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Just a friendly reminder that the next ESN meeting is Tuesday, April 13th, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom video call. Call information here

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions.
- Minutes from March meeting
- Point In Time Presentation
- EFSP Meeting (Quarterly Jan, April, July, Oct)
- EHH Lead Agency Selection
- Rental Assistance Update
- Committee reports & updates:
 1. Homeless Awareness & Prevention Partnership Committee.
 2. Hunger Prevention Council.
 3. Legislative Committee.
 4. Energy Assistance Committee.
 5. Public Relations Committee.
 6. BOS/COC update.
- Agency sharing.
- Adjourn.

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Emergency Services Network of Kenosha County

Meeting Minutes of Zoom Meeting March 9, 2021

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Agency</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Karl Erickson | ELCA Outreach Center | Cyndi Zarletti-Lee | Kenosha Housing Authority |
| Byron Wright | Public | Sherri Dabbs | Goodwill Industries/DWD |
| Nicole Thomsen | One Hope | Laurie McDonald | United Way Kenosha County |
| Pam Halbach | Community Action Agency | Veronica Judon | KHDS |
| Karen Kempinen | CUSH | Elizabeth Stinebaugh | Legal Action of WI |
| Abby Fuller | Familia Dental | Lois Brandt | Kenosha County Child Support |
| Tamarra Coleman | Shalom Center | Dustin Feeney | Kenosha County Child Support |
| Lisa Haen | KHDS | Marty Howard | Kenosha Police Department |
| Angie Volm | WCH | Rachel DeWildt | ADRC |
| Erin Morey | PSN | Lisa Sanders | Shalom Center |
| Nicole Leipski | UW Extension | Katie Oatsvall | KAFASI |
| Nicole Boyer | Kenosha County DWD | Sharon Pomaville | The Sharing Center |
| Molly Calderon | UMOS | Jane Rovik | EQUUS |
| Sandra Zabow | MHS Health Wisconsin | Amy Masemon | UW Extension |
| Brianna Jones | WCH | Kimm Peters | Kenosha County DWD |
| Carolina Martinez | WCH | Ted McMahon | Hospice Alliance |
| Dan Parrish | Salvation Army | Jennifer Blasi | Kenosha County Veterans |
| Krista Ramsey | Equus W2 | Ashley Zubek | WCH |
| Janel Semone | KUSD | Sarah Heminger | KUSD |
| Tamarra Coleman | Shalom Center | Ann Marie Hopkins | CUSH |
| Randy Cross | Shalom Center | Andrea Scheuermann | Shalom Center |
| Carolyn Dame | 4C's | Amy Garrigan | UW-Parkside |

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting via Zoom was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Byron Wright. Byron welcomed everyone and went through roll call.

Minutes

A motion was made by Sharon P. and seconded by Lisa S. to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Presentation – Criminalization of Homelessness

Veronica J., Lisa S., Lisa H. and Tamarra C. presented information regarding the criminalization of homelessness. The definition of criminalization of homelessness, how this harms the community and what it looks like. They reminded everyone that the ESN approved a policy & procedures in August 2020 to address criminalization of homelessness. Additionally, they went through the measures that are in place to assist the community in educating the community including the CIT training for area police officers. Communication has taken place with the Kenosha Police Department, NAMI, social service agencies and other area stakeholders to make efforts to address this issue. The coordinated entry service providers and services were reviewed in detail and statistics were shared with the group. A comment/question was posed about the agencies helping with housing possibly do not take individuals with addiction and who are not sober. It was addressed that people who are not sober and who are

suffering with addiction are in shelter programs and they are not turned away. Another question was asked regarding the “waiting” list for the shelters. It was clarified that it is a prioritization list.

EFSP Update

Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Reports

Homeless Awareness & Prevention Partnership/Centralized and Coordinated Assessment Committee

Veronica J. reported the committee met on February 16 virtually at 9:30 via Teams. The group discussed the Point in Time event and how to improve the plan. There were five people that we completed surveys with. The group also discussed BOS plan. The committee will present at the April 2021 ESN Meeting. The next meeting is March 16. Sharon P. made a motion to approve the report, second by Pam H. All in favor, motion carried.

Legislative Committee

Karen K. reported the group met and watched a tutorial video from the League of Women Voters on how to use the WI Legislature website how to set-up an account, receive notifications, etc. Sherri D. motioned to approve the report Lisa H. seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Energy Assistance Committee

Molly reported they met and they are expecting more funding. At this time they do not know who will be administering the funding. Motion to approve by Tamarra C., seconded by Cyndi Z. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Relations Committee

Sherri D. reported the committee met and reminded everyone to get their MOU’s in if they haven’t yet. There are approximately five more that we need to be in line with last year. The committee is putting together an invite so members can invite peer stakeholders and other agencies to become a member of ESN and sit with this group for the collaboration of services. A survey is being put together to get some feedback on what the committee would like to have as presenters and other information they would like to know regarding agencies or services in Kenosha County. The committee continues to work on the action plan put together in 2019 and will discuss revisiting this plan in 2021. Motion made to approve by Sharon P., seconded by Tamarra C., all in favor motion carried.

BOS/COC Update

Lisa reported that the Board Chair resigned and that means that she is the interim Chair. She will remain the interim chair until the nominating committee can put an election together to elect a new chair.

Agency Sharing

- Tamarra mentioned the virtual community resource fair series that started in January continues. These fairs provide information to the community and clients. The next one will be on March 25 from 12-1 on Facebook, this will focus on health (dental, physical & mental). This is a great way to stay connected to the community and these fairs are available after the fact if you are unable to make it on the actual day.
- Laurie from United Way reported they are proceeding with the VITA tax program. There will be three ways to access this service, one is all online where documents are submitted via an online hub, another is in person, with this however, the documents are left with the person and then

returned once the documents are completed. More information can be found at the Kenosha United Way website. AARP is already at capacity, so a number of people are seeking the assistance from VITA.

- Pam reported they are working on two new rental assistance programs. Many of the applications are just pending waiting on documentation to get these individuals approved. The funding goes to those who have needs that are COVID related.
- Abby from Familia Dental reported they are moving forward with the community baby shower at YMCA, Sunday, May 16 in the afternoon. We will have speakers and will be raffling off car seats. If you want to put flyers in the bags that are handed out just get the flyers to Abby. They will be giving away diapers and other items.
- Ted M. mentioned they will be having a fundraiser at MOD pizza on March 10. Please consider going to support Hospice Alliance.
- Ashley from WCH let the group know they will be holding a virtual Mardi Gras event, individuals will be purchasing boxes. For more information you can visit the WCH website.

Lisa H. made the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

The next meeting will be April 13, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherri B. Labbs".

ESN Secretary