



HITF Meeting Minutes

11-29-2023

1. Chairperson Jessica Locher called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
2. Present

Kelly Bedessam COJ

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Amanda Okane Salvation Army

Amanda Bothun

Kerstin Hughes

Karmen Payne Mancil DEFY

L Brooks Humane

Jim Hutchinson Husch Services

Denise Peters-Kauihou United Wa

Jessica Campbell YWCA

Jen Kelley MHS

Jennifer Petruzzello COJ

Allison Creekmur

Deanna Kloster UHC

Jackie Revels

Tammy DeGarmo Project 16:49

Elizabeth Knapp-Spooner CAI

Damonyka Roberts FSSWNI

Amy Dora

Carrie Kulinski JPS

Cassandra Robinson

Tiffany Ford RVCP

Kristie L

Chad Salmon MHS-HOM

Marcia Galvan SWWWDB

Jessica Locher ECHO

Katie Spaeth

Sara Garbe CAI

Joe Locher ECHO

James Stahl CAI -Twin Oaks

Emily Gorski VA

Keith Lucas WI Dept. of Veterans

Alyssa Vis ECO

Hannah Haakenson Project 16:49

Nicole Majinski VA

Nancy Vue UA

Ali Hellenbrand Dean Health

Megan McBride City of Beloit

Sarah Williams ECO

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in the account is \$513.10.
4. **HITF Dues:** The dues will be coming out for next year in the near future.
5. **BOS Update:**
 - BOS is receiving 1.25 million from the Bezos Family Fund for a diversion type of project.
 - The BOS Survey of Consumers and Partners is out. They would like to get 25 from each group.
 - The registration for the in-person BOS Quarterly meeting on February 8-9, @ the Jefferson Inn, is open. Check the link for the conference.
6. **CAI Agency Overview:** Sara Garbe presented an overview of CAI programs and EHH activities.
7. **ECHO Agency Overview:** Jessica Locher gave an overview of ECHO programs and EHH activities.
8. **Subcommittee Updates:**
 - **CE Committee** is still on pause. Hoping to get up and going again in 2024.
 - **Planning Committee** is continuing to work on ways to measure progress in regard to the vision statements. Entering into a period of looking at rules and regulations in regard to the constraints in the system.
 - **Youth Committee:** Just did two panels on youth homelessness. They went over very well, with about 50 people attending each one. JPS offered Professional Development hours for those who attended.
 - **Data Committee:** Joe Locher reviewed the data from the HIC Report.
 - **DEI Committee:** The committee has developed their mission statement. Kelsey spoke on DEI in Family Services and Marcia spoke on DEI at SWWWDB. Looking at training on safe zones in the future.

9. Agency Updates:

- Turkey and ham dinners are available at St. Williams on Christmas from 11 to 1. Open to anyone that can make it.
- ECHO's Christmas toy distribution is open thru DEC 6th for Janesville residents.
- Salvation Army has funds from the City of Beloit for eviction prevention. People can contact 608-757-8300.
- JPS has hired a part-time immigrant support advocate, Valory Serado. 384 students are currently homeless.
- Nancy, VA Homeless Program reminded people that they have resources to work with homeless veterans that can be accessed.
- HOM has hired Lelie Frazier as a diversion specialist to work with people before they need to come into the shelter.
- Project 16:49 has an opening in its boy's shelter. 16:49 is coming up on 10 years of operations this coming year.
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10. **Meeting Schedule:** There will be no December meeting due to the holiday. The Prioritization Meeting in January will be in person.

11. Adjourned 12:48 p.m.