

WASHINGTON COUNTY Continuum of Care – Local Coalition

Meeting Minutes

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1:30pm

Present Voting Members: Lori Prescott, Caitlyn Throneburg, Hannah Conforti, Bella Nagovan – Family Promise of Washington County, Yvonne MacDonald Hames, Laura Barajaz – FRIENDS, Inc., Mary Delgado – ADRC, Rachel Trainer – Center for Veterans Issues, Karen Roehl – Legal Action, Sarah Vogt – PSG, Karl Glunz, Kay Lucas – SVDP, John Schiraj – United Way, Gina Bartoszewicz – Dept. Veterans Affairs, Melissa Bublitz – West Bend Housing Authority, Tim Dehring – West Bend Police Dept., Christine Huesemann – West Bend School District, Quentin Hatfield – Wisconsin Veterans Network, Melissa Weir – Lutheran Social Services, Emily Greene, Alexandria Schloemer– Youth & Family Project, Deanna Kloser – United Health Care

Present Non-Voting Members: Jon France, Kate Markwardt, Stephanie VanHulst, Brenda Karimi, Becky Rehak

**Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 1:37pm January 11<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Introduction of COC Organizations and Representatives**

- Hannah Conforti took roll call of all present representatives.
- Catholic Charities asked to become a voting member – will vote next meeting.

**Review and Approval of October 2022 Meeting Minutes**

- Emily Green made a motion to approve Oct 2022 meeting minutes. Mary Delgado 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved.

**Memberships, MOUs & Bylaws for WCCOC**

- Hannah Conforti asked for memberships and MOUs to be returned by 1/20/23.

**Delegations & Officers for WCCOC**

- Lori Prescott asked for a vote for new chair – Caitlyn Throneburg. Caitlyn discussed her experience. Emily green made a motion. Mary Delgado 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.

**EHH | RRH & HPP**

- Hannah Conforti reported on the households being served in Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention programming, reported a continuous increase in clients needing rental assistance. Trends include the cost of rent increasing all over the county and difficulty locating housing.

**Emergency Shelter**

- Caitlyn Throneburg gave an update on Karl's Place Emergency Shelter program.
- Bella Nagovan reported on the Promise Center Emergency Shelter program.

- Trends include households having difficulty finding places that will accept Section 8, difficulty locating 3-4 bedroom units, and continued unresponsiveness from landlords.
- Laura Barajaz reported on FRIENDS, Inc. emergency shelter program and reported seeing the same trends.

### **Coordinated Entry**

- Hannah Conforti reported on the Coordinated Entry Prioritization List. She gave an update that case managers have been implementing the new Non-HMIS ListCE system and that they are currently working with Ryan and Holly from WIBOS to get their questions answered.

### **Point in Time (PIT)**

- Bella Nagovan gave a quick summary of the Point in Time count and asked for volunteers for the count. Reach out to Bella at FPWC if interested.
- Lori Prescott also added that we ask any new member of the Washington County Local Coalition or anyone who has not done the Point in Time count yet to have a member of your agency to participate in the count.
- Chief Tim Dehring with West Bend Police Department stated that each agency has the police department's full support and gave a reminder that anyone participating can reach out to the police department in that area if they need assistance during the count.

### **Other Business**

- Emily Greene gave an update on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program - There are two Washington County YHDP programs, the first being the Youth System Navigator Program housed at Youth and Family Project in West Bend. Alexandra Schloemer is the new Youth Navigator partnering with Austin Newsom to provide case management resources for individuals in the 18–24-year-old age range. Although they do not provide housing services directly, they do provide help by connecting youth with resources in the community. YHDP is now accepting referrals, and they ask that you reach out to Alexandra directly if you know of any youth in need
- Other YHDP program is operated out of Hebron House, which is based in Waukesha but covers Washington, Ozaukee and Waukesha County. Program will offer Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing for Youth. Currently in the process of locating apartment for the TH program. Adam Hurst is the contact for this program.

### **Spotlight Agency**

- Rachel Trainor at Center for Veterans Issues shared information regarding their rental assistance programs. They received a supplement award that allows them to service veteran families that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- This award changed their income requirements, so now they can serve those who are 80% or below AMI vs. 50% in Washington County.
- There is a new Housing Navigator starting who will be connected to HUD clients working with the VA. She will also create a landlord list within Washington County.

- Cannot pay rent in advance, but they can help with security deposit and short-term rental assistance. A trend they have notice is landlords asking for double security deposit, but they are able to help with landlord incentives.
- If they do have income, they place them in program where 50% of rent is paid for by the CVI and 50% is paid for by the client. They are also able to pay unlimited rent for clients, but they aim for helping a client to become independent in around 6 months
- They are only able to help with security deposits if the client is receiving a Section 8 Voucher

### **Meeting Adjourn**

- Quentin Hatfield made a motion to adjourn. Mary Delgado 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 2:22pm.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 1:30pm**