stated that legal aid is available for reasonable accommodations such as emotional support animals, adjustments to rent due dates, housing equipment for disabled individuals, and to file fair housing complaints. Contact Jennifer at 877.725.4472.

**Ife Orebiyi (RHLS)** is from regional legal services and they represent non-profit organizations around housing. Services are free for representation of organizations.

**Annie Dayich (Veteran's Clinic Rochester)** shared that the veterans association saw a need for outpatient clinics in rural areas. Services include transportation for services they can't do, healthcare of all incomes, local help to get HCHV, labs, free hearing aids, EKG, and telehealth. Enrollment is easy, call 724.709.6005.

**Clint Nahod (Soldier On SSVF)** announced that Soldier On provides services to 23 counties. Soldier On has case management, peer support, landlord incentives, security deposits, move in cost, beds, healthcare, shallow subsidy, and can pay half of rent for up to 2 years. There are no offices, call 1.866.406.8449 for service.

**Chris Anderson (The Cornerstone of Beaver County)** stated that she works at the men's shelter where they have 20 beds for homeless men. They can link clients to long term housing, connect them to services, and help them obtain documents. To contact the shelter call 724.846.6400 option 1.

**Jessica Sabol (The Cornerstone of Beaver County)** shared that she is the housing services manager for The Cornerstone of Beaver County. They provide coordinated entry screenings for programs such as emergency solutions grant, rapid rehousing, and transitional housing. There is also other assistance for homeless prevention, supportive services for veteran families, state opioid response, stable housing innovation facilitated teams, and keeping families connected.

**Zabriawn Smith (Housing Opportunities)** shared that they are a 30 year HUD counseling agency that provides financial counseling to purchase homes. A monthly workshop will be held November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at 702 Davis Street in Aliquippa. Housing Opportunities provide first time home buyer trainings, section 8 for buying a home, and mortgage counseling. To register contact Zabriawn at 724.728.7511 or via email at [zsmith@housingopps.org](mailto:zsmith@housingopps.org)

**Emily Linkenheimer (Prevention Network)** shared services they provide such as family group decision making, CYS fee waivers, crisis rapid responses, and referrals from juvenile services. Call 724.413.9588 for more information.

**Debbie Piltz (New Hope Haven Pregnancy Home)** announced that they are a residential home for pregnant woman 18 and older. The home is due to open January 2024 and will be ran by a house mom. Please visit [pro-life.org](http://pro-life.org) or call 412.204.6119.

**Cyndi Gilkey (NLS)** provided brochures and explained that NLS can provide assistance to housing cases, evictions or eviction appeals, and custody. She explained income guidelines and screenings, and grants for programs. Trainings are available, visit [www.nlsa.us](http://www.nlsa.us) or call 866.761.6572 for intake.

**Marlene Landrum (Community Development)** shared that they do not provide direct services, but provide funding to programs such as supportive services for veteran families (SSVF), CA for coordinator of care funding, emergency solutions grant (ESG), HAP, and emergency rental assistance program (ERAP). Community development also helps with home accessibility, emergency home improvement, and home investment partnerships for low to moderate income individuals. For assistance call 724.770.2040.

**Bed Availability**  
See attached.

**Dina Ciabattoni**

**NEXT MEETING: December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm**

## **SAVE THE DATES & OPPORTUNITIES**

**11/12/23 Youth Mental Health First Aid** 9 am – 5 pm at the BVIU 147 Poplar Avenue Monaca, PA. To register, email [jennifer@etc-pa.com](mailto:jennifer@etc-pa.com)

**11/15/23 Point In Time Survey Planning Meeting** at 1:30 pm. Let Dina know if you're interested in attending.

**11/17/23 PHFA Grief & Loss Webinar** at 10 am. To register, visit: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/06f6bf87-6f42-4b99-82aa-6cdd9c49549e@02ec4d4e-57f5-47dd-86d6-65521d7224166>

**11/20/23 Adult Mental Health First Aid** 9 am – 5 pm at the BVIU 147 Poplar Avenue Monaca, PA. To register, email [jennifer@etc-pa.com](mailto:jennifer@etc-pa.com)

**11/21/23 Homeless Memorial planning meeting** at 1:30 pm. Location TBD.

**11/23/23 Thanksgiving Dinner** at Central Methodist Church from 11-2 located at 1227 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Beaver Falls. Volunteers and desserts needed for approximately 200 people.

**11/23/23 Thanksgiving Dinner** at Clinton Methodist Church from 11-1. Located at 1147 Old State Rt 18 Wampum

**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)**

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

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