NCCoC meeting minutes for July 25, 2023

Present: Katie Schumer, Ann Jelinek, Kim West, Tricia Fancher, Amber Tomaszewski, Ted Merwin, Stacie Bartelt, Sherri Waid, Tammy King, Zoe Monk, Kayleigh Mengel, Kayla Pleshek, Ben Eberlein, Cassandra Robinson, Cassandra Twomey, Jessica Jinsky, Karen with DVHF, Juli Birkmeier, Kailey Wood, Tracy Rieger, Adam Groskuertz, Diane Sennholz, Chandra Wakefield, Kathleen Buckli, Pam Anderson, Jessica Katcher, Theresa Anthoney, Mary Jorgenson, Donna Ambrose, Katie Mallum, Sue Sippel, Debbie Meye, Lynn Ross, Lisa Fike, Kimberly Schmidt, Melissa Walsh, Deanna Kloster, Jake Prichard, Jessica Bartelt.

Afterhours Plan -- Katie explained the afterhours plan and the change for Wood County. Katie explained where coordinated entry comes in to help connect people to housing resources/programs and offer other assistance deemed necessary at the time of entry into or contact with a shelter or with a volunteer during PIT.

Melissa Walsh made a motion to accept the Afterhours plan, Sherri Waid seconded the motion. No abstentions. Unanimously in favor, motion carries.

Discharging into homelessness – There was a discussion on what is happening in the continua and many provided feedback. Chandra Wakefield sits on the Discharge Planning Committee and will take the information back to that WIBOS committee.

Other news and updates from the Coalition –

NCCAP – Katie informed the Coalition that applications for Emergency Housing Vouchers offered through WHEDA are closing soon. So far 330 vouchers were given and they were filled from many of the supportive housing programs offered through-out the State. NCCAP enrolled five households from Marathon County. Katie reminded everyone about Point in Time on July 26th and to make sure to use the Afterhours plan.

DVA – Debbie Meye introduced Katie Mallum who is now covering Wood and Marathon Counties.

WCDA – Tammy King with the Wausau Community Development Authority says they are working on their Scattered Sites list and building them back up and applications are being taken.

Tricia Fancher hired a new shelter coordinator for the Family Center.

MAC Home -- Theresa Anthoney states their busy season is summer and maximum capacity for their warming center is five clients.

KATS -- Kathleen Buckli shared that they are serving out of county youth over 60% of the time and have one male and one female bed open. Maximum capacity is eight youth.

CW Solutions – Melissa Walsh informs the Coalition that the work requirement is back with the end of the pandemic (homeless are exempt from the work requirement). CW is operating a housing program funded by DHS and serving families. All four categories of homelessness qualify for the program.

Wausau PD – Tracy Rieger states she continues outreach and is very busy working on a severe weather program as well.

Our Sisters House – Ann Jelinek provided an update. Their biggest challenge is finding volunteers to run the shelter.

Mary’s Place – Kayleigh Mengel with Wood County said over 700 applications were received. Their focus is to assist Wood County residents. They have a live in manager to assist clients.