

Coulee Collaborative to End Homelessness

Collaborative, diverse, and compassionate individuals working to eliminate homelessness in La Crosse County.

Coulee Collaborative to End Homelessness Meeting Minutes June 18, 2019

Present: Mary Jacobson (Family & Children's Center), Tristine Bauman (La Crosse County Justice Support Services), Joel Miller (City of La Crosse Police Department), Teresa Byland (La Crosse County Justice Support Services), Randall Brown (Consumer Advisory Council), Sarah Bowman (Consumer Advisory Council), Kim Cable (Couleecap), Kristi Bechtel (La Crosse County ISRS), Julie McDermid (LCEH), Kevin Fox (AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin), Chandler Miller (VORP), Molly Betts (MHSWI), Carrie Jick (The Salvation Army of La Crosse), Anthony Larson (CVI), Kaitlyn Hamann (Care Wisconsin), Pat Ruda (FSPA), Sadie Nelson (ILR), LaKisha Hudson (ILR), Macie Sullivan, Fue Yang (ILR), Terry Benson, Patti Van Buskirk, Jimmy Westland (Aptiv), Abbi Jeffers (YWCA La Crosse), Meredith McCoy (WIBOSCOC), Ebony Hyter (St. Claire Health Mission), Leticia Silva (Catholic Charities), Kael Clemmerson (New Beginnings), Dillon Mader (Project PROVEN).

1. Approval of May meeting minutes of the LCEH. No additions or comments noted.
2. Agency Presentation: Couleecap presented.
3. Wisconsin Balance of State Updates
 - a. Comment period is still open for Transitional Housing Standards, Rapid Rehousing Standards, and Emergency Shelter Standards.
 - b. Committee Reports: Committees have been meeting. No updates at this time.
 - c.
4. Governance Documents – waiting to hear from WIBOSCOC for comments on the Governance Documents that were submitted.
5. Collaborative Updates:
 - a. Outreach workers. Employees of ILR and working with the entire community. Welcome Kish and Fue!
 - b. SSO Discussion: Coordinated Entry grant. Goes to support a 32 hour per week to be the coordinated entry lead for the community. Currently, this is Julie in her role as the Project Coordinator for the LCEH and some funding has gone to support outreach workers in the past. The LCEH was not able to spend this grant this last year, the grant is still underspent. Julie has been working with the WIBOSCOC about spending down this grant. Julie's suggestion is to move the grant to ILR to cover the outreach team, because it could cover the activities of the outreach workers. Then the CE lead would be ILR. \$32,000 per year. It is renewable each year. Other agencies can express an interest in this grant. The agency could show their interest through an independent email to the WIBOSCOC. The grant is required to have a 25% match

for the grant (\$8,000+). The intent of this grant is to be the local TA for the local coalition in the area of Coordinated Entry.

Questions about the grant and why it wasn't offered to other agencies to express interest?

It is suggested that a summary should be provided to the community. Meredith can ask Ryan for a summary sheet of the grant. The contracts for this funding cycle have already been issued. Contracts are due back from grantees on 6/28/19. Contracts were issued 6/12/19 to CCLSE.

Asked if other agencies were interested in this grant. Some agencies could not state because their directors are gone or not present at the meeting. Couleecap expressed an interest in the grant.

The process can be extended to allow other agencies to respond as to whether they are interested. Agencies should send a letter of intent to Meredith by June 28th at Meredith.mccoy@wibos.org. Then a webinar will be held after that, with Carrie Poser from WIBOSCOC. Tristine will be the neutral party to be involved in the webinar. Meredith will send out a summary of expectations to the local COC by June 19, 2019.

The local COC should get copies of the letter of intents for any agency who is interested in being the CE lead.

The coalition voting process could be extended until July 19th in order for the local COC to make a good decision about who they wanted as their CE grantee.

A meeting will be held on July 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. (after the point in time planning meeting), in the 3rd floor conference room at City Hall – La Crosse. This will be an opportunity for interested agencies to present their interest and a chance for the local COC to cast a vote for the Coordinated Entry grantee.

6. Homeless Connect – Things are going well. Everything is all set up. No more volunteers needed.
7. Concert at Cavalier – July 12th from 6-9 p.m. People can purchase tickets in various locations. All ages event to raise funds for the Homeless Connect Event. We will keep posting this on our Facebook page.
8. Point in Time Planning Meeting – July 16th at 2:00 at City Hall 3rd floor conference room. Outlook invitation will be coming. Any COC or EHH funded grantee is required to participate in the point in time process. Any other interested parties are welcome to join.
9. Update on Couleecap's New Hope Program
 - a. The New Hope Grant ends 6/30/19. Couleecap staff have transitioned 17 out of 19 households.
 - b. Couleecap will utilize funds from fundraising efforts to support the two households until other stable housing can be secured.
10. Sacred Grounds has moved to Thursdays only. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. There are plans in the work to do a pop up coffee give away in a park as a meet and greet with the outreach team.

11. New Beginnings is not doing meals on Saturday through the summer. Still doing salad bar at 5:30 in conjunction with their Saturday night program. Are seeing 6 -7 people who are camping outside their building. No trespassing tickets are being issued at this time. The city has told New Beginnings that no storage of belongings is allowed outside of the building during the day.
12. Chippewa Falls is hosting Hope on the River to raise money to build Tiny Homes to end homelessness.
13. Agenda Items for August Meeting:
 - a. Consumer Advisory Council: is there a plan in place for extreme weather for shelter? Discussion to happen at August Meeting. Our After Hours Plan needs to include some type of language about these events.
 - b. Discussion about case management:
 - i. What defines case management?
 - ii. What defines peer support?
 - iii. How does case management affect housing stability?
 - c. How does the Consumer Advisory Council vote at meetings?
 - d. All members need to have a vote on the Coordinated Entry grant (all counties).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Cable, Coulecap