**Southwest Continuum of Care (SWCOC) Meeting**

**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

**1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**201 S. Iowa Street Dodgeville WI. Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Michelle Friedrich at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance – Shawn Monson, Dan Williams, Katie Spaeth, Meredith McCoy, Deanna Kloster, Angela Swinehart, Kira Snyder, Sydney Pennekamp, Mikayla Onken, Darlene Masters, Mindy Swanson, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Rachel Trainor, Dan VanHee, Christi McKibben, Michael Hanrahan, Richard Gleason, Cassandra Robinson, Marcia Galvan, Haley Burken, Michelle Friedrich, Julie McGuire

Introductions of New Members – Sydney Pennekamp, Unified – sitting in for Kayzia Teal

1. Approval of Agenda – Roxanne made the motion, Rick seconded. Motion carried.
2. Approval of December Minutes – Rick made the motion, Shawn seconded. Motion carried.
3. Balance of State Updates
   * + Michelle forwarded emails to the group earlier this week
       - Several training opportunities available
         * Member agencies receive a discounted rate
       - BOS quarterly meeting coming up
       - Gaps & Needs provider survey
         * Committee members take time to complete by 1/31/2023
         * Information gathered is used for grant funding
4. Funding updates – Jenny O, SSHG, SSSG, EHH
   * + Jenny Olson Grant
       - Requested $10,000 to help with motel costs in our 5 counties
       - We were awarded the full $10,000
       - Needs to be spent out by October
     + State Shelter Grant (SSSG)
       - Awarded $7,500
     + State Shelter Housing Grant (SSHG)
       - Extra funding that came out last year
       - Allocated amounts for each county
       - Received $32,000 last year to be spent out by April 2022
       - Received $7,500 this year
5. Point-in-Time Count – January 25th
   * + Discussed where flyers were hung and where else they need to be hung
     + Those with a Facebook page should post the flyer to help spread the word
     + Notifying police departments that volunteers will be out & about in the 5 counties
     + Discussed coverage areas & volunteers to ensure all 5 counties are covered
     + Michelle discussed importance of completing & submitting volunteer sheet
       - BOS can use the match to help with grant funding
     + Can count homeless people encountered up until the following Wednesday
6. Presentation – SWCAP Job and Business Development & Skills Enhancement – Kelly Hohneke
   * + Skills Enhancement Program
       - Website: https://swcap.org/programs-services/education/skills-enhancement/
       - Designed for working adults
       - 2 components to this program
         * Main component comes through DCF

150% of county median income for poverty line guidelines

Serves Iowa, Grant, Green, Richland, Lafayette Counties

Required to work & maintain an average of at least 20 hours/week

Eligible candidates need to possess job creation & ability to improve their outcome through education

* + - * Second component run through a nurse fund grant through ARPA fund dollars
        + Distributed through Department of Workforce Development
        + Specifically geared towards individuals taking on:

Certified Nurse’s Aide

Medical Assistant with 1-year program

First year nurse with LPN certification

2-year nurse program

Nurse going on for 4-year degree

* + - * + Completion date for all programs is June 2025

Temporary license should be in place & they are working

* + - * + Nurse program is not under the constraints of the 150% county median
        + Not required to work while enrolled in the program
        + Can receive full tuition funding up to $24,000
        + Nurse program expanded to include Sauk County
      * Application same for both programs
    - Business Program run through Economic Development
      * Website: https://swcapbusinessdevelopment.com/
      * SWCAP Business Development
      * Offers multi services
      * 80% of county median income as ratio for free services
      * Candidates should have business skills to be enrolled
        + Candidates must present their business idea
        + Feasibility to determine if idea is actually a marketable business
        + If not marketable, would not be enrolled for deeper services
      * Services provided to enrollees
        + Skills training needed to develop a business plan or lean model business plan
        + Tools & business coaching to help put their plan together
        + Short-term funding if unable to use their own bank or resources

Revolving loan fund available

Up to $15,000 over a 3-year period

Funds have pretty good interest rate

Equity required to get this loan

* + - * + Also offer business courses

Free if live within counties we serve

Typically offer a Spring & Fall class

Combination of hybrid & in-person

Intensive classes teach everything from start to finish on how to open a business & continue to run it thereafter

Business webpage has business resources

Links to some really great online trainings

1. Program Updates
   * + Farm Well Wisconsin – Shawn Monson
       - Held an ASIST (Advanced Suicide Intervention Skill Training) this past week
         * 27 people from our 5 counties received certificate of completion
       - SafeTALK (Suicide Prevention Training) trainings coming up
         * Train the Trainor for facilitating the presentations
         * 4-hour training
         * Suicide alertness for everyone
     + Green County Human Services – Dan Williams
       - Struggling with Emergency Housing
         * Super 8 in Monroe stopped taking vouchers
         * Have had some luck with Gasthaus
         * Have not had a lot of luck with AmericInn
         * Those with transportation they have given a gas card to get to a shelter in Dane County
     + Richland County Aging & Disability – Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber
       - Still uses Park View Motel for their motel vouchers
       - Have also been able to use Ramada Inn
       - She wasn’t aware of Starlite asking for a $100 deposit
         * She will follow up with them to see if they can waive the $100 fee
         * Lydia’s House does a background check

Motion to adjourn - Michael made the motion, Christi seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next meeting – February 9th 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.