

Berks Coalition to End Homelessness (BCEH) Coalition Meeting Minutes

October 21st, 2021 1:30P

Location: Zoom

Agency Presenters: Code Blue 2021-2022

Opportunity House-

Opportunity House will run a Code Blue for single females. The program has a capacity of 15 women, and already has 7 women in the program. The Code Blue program will end no later than April 1st.

Hope Rescue Mission

Hope Rescue Mission will run a Code Blue program for single men over the age of 18 starting November 15th. The program has a capacity of 100 men, however the Mission will be flexible with their capacity. Men who appear on the Mission's "Do Not Admit" list will be provided shelter in the lobby of the Mission. The Code Blue program has an April 18th end date, but the date is flexible depending on weather.

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BCEH is running a Code Blue program out of the Inn at Reading for families with children. Contact tracey@bceh.org with referrals.

Announcements:

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) BCEH-

October 4th was the last day the ERAP program was accepting new applications to be reviewed for potential funding. From October 5th through October 18th ERAP continued to accept applications to be put on a wait list. These applications did not get a case ID and are not in the system. They are stored and filed in the order in which they were received. After October 18th no new applications were accepted. Please do not send clients to the access points or to the ERAP office to complete an application because the application will not be accepted. ERAP will be referring clients to Human Relations, Family Promise & BCAP to see if they can apply to their programs for funding.

BCEH School Liaison/Resource Manager Position-

Lindsey Smith in new position as a liaison for students and their families experiencing homelessness. Will provide support, make referrals and connect students and families to resources. Contact lindseys@bceh.org with questions or referrals.

Berks Community Health Center (Jen Bauman)-

Walk up COVID 19 vaccine clinics at various locations every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10A-2P. Check www.berkschc.net for details.

BCIU (Lauren Hammond)-

Campus Connections event- November 19th, 2021 at 9A. Panel discussion on helping at-risk youth access higher education. For more information contact lauham@berksiu.org.