

Eau Claire Dairyland Housing Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/19/2020	Scheduled Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm	Location: Zoom Meeting
Chair	Jeanne Semb	
Co-Chair	Keith Johnathan	
Minutes Recorder	TJ Atkins on Behalf of Dani Claesges dairylandsecretary@gmail.com	
Attendees		
Member Representative	Robin Adams	Western Dairyland robin.adams@wdeoc.org
Member Representative	Ken Adler	Chippewa Valley Free Clinic adlerjk@gmail.com
Member Representative	TJ Atkins	The Community Table director@thecommunitytable.org
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Member Representative	Brianne Berres	Catholic Charities (Sojourner House/SoJo) bberres@cclse.org
Member Representative	Kelly Christianson	United Way GCV kchristianson@uwgcv.org
Member Representative	Angela Friend	CVI (Center for Veterans Issues) angela.friend@cvivent.org
Member Representative	Amy Giani	FPCV (Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley) agiani@familypromisecv.org
Member Representative	Deb Gough	Community Member goughdm@uwec.edu
Member Representative	Jacque Hogan	Western Dairyland (WD) Jacque.Hogan@wdeoc.org
Coalition Director Member Representative	Casey Levrich	Dept. of Veteran Affairs casey.levrich@va.gov
Member Representative	Karla Peterson	Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs karla.peterson@dva.wisconsin.gov
Member Representative	Stephanie Richardson	Vivent Health Stephanie.richardson@arcw.org
Member Representative	Jen Solfest	ADRC (Aging Disability Resource Center) jennifer.solfest@co.eau-claire.wi.us
Member Representative	Cortney Springer	Eau Claire City County Health Department Cortney.springer@co.eau-claire.wi.us

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	Tanya Alexander	Lutheran Social Services- RAYS tanya.alexander@lsswi.org
Member Representative	Jodi Bednar	Lutheran Social Services Jodi.bednar@lsswis.org
Member Representative	Paul Savides	JONAH psavides@wwt.net
	Glenda Enger	
	Ryan Graham	WISBOSCOC CE Specialist

Approval of August DHC Meeting Agenda

Amy Giani motions to approve the agenda, Jacque Hogan seconds the motion. Unanimous approval

Approval of July 2020 Minutes

Jen Solfest motions to approve the minutes, Amy Giani seconds the motion. No other discussion all in favor.

COVID-19 Coalition Updates

Center for Veterans Issues - Angela Friend

- They are still in phase one of having employees working virtually. This phase has been extended for another 30 days. They are seeing veterans virtually and via phone calls.

Vivent Health - Stephanie

- They are at 33% staffing the office and will be until January 2021. They are open Monday through Friday by appointment only.

Sojourner - Brianne Berres

- Their office staff is doing everything virtually. They are still at Hobbs with Positive Avenues as a 24/7 Shelter. They are working on an alternate location and will ideally move soon. However, they are still working with the city. They are seeing about 60 individuals a night. They need cots as they have many that are falling apart and only have capacity for 60. Last week they did have to turn away 2 to 3 people, because they didn't have any cots available. They are still looking at their alternative site as it will be temporary and are looking at potential long term sites.

ADRC-Jen

- Free bus fares has been extended through October 5th and paratransit fares won't be collected till after October 5th.

Western Dairyland-Jeanne

- WRAP (Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program) has been running since June 13th and they have spent almost \$400K in assistance thus far. This assistance will go through October 31st.
- ESG contracts have gone out. Motel vouchers will be available and prevention assistance as well as Rapid Rehousing funds.

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- CDBG monies will be available soon. Mike shared he was notified these monies have been released by the Feds as of yesterday, so agencies should receive them soon.

Q: Will the motel vouchers be prioritized or given to those who have been kicked out of shelter?

A: Yes. Families with kids will be first priority followed by single individuals

Q: How much is let to spend in the WRAP program?

A: We were given a total of \$649K so \$249K is still available.

Q: Is there a waiting list for the WRAP program?

A: Yes there is a waiting list. It's not long and is pretty fast.

Q: How long is the waiting list for the WRAP program?

A: It's about a week turnaround time. The challenge comes in if landlords don't submit agreements timely or people don't get their paperwork in.

Q: what is the max limit of funds for a household for the WRAP program?

A: Its \$3,000 per household.

Jeanne shares we do have additional funds of \$15,000 to use in conjunction with WRAP funds.

Q: Has LSS started the prevention program?

A: They shouldn't have yet, because they haven't completed their contract yet and no one is listed on the prevention list currently.

Q: Are non-English speakers eligible for WRAP?

A: Yes as long as one person in the household has a Social Security Number.

Jacque states WD did get an anonymous donation and funds will be available for non-English speakers and undocumented people. She will share more details with Jeanne and then the rest of the group as more details unfold.

WI Balance of State COC Updates

- Casey shared they are looking at a new provider for HMIS system and the target change is to occur in Spring 2021.
- The challenge will be how to do training either virtually or classroom style.
- They are trying to negotiate with the first pick provider currently.
- Discussion about the speaker and that they will be returning in November.
- Business meeting-Jeanne
 - System performance network group met and a new tool will be released to look at data to be reviewed at coalition meeting to identify gaps and strengths.
 - This will be added to future agendas and will be helpful in letting the community know who and how many we serve.
 - Carrie did note that Dairyland COC has a large number of youth, DV, and veterans

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-Robin and Dani are looking at getting a youth advisory group together.

-Casey and Angela are also looking at a veterans group

- Tanya wanted to notify the group that LSS has vetted and will be working with another agency for the RAYS program. This change and more information to come in October. The program will be expanded into other areas as well.
- The Next Quarterly meeting is still To Be Determined.
- COC Collaborative Application still in progress
 - Next meeting August 20th at 10 am. All are welcome to attend!

EHH Funding

- Funding for 2021 is out. 2019-2020 contracts will end in October 2020.

Committee Updates / Potential New Committees

- **Point In Time Street Count (PIT)- Robin**
 - 17 individuals were found. There were no families found unsheltered.
 - last year we found 23 individuals. Keep in mind this year the process was different then previous years
 - Ken reports Mike Henry from Plymouth Street ministries states there are 70-100 homeless right now in Eau Claire and they do not go to the shelter as they don't like the shelter environment.
 - Kyle is utilizing street outreach to connect with people.
- **Youth Advisory Board-Robin**
 - The group met a couple of weeks ago to discuss what they want the board to look like. The hope is that they will be up and running by October to identify stakeholders
 - They are looking to come up with a survey to distribute soon.
 - They also discussed having a dedicated email for those surveys to come to for their particular group. Robin shares it will be a Gmail account, she and Dani would have access to it. They are looking to the coalition for approval for this. No objections from those present. Group agreed this would be fine.
 - Robin shared their end goal would be needing funding for youth housing project. TJ referred Robin to check out the KATS program in Wausau that is a youth shelter.
- **Prevention & Diversion-Bri**
 - They will be meeting soon
 - They are in search of a Co-Chair
- **Discharge & Criminalization of Homelessness Committee-Robin**
 - Looking for more interested participants. Currently mostly WD staff and ADRC staff. Group would like more diversity
 - Looking to have more stakeholders
- **Advisory Committee-Jeanne**
 - Reviewed the Equal Access and Gender policy from WIBOSCOC
 - Kelly looking into how we will run our meeting based Robert's rule or democratic order. She will be creating our rules of order as a hybrid between this two options and will discuss at our next meeting.
 - Next meeting is first Thursday of the month (September 3rd, 2020)
 - Looking for a member recruiter to help recruit people with lived experience or from the lower counties. Ken recommended have owners of Jewelstone Restaurant serve as they profits assist those who are homeless. (Please email dairylandsecretary@gmail.com if you are interested in chair or being on this committee)

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- **Criminalization of Homeless-Ken**

- Focus on unsheltered homeless
- Currently no legal public place to sleep at night in Eau Claire. Suggestion that Jim Southward from ECPD be asked to join this group and the Social Worker from the Jail to get their input and how their contacts are going.
- Next meeting every 3 weeks. August 28th at 9 am via Zoom.

Robin reminded everyone that the list from Carrie @WIBOSCOC for PPE is due Monday and includes masks and hand sanitizer.

Agency Sharing

The Community Table-TJ

- Social worker intern started next week and she will be working with patrons.
- New faces are coming to the table as well youth
- Their Dessert Extravaganza will be coming up in October and they are looking for sponsors and prizes for that event.

CVFC (Chippewa Valley Free Clinic)-Ken

- Disposed of 50lbs of expired medications and they received \$20,000 for new meds for patients.
- Q: Can they accept unopened RX drugs from community members?
- A: No they can't. They can only accept medications from drug companies.

United Way Greater Chippewa Valley-Kelly

- First round of \$300K Covid Recovery Grant recipients have been announced. Winners were Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Eclipse program @UW, Western Dairyland-childcare program, Child Care partnership, and Feed My People Food Bank to feed kids.
- The Second round of \$200K Covid Recovery Grant cycle is now open and listed on their website.
- Their new ED Andy Neborak started
- 2019-2020 second part APRs are due on August 26th and will be reviewed in September
- Next grant cycle will start in March of 2021 and then due in July 2021

Veterans News

- They did have a veteran's virtual event and people did attend.

Eau Claire City County Health Department

- Cortney D. is the ops manager for the ICS structure and set up for the command center, so she will have updates on those in future meetings.
- They are focused on increased testing sites and schools who are at the forefront as they will be starting soon

Meeting adjourned at 3pm

Next Meeting: September 16th, 2020 at 1:30pm Zoom meeting

THEME: To Be Determined

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

Application for coalition membership is included. Please complete if your agency is not listed 😊