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

**Thursday, November 9, 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 – Dan Williams, Chris Hinds, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Sheryl Brokopp, Becky Turpin, Michael Basford, Cassandra Robinson, Jane Laity, Sue Schwartz, Deanna Kloster, Katie Spaeth, Kiah Holtzman, Meredith McCoy, Lynn Halverson, Julie McGuire, Michelle Friedrich

Introduction of New Members – Chris Hinds: Associate Pastor Platteville Free Methodist Church, Kiah Holtzman: CPS

1. Approval of Agenda – Roxanne made the motion, Sue seconded. Motion carried.
2. Approval of October Minutes – Sheryl made the motion, Lynn seconded. Motion carried.
3. Balance of State Updates
   * + Michelle forwarded the email updates from the BOS to the group on Tuesday
     + WIBOS Quarterly meeting next Friday, 11/17
       - Anyone is welcome to attend
       - Link on the BOS website to sign up
     + Annual Gaps & Needs Surveys
       - 2 surveys – partner survey & client survey – links on BOS website homepage
       - Gaps & Needs committee collects data from all of the state of Wisconsin
         * Data gets compiled at the end of the year
         * Annual report gets submitted to the BOS

Use this information for grant writing

* + - * Community Partner Survey
        + Everyone please take a few minutes to complete this survey
      * Consumer Client Survey
        + Have your clients you work with complete this survey
      * Surveys help give us a broader picture of needs in our 5 counties we serve
      * Both Hmong & Spanish versions now completed
        + Meredith will email out to the coalitions
      * Asking for a minimum of 25 of each survey to be completed by each coalition

1. Housing Coalition Group (work on housing issues in our five counties)
   * + Lynn & Michelle trying to get a committee together to look for more housing options
       - Gather info for grants, help get projects started
       - Contact Michelle if interested in joining
       - Would like one to two people from each county
       - Provides extra funding to help support programs
     + Lynn was approached by Alyssa Schaefer
       - Runs the SW Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Housing Committee
         * Possibility of joining their meetings rather than starting a committee
         * Next meeting is 11/14 from 11 to Noon
         * In person in Dodgeville at Iowa County Health & Human Services bldg
         * Meet once a month
         * Covers all of Southwest Wisconsin
       - Michelle suggested maybe a couple people could join this committee & bring the information back to our monthly meetings
     + Housing is lacking in all of the counties
     + Lynn is completing home applications & a tax credit application
       - Trying to build some pocket neighborhoods in Lafayette County
         * Will have applications in by end of December
         * Find out by end of May if got any funding & how much
         * Would open up to families
       - Wants to build another 16-unit apartment complex for elderly & disabled
2. Point in Time Count
   * + Only 2 months out
       - Need volunteers to start hanging out flyers
       - Need more volunteers to go out the night of the count
       - Michelle emailed Szvon to get on their agenda to discuss ride alongs in Green Cty
       - Will send emails to the officers in the other 4 counties
       - Observation forms should include as much detailed information as you can provide
3. Trainings
   * + Discussion on whether to offer trainings during these meetings
       - We were lacking in areas when completing the Collaborative Grant
       - Should we add trainings to fill in those gaps?
     + WIBOS offers trainings on the monthly calendar on their home page
       - [www.wiboscoc.org](http://www.wiboscoc.org)
       - Click the link on the calendar to register
       - Free 2-hour training on fair housing coming up on 12/13
         * Getting folks housed that have disabilities
     + Ryan Dowd offers several homeless trainings
       - Michelle will share the link to his website with everyone
4. Program Updates
   * + Michelle Friedrich: SWCAP
       - Applied for Recovery Voucher Grant - $125,000
         * Helps people in recovery try to get into recovery homes
         * $90,000 in vouchers to pay rent once a client gets into a recovery program
         * $20,000 for case managing the clients
         * Remaining $15,000 for administrative costs
       - Tenant Bases Rental Assistance (TBRA) Grant
         * SWCAP will administer
         * Will assist one client from each county
         * Have to be completely homeless & meet income guidelines
         * Have to be able to find housing
         * 2-year program – will assist 6 people in 1st year & 6 in 2nd year
     + Chris Hinds: Platteville Free Methodist Church
       - In research phase of establishing a homeless shelter in Platteville
       - Works with people that need housing
       - Focus is on local needs & is aware of the great need for shelters & affordable housing
     + Michael Basford: WI Interagency on Homelessness
       - Still waiting for the home ARPA funds to be released
       - Great kickoff last week for homelessness awareness month
         * Held an event at the capitol that brought a lot of news
       - Wisconsin Public Radio
         * Has been running a series on homelessness in Wisconsin the last month
         * Kate Archer Kent morning show from 8 to 9 a.m.
         * Discussions have all been archived for viewing
         * https://www.wpr.org/programs/morning-show

Motion to adjourn – Roxanne made the motion, Lynn seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Next meeting – December 14th 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.