



Meeting Date: November 4, 2025

Time: 9:30 am

Hybrid Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Stephanie Halley

### Topic Discussion

#### Attendance:

Stephanie Halley, Paul Moffett, Lauren McCarthy, Amy Baker, Linda Ibex, Lois Romeo, Patrick Webber, Doug Klein, Jason Martin, Celene Steckel, Tony Roman, Bobbie Lawrence, Amanda Coshun, Adison Eslinger, Joanna Waters, Lynn Kujan, Kathi Green, Ed Singer, Chris Burge, Jennifer Graybill, Caroline Babylon, Dave Drezner, Lily Stonesipher, Debby Standiford, Judi Nance, Marie Liddick, Mike Clavin, Becky Saunders, Donna Devilbiss, Katie Speert, Shannon McHale, Shamika Brown, Jim Skillington, Melissa Zahn, Lauren Biggs, Danielle Yates, Javier Toro, Matt Ramsey, Stephanie Powers, Donn Dietrich, Jason Sidock, Maria Lowry, Corey Hardinger, Kathleen Ridgely, Danielle Stansbury, Allegra Hill, Phil Sclaro, Rickey Pauley, Angela Edmonds, Aleah Williamson, Cheryl Gosaguio, Michael Ullman

#### 1. Welcome – Celene Steckel

##### a. Community Partners Introductions and Announcements

##### b. Carroll County Veterans Independence Project – Jason Sidock , Executive Director

- i. Shared presentation
- ii. Wrapping up remodel of their space; includes full kitchen, shower, washer and dryer
- iii. Bond bills to help with capital projects
- iv. Barricks will be opened soon
- v. Averaging 166 claims/month
- vi. Have mental health counseling and am averaging 10.5 per month
- vii. Located at 95 Carroll St.

#### 2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

- a. Tony Roman motions to approve, seconded by Scott Yard
- b. minutes approved, no opposition

#### 3. Outreach Update – Shannon McHale and Mike Clavin

- a. Upcoming pop-up events at the food distributions on November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- b. June through October over 191 resource packets distributed to individuals
- c. Currently working with 75 individuals who are street homeless

**4. Shelter Services – Joanna Waters and Yolandie Els**

- a. Adult Only –99% utilization rate in October with 46 individuals
- b. Family Shelter –86% utilization rate in October serving 11 adults and 5 children; one family exited to perm housing
- c. Night by Night –under 100% utilization rate in October with a high of 47; now open
- d. Wait list –
  - 1. Adult Only – 28
  - 2. Family Shelter – 4
  - 3. Rapid ReHousing – 108
  - 4. Perm Housing – 5
  - 5. Youth Rapid ReHousing – 1
- e. Gearing up for overflow as they have been on the lower end of NbN utilization
- f. See Shannon if you are in need of tents/tarps/sleeping bags

**5. Domestic Violence – Springboard – Danielle Stansbury**

- a. Shelter has been at capacity for both July and August
- b. Hartley House has been temporarily closed in Frederick due to 100% staff turnover – receiving overflow from Frederick

**6. Citizen Services Update – Celene Steckel**

- a. Thank you to all who pulled into brainstorm and come up with solutions for SNAP benefits and food distributions
- b. Executive COC Retreat - identified accomplishments
  - 1. Held a homelessness summit in May 2024
  - 2. Identified the Family Shelter Project
  - 3. Hired a COC Coordinator position
  - 4. Started an Advocacy subcommittee
  - 5. Initiated and working through a housing study that is going before the planning and zoning commission tomorrow at 6pm
  - 6. The creation of the Youth Action Board and other COC subcommittees
- c. Aging Bobbie Lawrence
  - 1. Caregiver Support Conference – November 15 from 9am-2pm
  - 2. Medicare open enrollment until December 7<sup>th</sup>; appointments are still available
  - 3. Oapps upcoming
- d. Family Shelter project – The COVE will be opening in early 2026
- e. Housing – Danielle Yates
  - 1. Voucher program working with a shortfall team for this calendar year; have paused accepting new vouchers
  - 2. Federal government is closed

3. Not currently pulling from the waitlist
4. Received all funding for November

**7. Youth Updates – Ed Singer**

- a. Youth Action Board – group of youth aged 14-24 with lived experience of homelessness
  1. Hygiene Drive – for the YAB in the month of November
  2. Source guide for youth
- b. CCPS – Kathi Green
  1. 118 homeless youth identified: up 13.5%

**8. Health Department Update – Amy Baker**

- a. PATH data – 26 people are homeless with mental health issues in the first quarter
- b. Hiring for a court diversion case manager, LEAD case manager, and QRT
- c. Suicide Awareness Coalition – Lock and talk for gun and medication locks
- d. LEAB update – 5 individuals joined the subcommittee: meetings being held at the COVE

**9. COC NOFO Update – Carly Long and Corey Hardinger**

- a. No update as the NOFO or application has not been released yet
- b. Funding will be focused on transitional housing and only 30% to perm supportive housing
- c. Everyone encouraged to take the transit survey

**10. COC Training – Michael Ullman – National Homeless Information Project**

- a. Master's degree from UNC Chapel Hill
- b. Researcher and volunteer at homeless shelters
- c. Went to Hawaii to work at a homeless shelter in Honolulu
- d. Wanted to establish a PIT count in Hawaii
- e. 3 factors of Homelessness: shift in societal norms; relaxed norms; divorce rate is low; singles low; 27% live alone
- f. Amy Baker - SOAR/SSDI
- g. Luke Cotis – SNAP/TANF/Medicaid Enrollment
- h. Scott Yard – HUD's Equal Access to Shelter and Housing

Next Scheduled CoC Meeting (IN-PERSON) @ Exploration Commons – January 13th, 2026 – 9:30am to 11:30am