



Meeting Date: September 13, 2022

Time: 9:15 am

In person and Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Tammy Black

Topic Discussion

Attendance:

Jason Martin, Tzadda Carpenter, Amy Meyer, Lauren Biggs, Nikki Heuer, Lt. Tim Rife, Lou Yeager, Paul Moffett, Stacia CCHD, Amy Baker, Angelia Finn (HSP), Dotty Dalphon, Deputy Colussy, Mike Grazer, Andy Millman, Sara Ruiz, Sheila Coleman, Dr. Darcel Harris, Marty Kuchma, Jennifer Grabill (peer CCHD), Debby Standiford, Nicole Shifflet, Emily Bell, Madisen Jones, Kami intern CCVIP, Sue Doyle, Caroline Babylon, Elaine Scott, Veranice Williams, Jamie Keller, Jennifer Graybill, Javier Toro, Cheri Ebaugh, Stephanie Halley, Julie McGraw, Scott Yard, Tammy Black, Stephanie Krome, Celene Steckel, Tammy Black, Judi Nance, Danielle Yates, Katie Speert, Lorrie Yinger, Gina Valentine, Dee Anne Weber, Joanna Waters, Tiffany Fossett, Stacey Hartman, Donna Devilbiss, Michael Clavin

1. Welcome – Tammy Black

a. Needs and Community/Partners updates

- i. Nikki Heuer – Quick Response Team; hired a case manager and have 2 peers from the Health Department on the team; served 15 individuals
- ii. Scott Yard – HSP is now open 8am-4pm M-F; currently in process of working on MOU with Habitat with purchasing furniture for homeless individuals; apply for energy assistance before it gets cold out
- iii. Katie Speert – Together We Own It – opened Adoptive Family Program apply online to be adopted for Christmas; opened our Transitional Youth Drop-in Center; kids 18-24 between 12noon-5pm M-Thurs can stop in and meet with case managers, grab lunch
- iv. Stephanie Halley – Westminster Rescue Mission – OkSOBERfest – October 15th; program is no longer 9 months, new 3 phased program; now allowing smoking on campus and MAT

b. COC Meetings-In Person at Exploration Commons with new time of 9:15am-11:15am

2. Approval of July’s Meeting Minutes

- a. Lou Yeager motion to approve; Stephanie Halley seconded; minutes approved, no opposed

3. Community Spotlight Presentation – Vehicles for Change – Tzadda Carpenter, VP of Operations

- a. Grant to award 18 cars for Carroll County residents
- b. Requirements for the program:

- i. Recipients cannot have a vehicle in their name
- ii. Must provide a driving history from MVA to make sure they can get insurance
- iii. Have a valid MD state drivers license with no current DUI's or DWI's
- iv. Need a copy of the Social Security Card
- v. Must work a minimum of 30 hours per week
- vi. Need copy of pay stubs if currently employed
- vii. Must qualify for low income and attend a car orientation before receiving the car
- viii. All applications submitted by email or fax
- ix. Applicants cannot have a previous award with VFC
- x. Single young adult won't qualify

4. Youth Homelessness Subcommittee – Celene Steckel

- a. First meeting was held last month
- b. Discussed individual and collective goals
- c. Will hold regular meetings with formal agendas; set a membership; provide reports to the Continuum during their monthly meetings; identifying services and areas of improvement related to youth homelessness; looking at data and the HMIS
- d. Create a Youth Action Board and network
- e. Next meeting for Youth Homelessness Subcommittee is tomorrow from 10:00am-11:00am; email Gabby to participate
- a. Website developed and linked to our County website

5. Shelter Services – Utilization and Capacity/Waiting Lists Joanna Waters

- a. Night by Night- During the month of August, HSP's shelter was at 73% capacity; served 42 individuals; had 3 people move out into perm housing
- b. Adult Only – During the month of August, reached 100% capacity; 31 individuals; had 1 person move out and back into Night by Night
- c. Family Shelter – During the month of August, reached 85% capacity (23 bed capacity); served 11 adults and 9 children in 7 different households; had one family move out into perm housing
- d. Street Outreach Program – served 28 adults and 5 children; 11 people exited the program; 6 of them moved to positive housing destinations; 1 to perm housing
- e. **Eligibility Lists – Jenny Graybill**
 - a. 31 adults waiting to enter the Adult Only Shelter
 - b. 9 households waiting to enter the Family Shelter
 - c. 57 households eligible for Rapid Rehousing Program
 - d. 3 Households eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing
- f. **Domestic Violence – Springboard – Celene Steckel**
 - a. In the month of August, SCS shelter has served 20 individuals; 5 adults and 3 children from Carroll County; 1 adult and

- 3 children were from Baltimore; 3 adults and 4 children from Howard; 1 adult from Salisbury
- b. Demographics 19 females and 1 male; 11 black and 5 white and 4 were Hispanic individuals
- c. 2 individuals gained successful employment income
- d. Average length of stay was 45 days
- e. 3 successful discharges from program; 4 went to unstable housing or returned to their abuser
- f. 35 hotline calls for the month August
- g. 10 total children that were in shelter in August

6. Funding Updates – Danielle Yates

a. Emergency Rental Assistance Program Funding 1 and 2 – Danielle Yates

- i. ERAP 1 additional funding a little under \$300,000 through the end of September 2022
- ii. ERAP 2 only going to December 31, 2022; now are receiving a little under \$800,000
- iii. Trying to prepare our folks to be ready to be independent when funding is over
- iv. Reach out to our Housing Stability Coordinators for assistance

b. Homeowners Assistance Program –

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund.aspx>

c. COC NOFO

- i. Fireside Chats – talking with folks with lived experience with homelessness and gathering information about areas of strengths and areas of opportunity; tonight at St. Paul’s church at 5pm; will serve dinner; want to hear people’s stories
- ii. Providing stipends to the participants for their time

7. Citizen Services Updates – Celene/Danielle/Gina

a. Housing –

- i. awarded 5 additional regular Housing Choice Vouchers
- ii. reevaluate our payment standards; separated by zip code; we are up to 100% of fair market rates in northern part of county; and up to 110% of fair market rates in the southern part of county

b. Aging-

- i. Veterans Services program – provide emergency shelter to homeless veterans who are eligible; vehicle repairs, security deposits, back rent, food, gas, clothing, telephones, and minutes; call Aging at 410-386-3800
- ii. Submitted additional application to the Khalert Foundation for additional funding for our Veterans Program; also wanted to support emergency funding for older adults as well; provide help pay for assisted living on a temporary basis; minor home repairs; downsizing and moving expenses; exterminations and pest management
- iii. Press release soon for our shredding events medication disposal events

c. Family Shelter Relocation Project –

- i. Penn Mar is sharing the building as they are transitioning out
- ii. Select Aging programs will be moving in
- iii. Family Shelter will relocate to this location
- iv. Currently in procurement process for design and engineering concept bids

8. Health Department Update – Amy Baker

- a. PATH program with Mike Clavin and Jen; eligibility is that people have a serious mental health disorder and are experiencing homelessness; get them enrolled in services and housing
- b. SOAR program – expedited way of getting people diagnosed with a serious mental health illness and experiencing homelessness to receive social security benefits
- c. September 21st Tipping the Pain Scale Event – register per the QR code and lunch provided
- d. Peer recovery support specialists – will link with people in the night-by-night shelter and also into parole and probation office
- e. Recovery month and Suicide Prevention Awareness month - \$13k raised for the county through the Out of Darkness Walk
- f. Say Nope to Dope Walk on October 1st and the Law Enforcement vs Recovery Softball game
- g. Medical side – Sue Doyle
 - a. COVID bivalent vaccines are now available at clinics posted on our website, hosting every other week on Fridays at the Health Department and at the Senior Center every other Wednesday
 - b. Money Pox vaccinations are going to be soon obtained – reach out to Health Department to get on the waitlist
 - c. In 2019 started a Venture to do outreach to high utilizers in the community of 911 services and the hospital; got put on hold with COVID; Restarting this venture at the end of November

9. Youth Services – Celene Steckel

CCPS Homeless Youth Services (See Table A) – is a running total

- a. Start of the school year; 45 total homeless students identified
- b. 21 are elementary school, 11 are in middle school; 13 are in high school; 11 were in special education; 5 were unaccompanied; 34 were doubled up; 3 were in a hotel; 1 was in a shelter; 7 were temporarily homeless due to flood/fire and will return to their home

This is the first report for the 2023 School Year!

HOMELESS STUDENTS TO-DATE THIS YEAR 2022-2023		
8/31/21	8/31/22	
No	45	TOTAL HOMELESS
DATA	21	Elementary
FOR	11	Middle
8/31/2021	13	High and Post Secondary
	11	Special Education
FIRST	5	Unaccompanied
REPORTING	0	ELL
WAS	34	Doubled Up
9/30/2021	3	Hotel
	1	Shelter
	7	Temporary (temporarily dislocated due to fire, flood, etc.-will return to their home)
	0	Other (living in a situation that may include a car, park, tent, camper on the street)

Funds for Services/Student Needs - Available for all homeless students

Homeless Grant Funds are available for **tutoring and counseling**. All homeless students are eligible. Services may be provided to close the achievement gap, as well as, prevent a student from falling behind and to assist students whose homeless status is causing stress at school.

Homeless Grant Funds are available for other needs too - just ask your PPW or the Supervisor of Student Support, if you see a student need. For example, we have a partnership with the **General Federation of Women's Club of Carroll County**. The local Women's Club is partnering with us to meet the needs of homeless students. We are very grateful for their support!

As of August 31, 2022 (45) students have been identified as homeless. This is a cumulative/running report with the exception, 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.

Two updates:

- Safety Concerns for our meetings – met and talked as Executive Committee and we are planning on having a de-escalation training at our next COC meeting; want to provide a venue where people feel safe and comfortable, but also encouraging people with lived homeless experience to share their stories; continue to offer a hybrid meeting and have a core team trained in de-escalation that attend these meetings; will have law enforcement presence at meetings as well.
- Beginning tomorrow – National Hispanic Heritage Month – offering some outreach and doing a Resource Fair while partnering with Local Management Board, Carroll Arts Center, Together We Own It; flyers are on the back counter

10. Training- Intersectionality Between Homelessness and Race– Amy Baker PowerPoint presentation

11. Revised date for next meeting/training update

12. Further Announcement:

- a. Access Carroll behavioral health hotline 443-952-9555
- b. 988 Suicide Crisis hotline – nationwide
- c. Katie Speert – Together We Own It – launching a scholarship program for helping youth 15-24 get their learner’s permit; applications will be available on their website next week; 8 scholarships available
- d. Affordable Housing Subcommittee – Celene Steckel
 - i. Forming a committee in the next months
 - ii. What barriers does Carroll County have to increasing affordable housing and what options are available
 - iii. What individuals have the highest barriers to successful housing and what solutions could be developed in Carroll
- e. Behavioral Health Hotline operated currently by Access Carroll-originally developed to assist providers to identify resources for patients, however, has become heavily utilized by clients themselves seeking behavioral health resources.
- f. Cross agency training on October 14th at Carroll Community College 9am-3pm in K100; flyers going out this week

Next Scheduled CoC Meeting (IN-PERSON) @ Exploration Commons – November 1, 2022 – 9:15am to 11:15am