

Lincoln County Homelessness Task Force Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2016
Menard Resource Center

Attending: Dee Olsen-Merrill Area United Way, Art Lersch-UW-Extension, Jeff Sargent-NCCAP, Ann Jelinek-Our Sister's House, Melissa Schroeder-NCCAP, Tammy Degner-Haven, Tina Elvins-Our Sister's House

Welcome and Introductions:

Welcome and introductions were made.

Overview of Last Meeting:

Jeff reviewed the September meeting minutes.

Homeless Counts:

Art gave the local counts for August.

NCCAP-2

HAVEN-11

SVDP-11

Our Sister's House-4

Tomahawk Schools-69

Merrill Schools-6

Review of Community Discussion from October 19

Art led the second community discussion on a possible shelter/warming center in the Merrill area. They had a great discussion. The main topic was having an organization to drive the process. The group that met agree that the Warming Center would be the right leader of the process. That committee will explore becoming a non-profit, 501c.3. For now, the Merrill Area United Way will continue as the fiscal agent. They will explore all opportunities for space in the meantime as they develop their structure. Mike Ravn is joining the committee. He was the former CEO at Church Mutual. The next meeting is set for October 24

Other Updates:

Art shared that the UW-Extension restructuring is picking up its pace a bit. Hoping for a February 2017 announcement.

Dee reported that the United Way campaign is going well. She is hoping to wrap up by November 15.

Tammy reported the Haven staff are attending a national domestic violence conference next week. They are holding a Trafficking event on November 10.

Our Sister's House: Making some changes to the house eligibility requirements so they are not accepting felons. They have been educating the community about their program and services. October 29 is the one year anniversary celebration. They are holding a spaghetti dinner.

NCCAP: Melissa reported that ETH Prevention dollars have been exhausted but she still has Rapid Re-Housing money available. The VI-SPDAT and prioritization has been in place since April and appears to be working well. Jeff announced that he is leaving NCCAP to become the Executive Director of the United Way in Marathon County.

Next meeting:

November 17, 2016 beginning at 8:30am at the Menard Resource Center.