

Eau Claire Dairyland Housing Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/18/2020	Time: 1:30pm to	Location: Webex Meeting
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Agency Updates - Addressing COVID-19

Eau Claire City-County Health Department (Cortney Draxler and Natasha Bentz)

For the most current recommendations and information please go to coronavirus.ehealthdepartment.org

- Travel: WI Department of Health Services (DHS) will be sharing information about how to self-quarantine if you've traveled – Will be shared by ECCCHD
 - Current states with "Sustained Community Transmission": New York, California, Illinois, Washington
 - Some communities in Wisconsin are considered community transmission: Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Madison/Dane County.
- Mass Gathering guidance: Shelters are exempt from the Mass Gathering Guidance at this time. Currently, Sojourner is dropping to bunk capacity and they are looking at plans for social distancing at the warming center. (48 maximum at Sojourner, 10 at warming shelter)
- Testing: Testing is being completed in a Tier System to identify and prioritize sample testing.
 - All hospitals are collecting specimen samples and working through public or private labs. The Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene can complete the test for free. They have released a tier system to include priority testing of patients requiring hospitalization and showing symptoms and Health care workers. As of today, at 10:30am, Mayo Clinic Health System has started offering a Drive-through COVID-19 Testing area. Mayo is accepting uninsured individuals who join the Mayo System and their own patients and following the tier system of priority testing. Those who do not meet criteria for testing are given information about how to self-monitor.
- Exposure in shelters: The Health Department has funds and obligation to provide a location to quarantine or isolate an individual for 15 days. For larger groups in congregate settings, ECCCHD is working on logistics on how to set up a site or sites for both quarantine and isolation. If you believe someone has been exposed to a person that has tested positive, they should be distanced from other shelter clients, watch for symptoms and call 211 or the Health Department COVID-19 Line: 715-839-4725 for further guidance.
- Nurse Line is for Mayo Clinic Health System for COVID-19 Information: (715)838-3311

Please urge individuals check the Health Department Coronavirus website as it is updated several times a day.

- [Coronavirus.ehealthdepartment.org](https://coronavirus.ehealthdepartment.org)
- Or <https://www.eauclairewi.gov/government/our-divisions/health-department/coronavirus>

Catholic Charities

- Shelters in La Crosse and Eau Claire are looking to transfer to larger spaces to provide social distancing so that staff, volunteers and guests feel safe and guarded against contracting COVID-19. Wausau has already moved its Warming Center to a larger and safer space.
- Sojourner is looking for symptoms, taking temps and offering face masks to anyone displaying other symptoms. If someone has a temp, they are referred out to 211 who completes a questionnaire and those guests are then referred to the hospitals for needed services
- We are hoping there is a larger space solution soon because we will not be able to maintain top capacity for much longer.

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- People can call in for St. Lawrence Services and receive immediate necessities assistance by triage - Julian 608-519-8050. We are talking with people who call in about rental assistance and mortgage assistance because there may be things put in place at the local, state and federal level to avoid evictions and foreclosures

Hope Gospel

- Practicing sanitization and social distancing, separating sick clients in their rooms.

Family Promise (Beacon House)

- Not taking in any new families- short on volunteers and staff
- Volunteers are dropping off meals at the door

Community Table

- Currently providing carry-out meals only – volunteer teams are at a maximum of six people, along with using hand sanitizing, gloves and aprons.
- Has an abundance of bread- agencies should call if they'd like some (from Panera)
- May be able to get volunteers from the Eau Claire School District – more to come on how to recruit help

Western Dairyland

- No new families or individuals being taking in at this point. All existing clients will stay in the shelter units.
- Staff available by phone only
- Phone cards are needed because they need to call in to receive services

Warming Shelter

- Staffed with paid staff
- Hygiene, social distancing being practiced

ADRC

- They are encouraging people to phone into the office instead of coming to the office.
- If they do come, they will be asked to complete a form and someone will call back. If they do not have a phone, they can use the lobby phone to talk with someone in ADRC.
- Meals on Wheels continues. Senior Dining is moving to a Grab and Go meal at Augusta Senior Center, St. John's Apt. and Fairchild Community Center. For those participants that have signed up one day prior to the meal (per usual) they will receive a prepackaged (just like home deliveries receive) meal and will be able to take it home to eat. We will not be allowing participants to dine in. This is effective March 17th and will be until further notice.

Lutheran Social Services

- Positive Avenues reduced hours: Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am-5pm, Tuesdays & Fridays 10:00am – 3:30pm
- People are welcome to come in to Positive Avenues 30 minutes early and stay 30 minutes late if they're willing to help clean and sanitize.
- Also offering facemasks

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- If people are looking for housing services, please have them call Nicole Anderson 715-495-3392
- RAYS: Majority of work will be remote- may see an increase in students running away because of the dismissal of school. Families and youth can call Tanya to talk Update on RAYS - at this time we are offering remote services to youth during this time to help reduce the risk of them running in this stressful time. I can be reached at 715-418-5529 or a parent can email me directly: tanya.alexander@lsswis.org

Chippewa Valley Free Clinic

- The Chippewa Valley Free Clinic will still open Thursday morning from 9am until noon and Next Tuesday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. We are trying to screen patients and offer telemed services. It's best to call in at 715-839-8477 to schedule an appointment.

Vivent Health

- Reduced office hours (two days per week) Door will be locked, but they will still offer needle exchange and other services, but eliminating face-to-face contact.
- <https://viventhealth.org/coronavirus/>

Veterans (Angela Friend, Karla Peterson)

- No walk-ins allowed
- Extra screening questions, social distancing, practicing hygiene
- Food and household toiletries available at the office
- WI Dept of Veterans Affairs: Outreach efforts currently suspended, no face to face meetings, case management from home. I can still accept referrals and work with Veterans and their families on housing, mental health and AODA services. I do have a limited amount of food available to give to Veterans and their families as well. We do still have limited funds available for emergency motel stays for qualifying Veterans.

United Way

- Please feel free to contact UW with needs or if you think we might be of some sort of help. We are good at reaching out to a lot of people and we have connections.

Eau Claire Area School District

- Dani Claesges is still working with families and students by phone (715) 852-3044

Lutheran Social services is asking screening questions at Positive Avenues before individuals come in.

The EC Public Library is closed.

Other community health departments are putting together cleaning grab bags to hand out as needed.

Feed My People site: <https://give.fmpfoodbank.org/campaign/emergency-updates/c277111>

Concerns:

- Reducing hours and locations for homeless individuals will limit essential services provided to them. This will put them at greater health risk.

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- Cleaning supplies are greatly needed: Bleach and garbage bags at TCT, Sanitizer and Cleaner at Sojourner,
- Need to provide concise answers from our coalition on what is needed for community
- Be sure we're taking care of ourselves so that we can take care of our staff and clients

EHH Lead Agency Vote

- Need to vote on which agency should be the EHH lead in the Dairyland Coalition
- Kelly makes a motion for Western Dairyland to remain/become the lead agency for the EHH Grant, Angela seconds that motion.
- Voting was unanimous – Western Dairyland will be the lead EHH agency for the next grant year

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm

Next Meeting: April 15th, 2020 at 1:30 pm at Alliance Bank (245 S. Eau Claire St., Mondovi)

Meeting Location Sign-up Document Link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vK48nPJI-OJHE-v9uwvfYOjCLPy07Glw8_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
- 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