La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness

*Collaborative, diverse, and compassionate individuals working to eliminate homelessness in La Crosse County.*

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020

Via Zoom Meetings

Present: Kim Cable (Couleecap); Julie McDermid (CCEH); Meredith McCoy (WIBOSCOC); Pat Ruda (Franciscan Sisters); Roseann Northwood (New Horizons); Heidi Svee (New Horizons); Mari Frieberg (Scenic Bluffs); Mary Jacobson; Anneliese Skoda; Becky Koske (Couleecap), Molly Betz; Amy Schanhofer (Scenic Bluffs); Kael Clemmerson (New Beginnings); Heather Fisher Wallin (La Crosse County); Abby Waters (Great Rivers HUB); Ellen Oligney (ILR); Kristi Bechtel (La Crosse County); Nate Hundt (Aptiv); Kevin Burch (Catholic Charities); Tenille Spears (YWCA); Alicia Place (La Crosse School District); Ricardo Acevedo (Social Security Administration); Anthony Larsen (CVI); Toni Van Kirk (Catholic Charities); Isaac Hoffman (LAFC);

Excused: Mark Schimpf, Teresa Byland

1. Introductions:
2. August Meeting Minutes: meeting minutes approved.
3. Agency Presentation (Scenic Bluffs): Mari Frieberg, Scenic Bluffs CEO
   1. Scenic Bluffs is a FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center)
      1. Mari’s phone number: 608-487-4931 (cell)
   2. Copy of Scenic Bluffs annual report was attached to email about meeting
   3. All services are available on a sliding fee scale.
   4. Have interpreters on staff: 10% of patients are Spanish speaking; immigration status is irrelevant.
   5. Serves people from across the region: La Crosse, Monroe and Vernon Counties.
   6. Hope to open up services in Grant County in the future.
   7. Served 7,600 patients in the past year.
   8. Provides primary health, dental, behavioral health, chiropractic, acupuncture.
   9. Waiting list for dental services of over 500 people.
      1. People under the age of 18 can by-pass the waiting list.
      2. Back up and running to full capacity. Was backed up due to COVID.
   10. Medical Outreach site in Norwalk
   11. Behavioral Health in La Crosse at St. Clare Health Mission
   12. Dental Clinic in La Crosse and Viroqua
       1. Dental Clinic in La Crosse is brand new in partnership with Gundersen
       2. Services are very limited, primarily due to COVID
       3. Trying to recruit for dentists
       4. Short term goal is to get the clinic functional 5-days per week
       5. People can call the Health Center to ask to be put on the waiting list. Reach out to Amy Schanhofer to talk about how to best work with local agencies. Amy’s phone number is: 608-654-5100, x271
4. Data Presentation (Meredith McCoy):
   1. Meredith had a presentation on a tool developed by ICA.
      1. Monthly dashboard and annual report dashboards are available on their website.
      2. The links are on the CCEH website also
   2. The tool looks at outcomes by service provider and program type.
   3. The reports will be updated for competition time (COC Competition).
5. Membership Agreements Update (Julie McDermid)
   1. Julie has gotten quite a few of these.
   2. If you haven’t turned in your membership agreements, please send them to Julie.
   3. Julie will provide a chart of agreements received next week.
   4. Julie will ask Mark to send out the blank agreements to the email list.
6. Nominations for Balance of State Board of Directors:
   1. Send in nominations to Mark Schimpf by October 13th.
7. Consumer Advisory Council Updates:
   1. No one from the CAC was present to give an update
   2. The group is continuing to meet virtually, but struggling because not all members have the technology to meet virtually.
8. Updates on Hotel/COVID/Shelter Program:
   1. Working with La Crosse County to offer shelter services at EconoLodge
   2. Testing people, voluntarily, for COVID upon entry to the hotel.
   3. The hotel will be available until the end of October.
   4. Families are a priority as well as older folks and people fleeing DV
   5. Other agencies are contributing services for this project.
   6. Referral form for the hotel is on the CCEH website
   7. People are able to refer themselves, as well as local police officers can also make referrals.
   8. As of today we have 46 people in shelter at the EconoLodge.
   9. There are still people on the waiting list. (71 referrals)
   10. We have 65 rooms, 25 only have one bed.
   11. The Warming Center will open in November, and planning to accommodate 15 people.
9. Sprint Planning (Julie McDermid)
   1. Julie will send out a spreadsheet to Mark to send to the group, where people or agencies can sign up for assignments to help with the sprint
   2. Should be a community-wide project, with teams developed.
   3. Hoping to have the Sprint start very soon. Nothing has been announced yet.
   4. Hopefully have the sprint end after Christmas.
10. Miscellaneous Updates
    1. Couleecap has additional WRAP Funds issued by the State! So, keep referring people to our website to start the process.

Submitted by:

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