WASHINGTON COUNTY Continuum of Care – Local Coalition

Meeting Minutes

October 12th, 2022

1:30pm

Present Voting Members: Lori Prescott, Olivia Pozorski – Family Promise of Washington County, Laura Barajaz – FRIENDS, Inc., Cindy Costa – Center for Veterans Issues, Sarah Vogt – PSG, Karl Glunz, Kay Lucas – SVDP, John Schiraj – United Way, Gina Bartoszewicz – Dept. Veterans Affairs, Christine Huesemann – West Bend School District, Quentin Hatfield – Wisconsin Veterans Network, Melissa Weir – Lutheran Social Services, Emily Greene – Youth & Family Project, Brenda Karimi – Integrated Community Solutions

Present Non-Voting Members: Jennifer Ecker, Meredith McCoy, Stephanie VanHulst, Brenda Karimi, Becky Rehak

**Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 1:39pm October 12th, 2022**

**Introduction of COC Organizations and Representatives**

* Olivia Pozorski took roll call of all present representatives.

**Review and Approval of July 2022 Meeting Minutes**

* Motion passed to approve July 2022 Meeting Minutes.

**Memberships, MOUs & Bylaws for WCCOC**

* New Member Brenda Karimi introduced herself and discussed her role as Housing Specialist at Integrated Community Solutions. Brenda will send out Section 8 Housing application to all members of coalition to utilize. Motion passed to approve Brenda as voting member of coalition.

**Delegations & Officers for WCCOC**

* Lori Prescott asked for a vote from the coalition for Hannah Conforti to remain as the WIBOSCOC Board of Directors Delegate. Hannah has served on the Board of Directors for the WIBOS since May 2020. Motion carries.

**EHH 2022-23 Grant Cycle**

* Olivia Pozorski reported on the EHH 22-23 grant cycle. Payment request form just received to bill back to July 1st, 2022.

**EHH | RRH & HPP**

* Olivia Pozorski reported on the households being served in Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention programming. New Coordinated Entry Lead started 8/30 and she is currently being trained. She plans to look over the Prioritization list and accepted more people into the Rapid Rehousing program.
* Olivia reported serving 155 persons in Homeless Prevention programming so far in 2022, which is a massive increase. Trends continue to be households that are 2 or more months behind in rent with large amounts.

**Emergency Shelter**

* Olivia Pozorski gave an update on both Karl’s Place and Promise Center Emergency Shelter programs and reported on current waitlist and trends.
* Laura Barajaz reported on FRIENDS, Inc. emergency shelter program and stated there is currently 1 spot open and they can accept out of county referrals.

**Coordinated Entry**

* Olivia Pozorski reported that there are 28 households with children and 73 households without children on the Prioritization Lists. Washington County is finishing up referrals on the old Non-HMIS system and should be fully transitioned into the new system new week.

**Point in Time (PIT)**

* Olivia Pozorski reported on the July 2022 PIT results for Washington County. No persons were located during the count.

**Spotlight Agency**

* Emily Greene gave an update on the YHDP for the WOW area. Currently recruiting for a System Navigator to partner with WOW to serve clients in the county. The goal of this position is to help enroll and connect clients ages 18-24 years to services, and those that are transitioning out of the crossroads program at Y&FP. Emily will be reaching out to Olivia to set up meeting to discuss further.

**Other Business**

* Emily Greene reported on Gingerbread House program this year – will be held virtually, can sign up on Facebook and online.
* Lori Prescott reported on Christmas Promise Program.
* Lori Prescott updated on the new building updates for FPWC.
* Meredith McCoy discussed WIBOS possibly increasing funding for CoC funded PSH and RRH.
* Quentin Hatfield reported the county is out of funding. Lacrosse has an encampment of 400 homeless persons. Seeing an increase in living expenses and utility costs. Refer to WI Veterans Network if you have Vets with minor children.
* Kay Lucas reported SVDP has seen an increase in calls.
* Christine Huesemann reported high number of calls for energy assistance.
* Brenda Karimi stated she will send Section 8 Voucher application for all coalition members. Reported that the state just let them know they are increasing payment allowed to clients for rent. ICS waitlist is currently 1 year out, and state would like them to offer more vouchers.
* Melissa Weir reported on tenant based projects and is looking to connect with case managers on the projects, they can offer double security deposit.
* Meredith McCoy reported city of Lacrosse is using funds for security deposit mitigation fund, if there are damages above and beyond the city will help pay for damages when someone exits the program.

**2:25 PM** **Meeting Adjourn**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday January 11th, 2022 at 1:30pm**