

Eau Claire Dairyland Housing Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/15/2020	Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm	Location: Zoom Meeting
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Approval of March 2020 Minutes

Kelly Christianson approves the minutes and Jackie Hogan seconds the minutes.

COVID-19 Coalition Updates

- Health Dept.
Incident Command Structure (unified command for a community-wide response) consists of an Operations branch, Community Services Branch (Tom Wirth is the lead for our shelter services), Logistics and Planning (coordinating resources and services across the county) and Finances branch.
If an individual that is homeless tests positive, the health department is responsible for housing the individual to allow them to quarantine safely.
- United Way
Partnered with the Community Foundation for rapid response funding to get money out to community agencies in need to serve community members. They have been adjusting deadlines and announcements about applications and funding. Please continue to watch their website for updated info: <https://www.uwgcv.org/> and received more Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funds. Please apply to the United Way & EC Community Foundation fund to receive important funding needed to help community members now. Also, United Way Foundation has a large amount of funds that will be allocated soon.
- City Housing Authority
Has received more CDBG Funds and currently are determining where funds are most needed in our community

Q: How are we addressing and serving people who are re-entering our community from our correctional facilities that are symptom-free?

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Crisis Response Plan/ESG Funding- CARES Act

- A group of select homeless service providers and community leaders attended an online meeting to discuss our current Crisis Response System in the Dairyland Coalition (included). We identified what we had in the area and what we were lacking. The areas of response are: **Identification, Prevention & Diversion, Emergency Shelters and Interim Housing, and Permanent Housing** (Crisis Response System Outline current draft included) and identified gap areas – Prevention & Diversion resources.
- WIBOSCOC informed DHC of opportunity for Hotel/Motel Voucher funding, then CARES Act funding. DHC applied for the hotel/motel vouchers through Western Dairyland, but did not receive funding.
- We just submitted a \$1,340,000 request for CARES funding yesterday to WIBOSCOC, which includes funding for outreach, shelter operations and services, hotel/motel vouchers, and prevention operations and services. The funding must follow normal ESG guidelines as far as the requirement to serving the people at the top of the coordinated entry list and using HMIS (Service Point). Family Promise, LSS, Western Dairyland and Catholic Charities have requested money in the different areas. We're awaiting notification of possible funding granted. Through guidance, the advisory committee chose Lutheran Social Services to be our coalitions Prevention Services agency and receive prevention funding to serve individuals and families in need within our four counties. We will announce the funding our coalition receives as soon as we are notified.

Q: Can this funding be used to recoup resources provided by area agencies during this time that has gone beyond their normal operations? (i.e. The Community Table, Dept. of Human Services)

Committee Updates

- **Advisory Committee: (Dani Claesges)** Worked on the request for CARES Act funding for our coalition and created the Advisory Committee document for members (included).
- **Warming Shelter: (Ken Adler)** Now closed because Sojourner has moved. They have some funding left and their goal moving forward is to have funding to have a paid staff member on site at all times. 187 nights of service this first winter. The committee will be meeting again next fall.
- **Prevention & Diversion Committee: (Brianna Berres)** Meeting on Monday, April 20th @ 2pm. Please join us if interested in being a part of this committee!

WEBEX Meeting: <https://www.webex.com/>

Meeting number (access code): 294 330 065

Meeting password: jZRPmcbm446 (59776226 from phones and video systems)

Agency Sharing

- **ECASD:** Laptops and hotspots are available for students who need either or both. They should contact their school counselor to request those items.

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- **Vivent Health:** They'll be rolling out home HIV tests soon. Updates will be posted on viventhealth.org/coronavirus. Also, their needle exchange and food pantry are still open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-4 (we just ask that clients call ahead).
- **Community Table:** served 110 today
- **CV Free Clinic:** Doing more telehealth, hoping to open their doors April 28th to see people in person, trying to schedule out routine visits.
- **Sojourner:** Using this new-found time to explore other ways they can serve their clients to address their homelessness and other needs. Please use the Sojourner House phone number to contact staff at Hobbs (414) 875-7135.
- **RAYS:** Program services are now remote and working with individuals remotely. There is a National NAMI Townhall Meeting online and state working on a Zoom meeting platform. Look for more info to be shared about these.

Q: How are agencies helping their clients receive the economic impact payments?

Carrie Poser emailed the coalition with information on how to assist an individual to receive their economic impact payment:

Economic Stimulus Payments

Today, the IRS unveiled a new link on the IRS.gov website for people who do not normally file tax returns. They can enter bank account information in order to receive the economic stimulus payment. There is a big blue button on the IRS.gov website called "Non Filers: Enter Payment Info Here."

To visit the website: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments> to access the information for non-filers: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>

Non-filers may include:

- SSI (Supplemental Security Income) Recipients – they are also eligible to receive the economic impact payment. The payment is not considered income and will be excluded from resources for 12 months for SSI recipients.
- This also includes those that receive veterans disability compensation, a pension, or survivor benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs or those whose income level does not require filing a tax return.

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Those that should NOT complete the non-filers information:

According to the IRS, those that receive Social Security retirement, disability, and survivors beneficiaries will not need to file an abbreviated tax return. The IRS will use SSA-1099 information they already have to automatically generate the payments. Beneficiaries will receive these payments by direct deposit or by paper check, just as they would normally receive their Social Security benefits.

Please see the following additional resources on the subject:

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/coronavirus-stimulus-payments_n_5e907c42c5b6cac1e81277aa

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<https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/>
<https://blog.ssa.gov/commissioner-of-social-security-shares-update-about-covid-19-economic-impact-payments-for-beneficiaries/>

Q: Is their thought on what changes agencies may consider keeping in the future beyond COVID?

WI BOS COC Updates

- Updates about the grant funding have mainly been the discussions weekly.
- The May in-person meeting is canceled. There was talk of trying to conduct in online. Stay tuned for updates.

Voting: After Hours Plan and DHC Officers

- Voting for officers and the After Hours Plan (included) will open after this meeting. Members will receive an email with a link to a Wufoo election survey. It is anonymous and only allows one vote per member. Voting will be open until Friday at 5pm with multiple emails sent to members to remind them to vote up until that time. Results will be announced through email on Friday by 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm

Next Meeting: May 20th, 2020 at 1:30pm on Zoom

June 17th, 2020 at 1:30pm

(Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm unless otherwise noted)

Meeting Location Sign-up Document Link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vK48nPJI-OJHE-v9uuvfYOjCLPy07Glw8_OXU1in7Go/edit#gid=1737334422

Notes for future meeting(s):

- ***LSS and City Housing to share how to refer someone to their TBRA program (HUD's HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance)***

Current Members

- Aging & Disability Resource Center
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of LaCrosse
- Center For Veterans Issues
- Christine Warloski
- Chippewa Valley Free Clinic
- Debbie Gough
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Eau Claire Area School District
- Eau Claire City-County Health Department

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- Eau Claire County Housing Authority
- Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley
- Housing Authority of the City of Eau Claire
- JONAH
- Lutheran Social Services (including Midway Crisis, Positive Avenues, VHRP)
- The Community Table
- United Way
- Vivent Health
- Western Dairyland
- WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs