

**WinnebagoLand Continuum of Care  
Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2023  
Oshkosh Public Library  
9:00 am - 10:30 am**

**Attendees:** 23 organizations were represented at the meeting and 27 members attended in person or through Zoom. List of names with contact info is attached.

**Call to order:** Amy Loof, Council Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00.

**Welcome and introductions:** All members introduced themselves and identified which agency they represented.

**Action Items:**

Motion to approve the September 19 Agenda; (M) Lu Sheer (S) Karl Buelow. **MOTION PASSED** Motion to approve June 27, 2023 meeting minutes; (M) Karl Buelow John Nieman. **MOTION PASSED.** Amy indicated that Powerpoint slides presented at the June meeting were distributed out to members.

**Nominations:**

Nominations for the next Chair and Co-Chair were presented to members by Amy Loof. No other names were presented for those seats. Maddie Conley would serve as Chair and Becky Heldt as Co-Chair. Maddie Conley was seated as Council Chair. (M) Karl Buelow (S) Lu Scheer. **MOTION PASSED.** Becky was seated as Co-Chair (M) Scott Schnurer (S) Lu Scheer. **MOTION PASSED.** The term period for both seats is two years starting October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2026.

**Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care (WIBOSCOC):**

Mike Bonartz, explained that he is a board member of the Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care which represents all counties in Wisconsin except Dane, Milwaukee and Racine. He is the delegate representative for our CoC district and serves as the lead liaison for coordination, communication and technical assistance between us and the WIBOSCOC.

Having voted in new officers, Mike indicated that we need to nominate a new WinnebagoLand CoC delegate to the WIBOSCOC who would serve as the lead contact on matters pertaining to our district. Karl Buelow nominated Becky Heldt, Homeless Prevention Director for ADVOCAP, Inc. for the position. (M) Lu Scheer (S) Tina Potter. **MOTION PASSED**

## **Announcements:**

**Memorandum of Understanding:** Amy Loof, indicated she sent out Memorandum of Understanding agreements to be signed by members and asked that they be returned as soon as possible to [Maddie Conley](mailto:maddie@daybydayshelter.org) at maddie@daybydayshelter.org

**Point in Time:** PIT is a statistically reliable, unduplicated count of people experiencing homelessness during a designated one-night period. Wisconsin conducts this count twice per year. July 26th was the last count and Becky indicated that 26 unsheltered individuals were identified. Securing volunteers to help with the count is a challenge. The next count is scheduled for January 4, 2024.

**Action Plan Goals:** Winnebagoland COC action goals were presented by Amy for our coalition to focus on over the next six months and included 1.) Affordable Housing 2.) Coordination and Engagement and 3.) Communication.

Considering everyone's own agency workload, members agreed that two out of the three focus areas presented would be prioritized for the council to address in the coming year; Affordable Housing, and Coordination and Engagement.

**Action Goal 1: Affordable Housing** - A discussion took place and topics included; Winnebago County's approach for increasing affordable housing opportunities, success of the Tiny Houses shelter project in Oshkosh, which is drawing State and National attention as a program model, St. Katharine Drexel Shelter Section 8 Voucher partnership with FDL Housing Authority, growing absence of Fair Market Rents, need for greater Fair Housing Protection, and difficult barriers our homeless populations experience to secure affordable rental housing, especially ones dealing with high needs. ADVOCAP reported that as of this week, a total of 331 individuals are on their housing waiting list

**Action Goal 2: Coordination and Engagement** - Kate Markwardt, CoC Grants Specialist for WIBOSCOC, indicated Rapid Rehousing projects do not have to follow FMR rules. Discussion took place on how Wisconsin State CoC grants are rated and ranked to evaluate performance and are based on CoC priorities. The CoC ranking helps HUD in meeting its national goals of preventing and ending homelessness in the United States. Karl mentioned that it would benefit the homeless population if future Tiny Housing would accept small groups (4) of individuals versus single families.

Amy asked for a motion to accept Action Goal 1 and 2 as priorities for the council to work on for the coming year. (M) Karl Buelow (S) Scott Schnurer. **MOTION PASSED.**

Amy suggested the council Chair invite membership to commit to serving on one of the Action Goal Committees.

**Other Business:** Mike assured members they are performing well on Action Goal 2 and to think about applying metrics for each of the action goals. He also mentioned that BOS is working on finishing up grant reviews. Becky and Tony mentioned they are doing an internal assessment of their services system for serving the homeless population. They are also waiting to hear about a grant that will help youth experiencing homelessness navigate community services offered by many of the non-profit and social service agencies, including in school youth (under 18) who double up with family and friends.

Amy indicated that the discussion needed to hold a Housing Roundtable is tabled for the time being. She also told members that the “*Governance*” document was ready to submit to the Balance of State. Amy asked for a motion to submit the document. (M) Karl Buelow (S) Tina Potter ***MOTION PASSED.***

Amy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. (M) Karl Buelow (S) Lu Scheer.

Members applauded Amy Loof for serving as the Chair and thanked her for her leadership.

**MARK YOU CALENDARS: NEXT Winnebagoland COC Meeting:**  
9:00 - 10:30 am - Tuesday, December 19, at the Fond du Lac Public Library.

*Minutes Submitted by Tina Potter, Winnebagoland COC Council Secretary*