

BOS Central Quarterly Meeting Tuesday March 22, 2023

Visit was rescheduled from 3/8/23

Via Zoom Meeting Notes

1. Welcome / Attendance- 19 in attendance
 - a. Roxane Grossbier (Renewal Unlimited, Inc.), Whitney(Hope House), Missy K. (NFP Sauk County/Public Health Sauk Co.), Wendy Schneider, Amanda Lavigne, Sylvia and Daisy Ortiz, Jacob Johnson, Cassandra Twomey, Rachel Cross, Trisha (PAVE), Stephanie Van Hulst, River Haven, Tabitha Dahn, Andrew Colura, Rachel Trainor, Stephanie N (Columbia County), Cassandra Robinson, Emily Shier
2. Approval of Meeting Notes from December 2022- Wendy S. made a motion to accept the minutes as written / Jacob J. 2nd-Motion PASSED
3. Date conflict for previously scheduled presentation; Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in Homeless Services – Holly Sieren, Wisconsin Balance of State – Will speak at future meeting hopefully in June
4. Vote for Lead Agency- Renewal unlimited would accept position if voted in again- Motion made by Wendy S. to have Renewal remain lead agency- 2nd Rachel Trainor(with vets affairs)- Motion passed
5. Review of Central By-Laws – change request- Motion made by Jacob J, 2nd by Rachel Trainor- Motion passed (copy to follow by Roxann via email)
6. Review of After hours plan- No changes requested. Motion to accept as written Wendy S., 2nd Olivia from River Haven- Motion passed
7. There were no updates from Coordinated Entry as they are hiring for that position again
8. Wendy Schneider- PIT count took place in January- 14 teams participated in counting, 7 households were found to be homeless- those families all called in the next day after court for services. Next count 4th Wednesday in July- contact Wendy if you'd like to volunteer
9. Roxane G. Spoke regarding upcoming project regarding Affordable Housing – Increasing affordable housing supply – reforming zoning and land use policies; reducing regulatory barriers to development – looking for ideas they should meet and how often should we meet. Group required to have a progress report completed by September 15, 2023.- Wendy S. suggested partnering with Sauk County who already has another affordable housing coalition- Missy K. offered information on when Sauk County meets monthly and the contact person to reach out to- Missy emailed the contact to watch for email from Roxane to partner up
10. Agency updates- Renewal has limited funds for motel vouchers, getting about 15 calls per day for rental assistance or vouchers- Jacob is working with TBRA (tenant based rental assistance) to help those who used to have WERA which ran out- Columbia and

Adams county section 8 are open and now run by Integrated Community Solutions in Green Bay- clients can apply online- Sauk county still have waiting list for section 8 but can apply and wait

- a. Andy Collura is the new shelter manager of Baraboo Homeless Shelter- He is working with community partners and receiving and doing outreach as needed
 - b. Rachel Cross is the youth supportive service navigator working with Wendy- she helps youth in need with resources, community connections, life skills checklists, social media supports, etc- serves youth 18-24 in 5 counties
 - c. River Haven Shelter working with Portage/Columbia County community churches for a rental assistance program- must be used in Columbia County and mostly within Portage city limits- Also working on plans for building new shelter for services within the next 5 years.
 - d. Rachel Trainor/vets issues- 414-345-4269- stated the Stafford act is being lifted and covid rules are still in effect until May 2023 for Veterans- helping with rent for people in arrears or going forward until May- their motel vouchers also very limited
 - e. Missy Kirchstein spoke briefly about NFP (Nurse Family Partnership) in Sauk County doing well and continuing to take referrals for first time pregnant mothers- If anyone is not sure if a person qualifies- contact Missy directly at 6088-393-8918 or forward referral info to Michelle Bauer NFP Coordinator
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11. Motion to adjourn made by Wendy S., 2nd by Rachel Trainor- Motion passed

Next meeting 3rd Wednesday in June 2023