

Eau Claire Dairyland Housing Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/15/2020	Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm	Location: First Congregation Church
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Co-Chair	Keith Johnathan	
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Agency Introductions

Approval of December Minutes

Motion to approve minutes made by Amy Giani and second by Paul Savides. Minutes unanimously approved.

Local Committee Reports

- **PIT (Point In Time) Committee**

Happening Wednesday, January 22nd, **NEED VOLUNTEERS – INVOLVES MOSTLY DRIVING!** Bring a friend to Western Dairyland at 10:30pm. You will finish around 2am. Email or call Sam Harkness if you have questions samantha.harkness@wdeoc.org or (715) 836-7511 ext. 1142. There will be a quick training at 10:30pm before volunteers head out. There's also a webinar about the Point In Time. Sign up to volunteer at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ukP8aBvvaGhvzqdaI7Rs22X38BdSnTxUljbIBO9qNA4/edit#gid=0>

- **Warming Center Committee**

Wasn't functioning because it wasn't needed at first, but will open again tonight (Jan. 15th). The committee is working to install two part time paid staff members, which would only leave two volunteer shifts 12am-8am. A special thanks to the team (especially Nate) for all the work to make this happen in such a quick amount of time. <https://www.ecwarmingcenter.com/>

- **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Group met last week and decided to have meetings regularly on the first Monday of the month. We have two more spots for committee members according to our bylaws. Members are expected to attend 75% of the coalition meetings and 90% of the Advisory Committee meetings. It is suggested on whether to use Roberts Rules or Democratic Rules for our meeting structure, but we realized we needed to do more research before we bring it to the group. **See included meeting minutes.**

- **After Hours Committee**

When they met in October the plan was updated. Anyone that's homeless will be entered into the coordinated entry system. Robin is currently adding info for the lower counties to the plan. They will meet again soon to have something ready for the PIT and will bring the new plan to the Dairyland Coalition for approval.

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- **HWLI**

The group will be meeting with the advisory team next week to be sure we're on the same page moving forward.

- **CORE TEAM for Sprint**

We have met a few times after the sprint to decide what to do with the rest of the donations from RCU and Mayo (\$4,700). We felt that in the spirit of the donations for innovative solutions, we would like to see the money go to a PR campaign in the Dairyland Coalition and start a prevention/diversion program in the community. They felt the PR campaign was to address the issues of acceptance of We would like a sub-committee to form to come up with ways to spend this money on these initiatives and present to the Core Team for approval, then the Core Team will dissolve. Some members of the Core Team are interested in being on the sub-committee. Kelly suggested to inform Mayo & RCU. **See attached meeting minutes.**

Brianne made a motion to create the Prevention/Diversion sub-committee and a separate Awareness sub-committee, then amended the motion to create a combined committee, which was second by Paul Savides. Brianne suggested we use university students and others in the community to provide work and services to be resourceful in our spending in awareness campaign.

Balance of State Updates – Casey Levrich

- Looking for three different candidates for three different positions on the board. Person must be a for Person with lived experience, serves veterans or serves chronic homeless. Applications due today (January 15th).
- The BOS CoC competition results are coming out.
- **WI BOS CoC dues:** In the past, funded agencies used discretionary funds to pay for the dues, but recently Western Dairyland has covered the entire cost. Going forward, Western Dairyland would like to again share that cost with the other funded agency (Lutheran Social Services and it was suggested that all involved agencies help to pay for the membership dues.
- February Quarterly Meeting is February 13th-14th at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Rothschild, WI. Registration: <https://www.wiboscoc.org/quarterly-meetings.html> Hotel Reservations: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/109244#/guestsandrooms>

WI BOS CoC Committees and local our members

<https://www.wiboscoc.org/committees.html>

This list is given to encourage involvement at the WIBOSCoC and to give ideas of sub-committees for our local coalition.

- Coordinated Entry: Robin Adams
- Discharge Planning
- Emergency Shelter & Diversion: Amy Giani, Brianne Berres, and Jeanne Semb
- Fiscal & Audit

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- Gaps & Needs
- Nominating
- Public Awareness
- System Performance: Jeanne Semb
- Veteran Advisory Board: Casey Levrich
- Youth Advisory Board
(Each committee is chaired by a WIBOSCoC board member)
- **How to join a Balance of State committee:** go to the committee website and find the contact for the committee. Contact the committee representative to express your interest in joining the committee.
- Nathan makes a motion to create a sub-committee for discharges (hospitals, prisons and jails). Samantha Harkness seconds the motion. Unanimous approval.

Erin Healy Report Debrief -

- 100 day sprint with goal to house 16 chronically homeless individuals. 13 were housed and it increased the housing rate 282%.
- Landlord recruitment and involvement made progress through new relationships. They created a landlord support program which includes a landlord risk mitigation fund. The fund has a process of how to access it and the city has provided \$14,000 to the fund. Rent Readiness curriculum was also created. Scott Allen (City Planner) needs to review the trainer's contract and then it will be given to John Derousa (trainer) to use the curriculum.
- There was great progress in our partnerships and collaboration with community members.
- The Community Table, Catholic Charities (Brienne Berres) and Lutheran Social Services are working with Tom Wirth to create a community center that houses all three organizations. They are looking for more buy-in from other local agencies that want to be housed either on certain days or permanently in the community center. Wondering if it's possible to have someone to focus on this as their job instead of one agency trying to spearhead the work.
- Affordable housing progress has been made: the city council has approved to vote to create an ordinance for a Housing Opportunities commission with 11 members. This will be voted on at the January 27th meeting. JONAH's Affordable Housing committee is working with developers to create specific housing for low-income community members.

Agency Updates

Jeanne Semb: Western Dairyland

- We have the Permanently Supportive Housing program and serve our most "needy" community members from the Coordinated Entry list, but are finding that the supports these community members need are far beyond the PSH programming. Clients currently have substantial mental health concerns and substance use. There is a gap in services in our community that can meet the needs of someone that cannot competently care for themselves without putting themselves at risk without 24-hour supervision. ADRC has a long-term care voluntary program: Waiver services (for individuals with developmental and physical disabilities) and medical assistance may cover some services. Peer support could be an option to work with clients and help relate to them. Positives Avenues has a peer-support

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program and Kelly Green has been trained. EXPO and Sarah Ferber would also have peer support info.

- Question: Would the peer support person work on living skills?
- It would be helpful if agencies can collaborate to provide soft hand-offs to other agencies and build trust with the client for them to work with the next agency's staff members.
- Question: If a person was not homeless but having issues as these clients do, what would the next step be? Become homeless for the first time? Determined by a therapist to be unable to care for themselves. Make a human services report? Will DHS look at the "homelessness" factor and assume our homeless system will take care of them? Could an occupational therapist evaluate them and be able to determine the client's competencies?

JONAH - Paul Savides

- They would like to create a Tenants Resource Center in Eau Claire. A group will be traveling in a van to Madison's Tenant Resource Center to learn more on Thursday, Jan. 23rd at 7:30am. Please contact Paul if you're interested in joining them. psavides@wwt.net
- TJ Atkins will be the new director of The Community Table 😊
- Maria Guzman is the first person to stay at Solis Circle in Altoona and is now running for Altoona City Council 😊

SOJOURNER - Brianne Berres

Next Tuesday, January 21st there is a fundraiser for Sojourner at Texas Roadhouse. Come between 3:30pm-9pm to help raise money!

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS - Casey Levrich

- HUD VASH is getting 10 more vouchers for this area.

VIVENT HEALTH – Stephanie Richardson

- Has a grant to educate about Narcan and administering it.
- They currently have nasal Narcan supply to give out now because it expires in February. They will train anyone how to use it (usually a 15-30 minute training).

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Next Meeting: February 19th, 2020 at 1:30 pm at First Congregational Church Chapel (310 Broadway St.).

Meeting Location Sign-up Document Link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vK48nPJI-OJHE-v9uwvfY0jCLPy07G1w8_OXU1in7Go/edit#gid=1737334422

Notes for future meeting(s):

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

Member documents received so far:

Membership Application

- Eau Claire County Housing Authority

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- Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley
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- Department of Veterans Affairs
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- Christine Warloski
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