

MINUTES

RICHLAND COUNTY HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION COALITION

Tuesday; April 25, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

UW – Richland East Hall, Room 713

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Members present: Michelle Friedrich, Pat Greeley, Cathryn Scott, and Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber

III. February Minutes: Change Family Thirst store to Thrift and Thrift Center to Thrift Store. SWCAP -- under 501c3 to change "sire" make sure. Michelle made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections Roxanne seconded the motion.

IV. Fiscal Report: No new report

V. SWCAP: SWCAP has been recertified and they are working on getting the ETH funding in. There is still \$6,000 available. People have to be at 30% of income or below. Michelle had one referral from this are and just wrote for \$1,300. She is working on re-contacting people who have applied. Michelle has to complete a questionnaire with applicants. She is having difficulty re-contacting a number of those people due to phones disconnected, no way to leave a message, etc. Two people who applied from RC found other housing.

There was discussion about the Park Motel and whether or not the owner might be able to access some of the money available to shelters/transitional housing to help pay for some of her utility expenses, etc. since she has been regularly acting as a homeless shelter/transitional housing when she has units available. Michelle will look into if there can be any money available to reimburse some expenses at the Park Motel, and if there are any requirements the owner would need to meet in order to access the money. The owner has not asked for reimbursement, this is something the Coalition is investigating since we became aware that the Park Motel owner was providing emergency shelter for homeless people.

VI. Updates on Programs:

A Child's Place: There is one family in A Child's Place.

A Family's Place: The family in A Family's Place will be leaving, there will be an opening at some time in the near future.

Lydia's House: Lydia's House is formally closed as of April 1st. ADRC will continue to make referrals to as needed.

Joshua's House: Joshua's house is also closed for the summer.

Ada James: There is only one apartment open at Ada James.

Passages: It was reported that Passages has been very busy and that people have been needed longer than 30 days to transition.

VII. Prevention

501c3: Darlene has some more free time right now and expressed outside the meeting that she is ready and willing to work on the 501c3.

Day Center: Roxanne, Chelsea, Cathryn and Darlene spent a day up in La Crosse touring the RAVE day center run by ILR and the Hospitality House run by Catholic Charities. Information was shared at the meeting along with impressions of each center.

VIII. Outreach:

Facebook Page: Cathryn created new Facebook page for the coalition and invited Gary Peters as was agreed upon at last month's meeting.

IX. New Business

- Pat shared Boscobel Sister Olive has a pregnancy help line Boscobel takes homeless in through the hospital. They then place them.
- Becky Dahl president of career education cooperative. They work with kids in high school to get them training in skilled labor. Kids have been placed in the dairy, manufacturing jobs, trying to get a health care track. Ithaca and Richland schools involved.
- FEMA -- Darin Gudgeon contact. Michelle wanted to know what Richland County receives. She is aware that they may be able to get funding to support hotel vouchers through FEMA. She thought that they may have money to put homeless in motel if no other housing is available. Salvation Army was also discussed with this regard. Christy Duhr is the contact person.

X. Adjourn – Roxanne moved to adjourn meeting; Michelle seconded the motion.

XI. Next meeting: **May 23, 2017** at noon; same location.