



HITF Meeting Minutes

4-26-2023

1. Chairperson Jessica Locher called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
2. Present:

Cassandra Barnett - VA	Kelsey Hood-Christianson- FSSWNI	Damonyka Roberts - FSSWNI
Kelly Bedessam - COJ	Jim Hutchinson - Husch Services	Chad Salmon - MHS-HOM
Amanda Bothun	Marisol Ibarra	Kim Schmidt
Trinity Brehmer - ECO	Jen Kelley - MHS	Holly Sieren - BOS CE
Alexis Camacho- Stedman	Deanna Kloster - UHC	Katie Spaeth
Jessica Campbell - YWCA	Carrie Kulinski - JPS	James Stahl - CAI Twin Oaks
Hunter Ditzhazy - Gifts	Jessica Locher - ECHO	Aaron Stroede
Tiffany Ford - RVCP	Joe Locher - ECHO	Jennifer Varela
Julie Fuelleman	Megan McBride - City of	Jenny Viney RN - MHS
Sara Garbe - CAI	Meredith McCoy - BOS CE	Anne Wallisa
Jane Golberg - JM4C	Jennifer Petruzzello - COJ	Sarah Williams - ECO
Hannah Haakenson	Jackie Revels	
3. Announcements:
 - Joe Locher noted that HITF dues invoices have been sent out.
 - Jessica Locher announced the registration for the next BOS Quarterly meeting, on May 19th, will be available soon. February 24, 2024 will be an in person meeting in Wausau.
4. Updates:
 - Kelly Bedessam, COJ, noted that the Focus Group will meet June 14th, 10 a.m. at City Hall. The new City Manager will start May 7th.
5. Racial Disparities Assessment: Holly Sieren, CE Systems Specialist, BOS, presented racial disparities assessment information from the HMIS System. Reviewed reports from the HMIS System for Rock-Wal Local Coalition. Reports can be requested by agency.
6. Subcommittee Updates:
 - CE/CM: Sara Garbe, CAI, reported that there is transition in the SSO position and the committee will be back to meeting soon.
 - Youth: Hannah Haakenson, reported the committee has received the monthly McKinney-Vento information and they're meeting with the school liaisons. They will be working to see how they can make progress on the BOS goals.
 - DEI: No update.
 - Planning Committee: Jim Hutchinson reported that they have received some feedback on the Vision Statement and will be reviewing that at the next meeting and considering adjustments to the Vision. Then it will come out to the HITF and the committees to hopefully bring their work in line with the vision we have for the Coalition.
 - Data: Joe Locher reported they are receiving their HMIS Reports from ICA. They're trying to do quarterly reports, but he's not getting reports from the non-HMIS agencies. So,

the data is not consistent. He'll be sending another reminder out next week, to get data in.

7. Agency Updates:

- JPS: Carrie Kulinski reported there are 432 homeless youth in the McKinney-Vento list. She's written a grant to fund a part-time bilingual immigrant support person and will know in June whether it is funded.
- Madison Day Homeless Program: Cassandra Barnett reported they still have HUD Vouchers available for homeless veterans.
- MHS-HOM: Chad Salmon reported HOM is full and the waiting list is growing daily.
- UHC: Deanna Kloster reported that she is working on a pilot project to use their data to assist members who are leaving behavioral health hospitals with resources.
- Project 16:49: Hannah Haakenson reported they have hired an Outreach Specialist who will work on life skills, education, outreach and a Mentoring Program called Open Table.
- BOS CE: Holly Sieren reported they are working on a shorter assessment tool.
- Gifts: Hunter Ditzhazy reported they no longer require an ID. They will be a heat shelter this summer.
- Twin Oaks Shelter: James Stahl reported Sarah Holitz has replaced Jen Bradley who left. They have about 80 households on their waiting list. Trying to build a new shelter, looking for land at this point.
- JM4C: Jane Golberg reported they have some ARPA Funds for an Empowerment Program. Their hotel vouchers are exhausted.
- MHS Mental Health Unit: Jenny Viney reported that the number coming in homeless has skyrocketed.
- EHH Grant: Jim Hutchinson reported that the 23-24 EHH Plan Application should be out in the next week. So, the Lead Agency Approval and the funded agencies will be coming to HITF next month.
- ECHO: Joe Locher reported that they still have motel vouchers and rent assistance.
- DEFY: Karmen Payne Ancil reported increased calls on their hotline and increased DV and homelessness. The shelter is being renovated and has three new offices, which will provide greater privacy.
- RCHS: Julie Fuelman reported a partnership with BTC for car repairs, with free diagnosis and labor, and parts at a discounted price. They work with families with children.
- COJ Housing: Kelley Bedessam reported Section 8, CDA, has looser occupancy standards. Approved 120% FMR and larger bedroom sizes. Their wait list is closed.

- Defy Shelter/FSSWNI: Kelsey Hood-Christianson reported that the shelter is full. They also provide non-resident services. They have seen an increase in service requests. Their Director is retiring this fall and Kelsey will be taking over his position. Paula Bastine will be moving up into her position.
- SWWWDB: Marcia Galvan reported that the Re-entry simulation went well and that they will be doing it again. There will be a Housing Smart Workshop, in partnership with CAI, for WERA ending, this SAT 9-1 p.m. at CAI. There will be an employment fair on May 6th, as a part of their WERA ending workshops. There will also be an interview event on 5-10-23 2-4 p.m. Sign up at the link.
- COB: Megan McBride reported that ARPA funds were broken into subgrants and all agencies that applied will receive funds. Two of these were aimed at homelessness.
- BOS: Meredith McCoy reported that Holly Sieren is taking over being the liaison for BOC.
- HITF DEI Subcommittee: Jennifer Petruzzello reported that the DEI needs additional members to work on the State goals.
- CAI: Sara Garbe reported Sarah Holitz is moving to Twin Oaks. Marisol Ibarra is moving into the SSO position.
- ECO: They have a short wait list for rent assistance and motel vouchers. Their transitional living units are full.
- Food Drive: Jessica Locher noted that there is a food drive May 13th where you can put food out to your mailbox and the Postal Service will pick it up.

8. Adjourned 12:55 p.m.