

WI Balance of State Continuum of Care Veterans Committee
Meeting Minutes Nov. 29, 2017

Attendees (11): Don Roach; Jeanette Petts; Cindy Kuzdas; Dave Hunt; Denise Wendlandt; Dawn Ollenick; Faye Vega; Michael Hanke, Sharen Pease, Clara Paillas, Kent Falstad; Mary Schmocker

1. Introductions

Don opened the first meeting of the WI Balance of State Veteran's Committee. Attendees introduced themselves via the GoToMeeting Format. Mary had agreed to take minutes prior to the meeting.

2. Contact information

Don will collect everyone's contact information to be sent out to the attendees. Anyone with potential new members should contact Don so they can be added to the list.

3 -4. Mission and Develop plans to achieve mission

Don introduced the Mission of the committee: To End Veteran Homelessness in the State of WI. Plans will start with the following items:

5. Develop subcommittees in geographical locations.

Don proposed breaking the state into four areas with subcommittees: North, South, East and West. The subcommittees representing the areas can communicate and learn best practices from each other at the monthly joint meetings. Don asked for volunteers to head up the areas. A proposed map delineating the areas was discussed and posted. After some discussion, the map was tentatively approved and will be sent out to attendees by Don. The following persons agreed to head up the Subcommittees:

West: Dawn, Mike will assist.

East: Cindy

South: Sharon

North: TBD. Mike suggested co-chairs might work out better since the area is so large. Mary agreed to assist or co-chair if another volunteer could be located.

6. Point in Time. No discussion.

7. Outreach Sharen brought up the issue of Outreach, regarding finding new ways to outreach and engage the homeless. Don asked if she would be willing to share these in the future.

8. Recommendations/further discussion:

Don recommended including all WI Counties in this committee, not just the ones in the BOS CoC, since the focus is statewide.

Dave shared that the Dane County group meets with the City of Madison twice a month to get as many veterans as possible on the by-name list.

Racine has announced Functional Zero and that CoC and has opened some tiny homes in collaboration with a Veterans Outreach group.

Mike suggested investigating the root cause of homelessness and learning how to work with the County Veteran Service Officers to prevent it.

Don recommended monthly meetings of this group and set the time of the next meeting, skipping December: Jan. 17, 1 p.m. via GoToMeeting.

Motion to adjourn by Cindy, second by Sharen at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schmocker