

West Central Homeless Coalition
April 18, 2023 Minutes – Approved May 16, 2023
1:00 – 3:00 PM – TEAMS Meeting

Members in Attendance:

	A	Representative Name	Organization
1	X	Erica Schoch	West CAP
2	X	Amy Berg	Turningpoint
3		Angela Friend	Center for Veterans Issues
4		Jamie Gibson	The Bridge to Hope
5		Stephanie Melton	Benjamin's House
6		Heidi Hooten	Stepping Stones of Dunn County
7	X	Jennifer Barrett	L.E. Phillips CDC Outreach Office
8		Duana Bremer	The Salvation Army, Grace Place, The Family House
9	X	Kelly Christianson	United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley
10	X	Virginia Ormsby	Northwoods Homeless Shelters
11	X	Cheri Moats	Community Referral Agency
12		Alyssa Wichmann	Individual
13		Brianne Berres	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse, Inc.
14	X	Karla Peterson	Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
15		Jeni Haddad	Family Support Center
16		Casey Levrich	Department of Veterans Affairs
17	X	Nancy Kraft	Workforce Resource, Inc.
18		Jessica Oleson-Bue	Chippewa County Housing Authority
19	X	Sarah Weltzien	Great Rivers 2-1-1 (Sarah replaced Carla on 2-21-23)
20		Deanna Kloster	UnitedHealthcare
21	X	Deanna Arntson	Inclusa
22	X	Missy Jerome	Embrace Services

Guests in attendance:

Caitlin Weeks
Lexy Duvall
Jamie Dardine
Leigh Polodna
Hayley Sirinek
Brittney Olson
Bob Rohert

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- Welcome and meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by President Erica Schoch
- Approval of March 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion by Virginia Ormsby, Second by Amy Berg – motion passed
- Coordinated Entry Update –
 - Cait Weeks from West CAP reminded us we are still taking EHV applicants. Email her for a packet. CE is going well, for which there were no questions.
 - Erica reports West CAP was asked to absorb 11 PSH clients from the Salvation Army. Kelly C asked why the funding is being shifted. Erica responded that no funding is being shifted, just the clients.
 - Erica requested a motion for coalition approval to bypass coordinated entry for these clients to be transferred directly to West CAP from Salvation Army.
 - Nancy Kraft moved, Amy Berg second. Motion passed.
- Youth Homelessness Intervention Grant Update –
 - Kelly C reports Western Dairyland is up and running with a new System Navigator and two case managers. Fully staffed. They have 17 young adults in their program. May 1st they will have a virtual meet & greet meeting. If interested, please contact Kelly.
 - Leigh added they hired a consultant to monitor the goals for this program to see what is working and what is not. They will ultimately host virtual quarterly meetings for all stakeholders to participate in. Those in the BoC invite list will be invited, feel free to share.
- Action Plan update –
 - Part 1 –
 - Erica suggested we send out a coalition survey to compare with BoS data, and to better identify our specific needs. Leigh stated her presentation last month satisfies requirement for Part 1 – Component 1 “Identifying disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance programs” and satisfies the requirements, but we may survey also. Erica asked if the coalition would like to pursue additional action items in Part 1. Kelly C suggested we not rest on Leighs presentation alone and that we add another action item.
 - Discussion led to add the key action step #4 – “The coalition has communication (such as flyers, websites, or other materials) inclusive of underrepresented groups.” And supported by Amy B to include translations if needed.
 - Erica asked for a motion to adopt Leigh’s presentation for Component 1, Part 1 and Action Step #4 to our action plan.
 - Amy moved forward with marketing, Kelly seconded – motion passed.

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- Part 2 –
 - Nancy reported the Rural North coalition chose Mainstream Benefits for Part 2 - FYI.
 - Erica suggested the Additional Goal Option of “Coordination and Engagement Related to Children and Youth” and “Mainstream Benefits”. Other suggestion was “Coordination and Engagement – Inclusive Structure and Participation”.
 - Amy B. recommended adopting only one, Mainstream Benefits, and Erica added the information/training component.
 - Erica asked for a motion for above. Amy B. moved, Nancy K. seconded. Motion passed.
 - Erica will send out the new action plan.
- Agency presentation – None
- New/Old Business –
 - Erica reminded the members that Erica and Tim will not be continuing their positions and asked for nominations to be emailed to Tim (cc Erica) by 4.28.23 with their nominations for President and Secretary for a vote at the May 16th meeting.
 - In person Annual meeting is set for Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 003 (in the basement) for the May 16th at 1:00 PM. A virtual option will be available also.
- Announcements –
 - Kelly C. reports she can still order LED lightbulbs. They should be used for clients, and not for commercial purposes. Low-flow showerheads and window film kits may be on the horizon.
 - Nancy K. reports Workforce Resource applied to continue the transitional jobs program, and the state expanded the service territory into Eau Claire County. The grant could be up to an 8-year grant. They are also applying for a 5-year Foodshare grant.
- Adjourn
Motion by Amy, Second by Nancy. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by Tim Mather