

Carroll County, MD Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

Continuum of Care – Executive Board

Meeting Date: January 26, 2026

Time: 2:30 pm-4:30 pm

Location: Virtual

Chair: Celene Steckel

Topic Discussion

Attendance: Ed Singer, Bobbie Lawrence, Chris Burge, Amanda Coshun, Corey Hardinger, Kevin McGinnis, Heather Powell, Celene Steckel, Jason Martin, Danielle Yates, Emma Diblasi, Yolandie Els, Jennifer Graybill, Joanna Waters, Stephanie Halley, Carly Long, Melissa Zahn, Marie Liddick, Debby Standiford, Gina Valentine, Vicky Kretzer, Nicole Jackman

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of the December 22nd Minutes

- Ed Singer motions to approve
- Jennifer Graybill seconded,
- Minutes approved without objection

3. Shelter Utilization Review

- Scott Yard's last day with HSP is February 17
- Jenny Graybill shared HSP excel report
- The winter storm has brought tempers at the shelter; have hoteled 2 individuals in Taneytown who were older and vulnerable
- Doubling up in bunk beds
- Shelter is open extended hours for warming center
- Shelter utilization is higher than last year and the evictions are higher than last year

4. Federal Budget/COC NOFO Update

- COC NOFO will be able to have a renewal vote to continue funding
- Carly reviewed our award and it was increased slightly due to cost of living
- Total award \$641,797
- Vote to approve continuing existing COC funding – approved without objection

5. PIT COUNT – Emma Diblasi

- Had 9 volunteers go out early, and 40 volunteers later
- Running unsheltered report on Friday
- Some groups were successful in completing surveys

6. Homeless Services Summit

- Monday, May 11
- Steering Committee to be formed and meet to plan the summit

7. Subcommittee Updates:

- **Data Committee – Carly Long and Emma DiBlasi**
 - i. Federal reporting for System Performance Measures
 - ii. PIT Count wrapping up
 - iii. Sharing utilization information with Exec CoC
 - iv. Creating GIS tracking map for street outreach
- **Lived Expertise Advisory Board – Amy Baker and Chris Burge**
 - i. Met December 9th
 - ii. Working on a homeless services survey to push out by spring
 - iii. Meeting again on February 19th
- **Advocacy Subcommittee – Stephanie Halley and Dave Drezner**
 - i. Meeting January 5th at 2pm online; every 1st Monday of the month
 - ii. Dave Drezner following up with getting new members
 - iii. Focused on the PIT count and advocacy around that event
 - iv. Advocacy days and working on being a part of the Homelessness Summit
- **Access to Housing – Celene Steckel**
 - i. No update
- **Systems of Care – Scott Yard**
 - i. Transitioning to a new chair due to Scott's departure
- **Coordinated Entry – Jennifer Graybill**
 - i. Continue to meet monthly and focusing on individuals who have not gone through Coordinated Entry
- **Ending Veterans Homelessness – Bobbie Lawrence**
 - i. Met in January
 - ii. Reviewed 7 cases; 3 in shelter; 1 in an encampment; 1 in emergency housing; 2 had moved out of the area
- **Youth Homelessness – Ed Singer**
 - i. Developing a 1 pager for who we are
 - ii. Had a great guest speaker at the last meeting, professor of gender studies

- **YAB – Carly Long**
 - i. hygiene drive going on till the end of the year; just started sorting all the items collected
 - ii. next meeting is on December 30th
 - iii. YHSC improvement workgroup – working on Youth REACH survey
 - iv. meeting next week to go to Collision Course for dinner
- **Outreach**
 - i. Will be at the PIT Count on Friday
 - ii. Set up table at the soup kitchen
 - iii. Pop up resource fair event at Ascension Church on February 11th

8. Additional comments:

- Celene attended a ribbon cutting in Martinsburg, WV of a Primary Care Clinic
- Nicole Jackman – Springboard has a new food pantry and two therapists with flexibility on scheduling
- Heather Powell – WorkForce Development implementing restricted access for individuals inside the building
- Corey Hardinger still working through the CRRF money
- New Family Shelter Ribbon Cutting on March 17th at 1pm

The next Executive Board Meeting will take place in person on Monday, February 23rd at The COVE from 2:30pm to 4:30pm