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**Northern Wisconsin Initiative to Stop Homelessness (N\*WISH) Coalition**

**In-person or Via ZOOM**

**Zoom Link:**
 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86798029037>

51 N Brown Street, Rhinelander, WI

November 2, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Welcome/Introductions

Meaghan Gleason- Newcap

Aria Ard- Newcap

Karen Fish- Newcap

Makenna Kalata- Newcap

Emma Kowalewski- Newcap

Patsy Johnson- Newcap

Katie Stuckemeyer- School Social Worker at Northland Pines School District

Mark Martello, Iron Mountain VA Medical Center

Ashley Durand- Forward Service Corporation

Kaylee Chojnacki- CW Solutions

Debbie Meye - WDVA/VORP

Katey- Tri-County Council on DV/SA

Amanda Jahn- Salvation Army

Ginger Chroback- Rhinelander Food Pantry

Cassandra Robinson MSH Wisconsin

Mary John-Salvation Army

Dani Widdes - PATHS Housing Case Manager for young adults

Ashley Durand- Forward Service Corporation

Melissa Cornelius- AVAIL

Dani Widdes - PATHS

Taleka Dewing Food Pantry

Amanda Jahn- Salvation Army

October Minutes – VOTE

1st – Makenna Kalata

2nd – Melissa Cornelius

September Monthly PIT

Makenna shared NWISH Coalition Monthly Point-in-Time. 19 households in the NWISH area. Increase in homelessness compared to previous years. A lot of shelters are starting to fill back up. Lack of affordable rental properties in the area will most likely cause an increase in these numbers going forward.

YHDP “MOST” Project Update

We are still trying to find a vehicle for the mobile support team. It is difficult to find something that has the equipment to transport individuals. If anyone has any ideas on where to find an RV/Mobile Clinic, please reach out to Nicole.

YAB Update

There are currently three active members. They are still looking at possible places to meet in Antigo and/or Crandon. Must be available on a weekday from 6:30pm-7:30pm. The group identified that there is a need for someplace fun and safe for young adults to gather that does not serve alcohol. The YAB is looking to present at an upcoming meeting with their project that they have in mind!

Action Plan 4 – Update

Makenna Kalata

Makenna is working on reaching out to other agencies. She has also joined a Coordinated Entry committee which she plans on getting some ideas from. She is working on formulating some emails to meet with them in person, explain what coordinated entry is and why we do it If any agencies are interested in learning about coordinated entry, please reach out to Makenna.

Brainstorm – grants/programs needed in NWISH territory – any area

There is a huge need for affordable and available housing. Everyone is in agreeance that they are having a hard time transitioning individuals out of shelter due to lack of availability of housing. Application fees for rental units are also getting very high. One solution brought up was finding buildings, units, or schools that are currently sitting empty. There is also a lack of knowledge and/or apprehension from local landlords regarding programs.

EHH/ESG CARES CV Update

Housed: 1

Looking: 4

Currently pulling

Current barriers include lack of rental units, prior convictions, and lack of knowledge from landlords regarding programs.

Coordinated Entry Lead Update

Makenna Kalata

Newcap is the primary agency in NWISH completed coordinated entry. If anyone is thinking about adding coordinated entry to their agency, please reach out to Makenna at Makennakalata@newcap.org

DV Rapid Re-Housing Update

2 housed

1 unhoused

Balance of State Updates

The next quarterly meeting will be **Friday, November 18th.**   Following several requests, the Board of Directors voted earlier this week to change the November quarterly meeting date (instead of Nov. 11th which is Veterans Day).   To register, please visit:  <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7247294980928454413>  At the November meeting, we will be seeking membership approval for the 2023 budget & dues recommendation.

Agency Updates, Future Presentations & Agenda Items

Forward services have seen an increase in need and those who have barriers, this could be due to winter and the holiday’s coming up. There is usually an increase during this time every year, but not to this extent.

Motion to Adjourn:

1st- Ginger Chroback

2nd – Makenna Kalata

**Next N\*WISH meeting**

**In-person or Via ZOOM**

**December 7, 2022 - 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

*“We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals, including individuals with disabilities, to engage fully. To request an accommodation or for inquiries about accessibility, please contact Debbie Bushman,* *debbiebushman@newcap.org**, 920-863-9402”*

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