



## HITF Meeting Minutes

02-28-24

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

Sarah (Guest)	Sara Hollatz	Jennifer Petruzzello COJ
Cassandra Barnett VA	Kelsey Hood-Christianson FSSWNI	Jackie Revels
Kelly Bedessam COJ	Kerstin Hughes	Cassandra Robinson
Sarah Boss WCHA	Jim Hutchinson Husch Services	Chad Salmon MHS-HOM
Amanda Bothun	Jen Kelley MHS	Suzi Schoenhoft New
Emily Bredlau	Elizabeth Knapp-Spooner CAI	Andy Snow WCHA
Jessica Campbell YWCA	Stephanie Kuczynski	Katie Spaeth
Allison Creekmur	Carrie Kulinski JPS	James Stahl CAI -Twin Oaks
Amy Dora	Jessica Locher ECHO	Unknown User
Tiffany Ford RVCP	Joe Locher ECHO	Rebecca Veium B&G Club
Kathy Fox	Nicole Majinski VA	Alyssa Vis ECO
Kelly G Mercycare	Megan McBride City of Beloit	Nancy Vue UA
Marcia Galvan SWWWDB	Amanda Okane Salvation Army	Kelsie W Mercy Health System
Sara Garbe CAI	Ian Olson	Sarah Williams ECO
Hannah Haakenson Project		
16:49	Denise Peters-Kauihou United Way	

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in the account is \$3,365.10.
4. **HITF Dues:** The dues will be coming out for next year in the near future.
5. **BOS Update:**
  - Jessica thanked everyone for their attendance at the first annual in-person BOS State Conference which was held this last month. There was a track for most everyone and it was excellent.
  - COC applications were approved. No programs lost money. A couple of new projects were funded, so DV RRH program funding was increased.
  - Day 1 Fund Project was funded. This will fund a five-year pilot project in one of the coalitions. We're looking at whether to apply or not.
6. **HITF Membership:** The Executive Committee has put together a draft application and MOU for being an HITF member. We haven't had an application before. There are a number of sources of funding that require membership in the Local Coalition. The object of this is to create an objective criteria for membership. A new draft logo was presented. The State surveys us each year as to the makeup of our membership, so a checklist of representations is included. Jessica reviewed the application and the basis of the participation elements.

Several agencies expressed concern about having small staffs and having to pay staff to be there. It was suggested that perhaps they could recruit volunteers to represent them.

7. **HITF Logo:** Two draft logos were presented for consideration and a vote was taken. The one on the left was the winner.

8. **BOS Day 1 Project:** BOS received a grant from the Jeff Bezos Day 1 Fund. The purpose is to provide for a five-year pilot project aimed at providing a diversion type program to reduce families being sheltered and reducing the time from entering a shelter and going into permanent housing. The grant would be for \$250,000 a year. Jessica asked if any agency was interested. Edgerton Outreach had some interest in running a project collaboratively. People should reach out to Sarah Williams if they are interested.
9. **PIT Count:** During the January PIT count we had no unsheltered families, 9 individuals on the street that gave us the information we needed to count them, 15 or so individuals that were found, but we could not count due to inadequate information, 163 people in shelters or using motel vouchers, 85 in Transitional Housing Programs, 34 people in Permanent supportive housing and 148 in Rapid Rehousing Programs.
10. **Agency Updates:**
  - Janesville Mobilizing for Change is having a panel of unhoused individuals tonight to give them a chance to share their stories.
  - Boys and Girls club: They are in a capital campaign drive to build a new facility to triple their capacity to serve youth, increase teen services, provide a meal before they go home and provide more affordable childcare.
  - The City of Janesville has been meeting with individual households from the eviction event to provide services. Kelly Bedessam thanked ECHO and the school district for their help with the process as they move forward.
11. **Meeting Schedule:** Next meeting is Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.
12. Adjourned 12:48 p.m.