

**WinnebagoLand Continuum of Care**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Fond du Lac Public Library - McLane Room and Teams**  
**9:00 am - 10:30 am**

**Attendees:** Amy Lang, Lorraine Jones, Jody Fellers, Karl Buelow, Michele Weiler, Sara Brown, Carly Hirsch, Sherri Mahmoud, Mike Bonertz, Kat Griffith, Lori Burgess, Melanie Kearn, Nick Brewer, Clarissa Dehling, Erika Olson, Jeffrey Witte, John Nieman, Kate Markwardt, Katie Olson, Deanna Kloster, Marisa Pentek, Nellie Brahe, Nick Teifke, Julie Reindl, Beth Roberts, Sara Kosmicki, Scott Schnurer, Stephanie Kaiser, Tara Peters, Nancy Vue, Lydia Wilz, Shaundra Machtan, Karen Winkel Dishong, Hannah Jungwirth, Greta Schumacher, Crystal Champeau, Candice Kreis, Lori Jensen, Stephanie Van Hulst, Mandy Kimes

Meeting was called to order by Karl Buelow at 9:05. Attendance was taken by Michele Weiler. A motion to accept the April agenda was made by Karl Buelow; seconded by Mike Bonertz. A motion to accept the February minutes was made by Karl Buelow, seconded by Amy Lang with amendments.

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Director / BOSCOB Report:** The Bezos grant was awarded to Family Promise in Waukesha. The next application will be put out in December. BOS does screening on apps, unsure if preference is given to previous winners. There was a tie vote, and a re-vote will be held until final requirements are released. A discussion was held regarding letters that will be sent to members not in good standing. The next meeting will be in Wausau on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Delegate Report:** No update available.

**Coordinated Entry Update:** Numbers are higher than the last meeting. There are multiple lists, and number will now reflect HELP numbers of 445 households. Most recently, 127 households with children, 228 without children, and 90 on the prevention list, which does not break down those with and without children. Without that breakdown, it is difficult to speak to trends, but it appears to be going up.

**Action Plan:** Updated goals must be submitted yearly to the Coalition. The submitted goals are:

1. Increase DEI for homeless services

## 2. Increase Coalition participation

The report was sent in the meeting invite. These goals must be worked on. DEI is a required goal.

**Reminder to Voting Members:** Please respond to voting emails within 24 hours if possible. They are only sent if a response is needed urgently. Non-urgent matters will be addressed at the next meeting.

**Spotlight Agency:** Sara Brown, Winnebago County HELP Program. HELP works within Winnebago County and is currently comprised of Sara, three housing specialists, and one intake specialist. HELP provides resources and case management. Detailed information is available in the Power Point presentation sent to all by Karl Buelow.

### Sub Committee Updates

- DEI had first meeting. The BoSCoC standards were just received, and will be reviewed at the next meeting. A survey will be distributed to ensure appropriate training and education is completed. DEI is requesting someone to present on HMIS numbers and a break down of their meaning. More community collaboration is needed, meetings are held virtually the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month from 9am – 10am.
- Coordination and Engagement is an ongoing effort. Lu Scheer may be a good resource of people who may be interested in joining County subcommittee groups.
- Housing Policy Institute – About 55 people attended. Approximately half the attendees were there professionally, and the other half have been directly impacted by housing issues. Current policies were reviewed, and training on how to change policies was provided. Teams were formed for different areas to continue to change policy.
- Fond du Lac County had their first meeting. Goals include reaching out to community members for education and participation. The community has to know we are here and what we are doing. Many ideas for actionable items related to housing were discussed, there is much to revisit.
- Winnebago County has not held a meeting yet, as the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation is holding Project LIFT. Attempts to combine these efforts are being made. Project LIFT is focusing on both short and long term plans.
- Green Lake County subcommittee is having great turn out between Berlin, Princeton, Green Lake, and Markesan. Email Nichol, Karen, or Becky to join meetings which are held virtually the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 11am – 12pm.

- Point In Time (PIT) will be July 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30pm – 2am. Maps are being redone and reorganized. Training will be provided, there will be meetings both pre and post count, and data collection improvement is a goal.
- FDL Case Managers meet virtually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Goals include getting people from different agencies together to network and share both success stories and barriers.

**EHH and CE Lead Vote** Becky Heldt was nominated for EHH by Amy Lang, seconded by Lorraine Jones. Stephanie Kaiser was nominated for CE by Mike Bonertz, seconded by Lorraine Jones.

**Secretary Recruitment** The Housing Coalition is still actively seeking a replacement secretary.

### **Agency Announcements**

- Advocap – Some funds are available in Green Bay for prevention. A meeting was held in Oshkosh, and an interesting note is that elderly people struggle with the technology required for renting.
- We need a statement regarding the criminalization of homelessness. This will be drafted for review at next meeting.
- A former school in Oshkosh will be razed and turned into 18 SFH in a collaboration between Habitat for Humanity and developers.
- Commonwealth on Main will have some apartments available at 30% market rate, some at 80%, and most notably will host a 2<sup>nd</sup> shift daycare.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned

*Minutes Submitted by Michele Weiler*