



Meeting Date: May 11, 2021

Time: 8:30 am

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Tammy Black

### Topic Discussion

#### Attendance:

Claire Payne, Celene Steckel, Nelda Caballero, Judi Nance, Lauren Biggs, Christina Kuntz, Tammy Folkerts, Sondra Groft, Caroline Babylon, Danielle Yates, Tifinie Criner, Gabby Zelaya, Linda Ibex, Louis Yeager, Janet Mickey, Gina Valentine, Myrna Stuart, Katie Kirby, Paul Moffett, Michael Clavin, Amanda Chase, Leslie Wagner, Jenny Graybill, Tony, Shane Fox, Scott Yard, Eric Brown, Bobbie Lawrence, Joanna Waters, Lillie Hardie, Stephanie Halley, Tammy Black, Javier Toro, Lauren Biggs, Carly Long, Edwin Singer, Elizabeth Daveron, Dona Foster, Heather Powell

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions (Tammy Black)

##### i. Needs and Community / Partner updates

Westminster City Police Department, Captain Nikki Heuer-- Recently certified as a Trauma-Informed Instructor. She will gladly teach any agency interested. 410-848-7628 [nheuer@westgov.com](mailto:nheuer@westgov.com)

Westminster Public Library, Christina Kuntz- open with limited hours, most of the normal services are in place. Computer time is limited.

Safe Families for Children, Tammy Folkerts- Host children who families are in crisis. We are not foster care; we are a non-profit that is volunteer driven. A Host Family volunteers provide a safe, temporary home for children. This allows parents to focus on crisis situations, like homelessness, without worrying about losing parental custody.

Salvation Army, Sondra Groft- Served 2917 meals to 634 households. Produce giveaway will begin tomorrow at 10 am.

Carroll County Food Sunday, Caroline Babylon-We have a separate shelf of food for homeless individuals. Our veggie voucher program is about to start which they'll be able to use at local farmers markets. CCFS Westminster hours are Tues, Wed, Thurs from 10-11:15am and 1-2:15pm. Sat from 9-11:15am. Taneytown on Thurs. from 9:30-11:15am. And Eldersburg on Wednesdays from 10-12pm. Know someone with food needs?

Call Caroline Babylon- 410-857-7926

Bureau of Housing, Danielle Yates- Javier Toro & Judi Nance are our Housing Stability Coordinators. If you have someone who needs assistance with Rapid Rehousing, Eviction Prevention, or Mainstream Vouchers- they will help! We will be hiring a third Housing Stability Coordinator soon.

Together We Own It!, Katie Kirby- Our next food and donation giveaway is Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm at our location on John Street

St. Vincent De Paul, Myrna Stuart- Our offices are not open to visitors. There is food in the pantry available to anyone. Just call the office.

Westminster Rescue Mission, Stephanie Halley- WRM's Food program is expanding their storage space so we can distribute more food throughout the County. Becoming a TEFAP provider as well. Over the summer we will be doing produce giveaways every other Saturday. At the Addiction Healing Center, we have beds available. Currently hiring a peer recovery coordinator position.

Brian's Safe Haven, Lillian Hardie- we have a new location! 2325 Feeser Road in Taneytown. We will become a TEFAP provider soon. We will also be holding an open house in June. Food pick up is available on Tuesday's from 10am-2pm by appt only.

Housing Stability Coordinator, Javier- On May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am I will be providing a refresher course on the Mainstream Voucher. Hosted through Microsoft Teams. Please contact if you are interested in attending.

Springboard Community Services, Elizabeth Davoren- We have prepared a training to inform others what our services are, this can be a virtual or in person training.

Access Carroll, Tammy Black- Genoa Pharmacy is moving into Access Carroll!

## **2. Homelessness COVID-19 Response**

### **a. Night by Night Shelter (HSP)**

HSP has added additional capacity to the night by night shelter and are slowly increasing capacity at Adult Only shelter. The night by night shelter is ran on a year-round basis, which has eliminated the need for the cold weather shelter. Night by Night opens at 7pm closes at 8am.

### **b. Day Center Updates (HSP)**

On April 1<sup>st</sup> the temp shelter at Saint Paul's transitioned to the Day Center from 10am-8pm. So far, 26 individuals have been served. Averaging 5 or 6 individuals a day. Planning to run the shelter until mid to late June. Looking at other

funding options to extend that to January.

**c. Encampment/Street Outreach (HSP/CCHD)**

**i. Outreach Committee Update (Mike Clavin & Amanda Chase)**

There are currently 10 people living in encampments.

Stacia and Mike are serving them every week. The number of people at the Boston Inn has declined. Many folks are couch surfing. Encampments in Westminster, one homeless in Hampstead. Still have plenty of tents and sleeping bags available if needed.

An outreach calendar will be provided so citizens can know where the outreach team will be and when.

**d. Shelter Utilization Updates/Vacancies Availability/Waitlists (HSP/Springboard)**

**i. Adult/Family (Joanna Waters)**

Adult only shelter is full.

2 families interested in getting vaccinated in the family shelter and 16 adult only participants have been vaccinated.

Anyone can walk into the old Sears location to be vaccinated. Check the Health Departments website for availability. It is a much easier time to get vaccinated.

**ii. Domestic Violence (Liz Davoren)**

One shelter client got their 1<sup>st</sup> COVID vaccination last week.

As an incentive to get vaccinated- if the shelter participants bring their final certificate to the soup kitchen. They will receive a \$10 Subway gift card.

**e. Food Resources-Vicky Keller**

No update provided.

**3. Homeless Veterans by name list update-(Amy Baker/Gina Valentine)**

Continued issues with Veterans by Name spreadsheet. There are only 24 veterans. They are only allowing us to work with a 3-month time period.

**4. Funding Updates (Debby Standiford)**

**a. CDBG -COVID Round 2 Funding**

CDBG realized there were many restrictions compared to most of the other COVID grants released, so they lessened the restrictions. This funding will now be used by Westminster Rescue Mission, Access Carroll, and the ARC for different projects surrounding COVID-19.

**b. ESG COVID Round 2 Funding**

**c. ERAP Stimulus Funding**

The ERAP Flyer will come out either today or tomorrow

**d. COC NOFA**

We are still in anticipation of the drop date.

**5. COC Executive Committee Strategic Planning (in person session)-May 24<sup>th</sup>- 2:00-4:00pm**

RSVP required. Contact Claire Payne. We will use this time to determine what the community feels the CoC's needs are.

**6. Homeless Youth Data from CCPS (provided by Dona Foster)**

HOMELESS STUDENTS TO-DATE THIS YEAR 2020-2021								
09/27/20	10/30/20	11/30/20	12/31/20	01/29/21	02/28/21	03/31/21	04/30/21	
21	30	43	48	47	54	58	73	TOTAL HOMELESS
6	11	15	17	18	21	23	30	Elementary
5	4	11	12	11	12	14	19	Middle
10	15	17	19	18	21	21	24	High and Post Secondary
4	6	10	10	9	9	12	18	Special Education
5	6	7	7	8	8	8	9	Unaccompanied
1	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	ELL
13	13	20	22	21	26	29	29	Doubled Up
0	6	8	11	11	11	11	20	Hotel
1	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	Shelter
5	6	10	10	10	12	13	17	Temporary (temporarily dislocated due to fire, flood, etc.-will return to their home
2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Other (living in a situation that may include a car, park, tent, camper or on the street, etc...)

“As of **April 30, 2021 (73)** students have been identified as homeless. This is a cumulative/running report with the exception that, if a student has withdrawn from CCPS (i.e. Home schooling, private school, moved out of county, etc....) they have been removed from the chart.”

**Next Scheduled Meeting – July 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**  
**Virtual Go-To Meeting**