

**Housing Coalition
Minutes
February 21, 2018**

Present: Lisa Hurst, Amy Lang, Kristi Clover, Tim Bohrer, Kim Calmes, Adam Groskreutz, Nikki Gerhard, Ann Steele, Becky Smith, Nate Karth, Jim Strong, Scott Peeples, Connie Raether, Jerome Martin, Kathy Dean, Christina Klein, Brady Buchberger, Tara Prah, Kendra Krisher, Ann Jadin, Charis Hoff, Pat Leigl, Mindy Howell, Tony Gonzalez, Mary Beth Wohlrabe, Michelle Brown, Kathy Dean, Christina Klein.

Minutes; Pat L moves, Connie R seconds, approval with one correction: Under Balance of State, upcoming meeting is in Eau Claire. Motion passes.

Treasurer: No deposits and no expenditures this month Kathy T moves, Mary W seconds approval. Motion passes.

Vacancy Report:

Harbor House: Have openings

Fox Valley Warming Shelter: in 50s every night, but not turning anyone away.

HC: Mid 60s. Taking walk ins. Still have a waitlist of about 15 people. 5 open beds- 4 men 1 woman.

SA; Transitional is full, COC Rapid rehousing full, have a TBRA in progress with ADVOCAP and financial assistance program is full.

HP: Have a 2 bedroom upper veteran home open. 2br PSH will be pulling for. 2 bedroom TBRA open to fill as well. Also 2 bedroom Rapid Rehousing that they are holding for Salvation Army. ITAV has one opening, but they do not have a unit.

Advocap: 1-2 people for ESG. 1-2 openings in rapid rehousing COC for families and one opening.

COTS: No report

AHA: No report

Outagamie Housing: Glendale Ave \$525 with utilities included have some vacancies.

Roundhouse: No report

Habitat for Humanity: Home Repair Program has open applications for critical home repair. Our home buyer program will have open applications in April.

Point In Time: Paperwork to the state is due February 28th. Betsy is trying to put together a toolkit to make it easier for agencies to take this over in the future. 13 people were found outside. Betsy will lead the next count in July.

Project RUSH: Looking at having a home (SRO- Single Room Occupancy) that has 4-5 bedrooms that would be affordable for folks to live. Modeling this program after Porchlight in Madison. Have been putting together some data that lays out the last couple of years for folks who might qualify for this program. Betsy is also working on the host home program. Folks volunteer a temporary space for those waiting to get in to the Warming Shelter and Homeless Connections. Had a setback as the church dropped out of this project. Going back to the Project RUSH steering committee to see if this is really where we want to go.

Balance of State: We need to have two votes. The first is for the Designated Lead Agency. The second is the Non-Wisp List holder-

- **Vote for Designate Lead Agency:** Kristi Clover moves that we elect Stephanie Van Hulest from Homeless Connections as the lead agency Tim B seconds. Motion Carries.
- **Vote for who will be the non-Wisp List Holder:** Gina Cornell from Salvation Army is elected. Amy Lang motions and Kristi Clover seconds. Motion Carries.

Executive Committee: (Officers, past president and Betsy Borns.) We meet regularly the week before the coalition meeting. We want to re-examine our bylaws. There are certain bylaws that are outdated and don't line up with our current structure. We are also looking at having a more specific and formal onboarding for new members coming to the housing coalition meetings. We will be sending out a survey to see what the coalition would like to be our focus. If you are interested in helping to put together the survey.

Agency updates:

FVWS: Celebrates 10 years of existence in February. Project Tetris, may have a vote in the next few months. They will keep us updated. Folks Like Us concert will be April 15th at the Outer Edge Stage. Acts include Auralai, Walt Hamburger, Nicholas Raymond, Kurt Gunn, Shojin Alford and Barb Hoffmann. Help for the Homeless hygiene drive. Please donate if you see collection boxes.

Boys and Girls Club: Entered into an agreement with the Appleton Public Schools to share information on homeless youth. Big reluctance on the part of some young adults to enter into secure housing. Tim is looking for ideas for outreach to young adults to get them interested in supported housing. Transportation is an issue.

CAP Services: Work n Wheels program (0% interest loan program for folks to get reliable vehicles to get to work) and Skills Enhancement program are in our area and have openings.

ECWRP: Kathy passed around brochures. ECWRP are data provider, so if you need data for grants, get in touch with Kathy T

United Way Fox Cities: operate 211. Have seen a 53% increase in calls for housing and rental assistance. Go to 211 counts to get updated data every hour, this is updated. Had a 43% increase in mental health calls.

UW Extension: Rent Smart Program coming up at FVTC. Lunch is provided. Flyer passed around. Has another one coming up in April at UW Fox Valley. Also have a Care for the Caregiver workshop coming up.

Homeless Connections: will be offering Rent Smart to shelter clients starting next week. Kathy Dean is the new case management team lead. Christina Cline is new street outreach manager. Brady Moshberger is new IT. Have several new staff having to do with staff turnover as well as a new structure.

Appleton Public Schools: Lisa Hunt works with McKinney-Vento to ensure that homeless students who are enrolled in school are getting the resources they need. Has 125 students who are currently homeless.

Prosperity Center: Taking referrals for folks who are interested in obtaining education.

NAMI: Tomorrow Feb. 22nd training at Fox Valley Tech.

Homeless Connections: Day Resource Center Update- They have a tentative lease, it just needs to be signed. They have plans and a bid. Bolt is donating about half of the work. Close to getting contractors lined up.

City of Appleton: Attended the Community Development Legislative Session in DC. Heard feedback from Legislators that Coordinated Entry is a must. Whitehouse budget is proposing to slash CDBG funding

entirely and slash funding for homelessness. Both Democrats and Republicans assured us that CDBG will not go away.

Salvation Army: There is a retired police officer who would like to do an active shooter training with us. Will offer it to the coalition if folks are interested.

Outagamie County: Community Connections Program- used to be Parent Resource Center. This is for Outagamie County, but most counties have it. This is for folks who get a referral, but it is not quite as serious for CPS to take over. They pull together services and case management to help parents and families stay together.

Almost Home: Still have a waitlist. Waitlist is waived if they already have a case manager at some other agency in the community. We do have a rental program, but is directly tied to Almost Home.

FISC: Hold a lot of workshops in our area. Offering Power of Money budgeting workshop funded through Guardian.

Appleton Health Department: Have pre-natal care coordination program.

Motion to adjourn: Kathy T moves, Nate K seconds approval. Motion passes.

Next meeting: March 21, 2018