

# Eau Claire Dairyland Housing Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/16/2020		Scheduled Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm	Location: Zoom Meeting
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Co-Chair	Keith Johnathan		
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## Welcome/Attendance

## Approval of September 2020 DHC Meeting Agenda

\*Ken Adler added Criminalization Committee to agenda\*

Angela Friend motions to approve the agenda, Amy Giani seconds the motion. Unanimous approval.

## Approval of August 2020 Minutes

Debbie Gough motions to approve the minutes, Kelly Christiansen seconds the motion. No other discussion all in favor.

## Homeless Prevention Funding in the DHC and Coordinated Entry

- WRAP (Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program) Western Dairyland has dispersed over \$500,000 and so far the program has helped between 200-300 households. Assistance available until the end of October. Funding only for those affected by COVID
- EHH Prevention (Catholic Charities) – ends 09/30/21 – for those NOT affected by COVID
- ESG CV: Agencies have the contracts for the funding. People must have had their income affected by COVID and be at 80% median county income. EHH Prevention (LSS) – ends in 2022 – only for those affected by COVID
- CDBG – EC City Housing received large amount of funding.

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## WI Balance of State COC Updates

- Gaps & Needs Surveys (Minimum of 25 per continuum-**Due November 15th**)
  - Gaps and Needs Client Survey <https://forms.gle/bEdESyeMYVJFwQwA8>
  - Gap and Needs Providers Survey <https://forms.gle/CvS8nwhH3foZebL1i6>
- WI BOS COC Director Updates – None at this time. Latest info in email from Carrie.
- COC Collaborative Application-what should we be doing locally that we are not? We talked about things we still do not have in our coalition. Discussion notes will be emailed to the DHC with the collaborative application very soon.

## Winter Sheltering in the DHC

- The warming center committee felt their efforts were better spent supporting Sojourner House and their changes.

Q: What will the 50+ people on the street do without a warming house?

## Creating Systemic Change in the DHC (Serving clients who need more than we can provide)

- How do we fill the gaps in services in our community for serving homeless and those in eminent danger?
- How do we serve people and keep clients housed that need more intense services? Do we have services in our area that provides a more intense level of care. One example is our geriatric clients. Inclusion is helpful if they have insurance/Badgercare, and ADRC, but more are needed. Iris might be an option if they served Eau Claire area.
- Mary Catherine made a suggestion to create a committee that focuses on advocating for more services and find solutions.

## Rent Smart Training

- To register complete this online form: <https://go.wisc.edu/Rentsmartregister>
- September: 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, Oct 1; 1-2pm
- October: 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22; 7-8pm
- November: 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20; 9-10am

## Committee Updates / Potential New Committees

- **Point In Time Street Count (PIT)**- Robin and Samantha  
No updates at this time
- **Youth Advisory Board**-Robin and Dani  
Hoping to have the first YAB meeting in October  
Please complete the survey sent out to the coalition!
- **Prevention & Diversion**-Robin  
Looking for more agencies to join the committee.
- **Discharge & Criminalization of Homelessness Committee**-Ken and Robin  
-Met with Jim Southworth from the EC Police Dept. – Mental health and addiction issues seem to be what affect people the most from the department's perspective.  
-80% percent of the police dept. interactions are with people that have recently resided outside of the Eau Claire area

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-Ken Adler shared that approximately 85% of people at Positive Avenues are people who have resided in Eau Claire for a while, so potentially not the same two populations.

- **Advisory Committee-Dani**

- See meeting minutes

- The committee will be addressing Carrie Poser's 09/16/20 email contents

- **Other/New Suggestions:**

- Membership committee/recruitment: members with lived experience, persons with disabilities

- Mary Catherine suggested a committee to advocate for and find solutions for intense services needed by clients (elderly, persons dealing with addictions, etc.)

## Agency Sharing

### Sojourner (Catholic Charities)– (Tracy Rieger and Kevin Burch)

- Clients are still at Hobbs. The IGA build-out happening now and they hope to have it ready by and it should accommodate 70 clients. The current needs will be communicated to the DHC as soon as they have been determined. Kyle Petris and Kyala Shawn will be directing the shelter. They plan to stay at IGA for 6 months, and at this point the current future plan is to move back into the current Sojourner building.

### Vivent Health-(Stephanie Richardson)

- They have resumed free HIV and Hepatitis C testing (by appointment). If any of you have clients interested, send them our way! Feel free to contact Stephanie with any questions: [stephanie.richardson@viventhealth.org](mailto:stephanie.richardson@viventhealth.org)

### Eau Claire City-County Health Department (Cortney Nichols)

- Vulnerable Populations group have updated the Eau Claire Community Resource Guide:  
English: <https://www.eauclairewi.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=32887>  
Spanish: <https://www.eauclairewi.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=33011>  
Hmong: <https://www.eauclairewi.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=33396>

### WI Interagency Council on Homelessness (Mike Basford)

- Currently starting a process to update the Hand and Home state plan to end homelessness. Creating a racial equity workgroup.

### JONAH (Paul Savides)

- Affordable Housing Task Force looking to create a local Tenant Landlord Resource Center, which will include
  - Landlord Mediation
  - Legal Advice
  - and MoreWorking with Tri-Mediation to be ready to provide these services

### Spectrum offering reduced wifi prices for disabled (Mary Catherine)

- \$15 per month – contact the Spectrum office for info on how to apply

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## **United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley (Kelly Christianson)**

- Hiring another community impact director (duplicate to Kelly's job but will have a health and education focus). Currently interviewing.
- Noticing two trends in APRs – volunteers are needed everywhere and affordable housing issues are prevalent and
- Request for Proposals (RFPs) will be coming out in March – think outside the box if applying.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:18pm**

**Next Meeting: October 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 😊