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Just a friendly reminder that the next ESN meeting is Tuesday, August 10th, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom video call. Call information here

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions.
- Minutes from July meeting
- 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

July 13, 2021

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Agency</u> |
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| Karl Erickson, <i>Co-Chair</i> | ELCA Outreach Center | Susan Roknic | KHDS |
| Byron Wright, <i>Co-Chair</i> | Public | Veronica Judon | KHDS |
| Sherri Dabbs | Goodwill Industries/DWD | Elizabeth Stinebaugh | Legal Action of WI |
| Pam Halbach | Community Action Agency | Nicole Leipski | UW-Extension |
| Karen Kempinen | CUSH | Meredith McCoy | BOS |
| Dustin Feeney | Kenosha County Child Support | Sharon Pomaville | The Sharing Center |
| Tamarra Coleman | Shalom Center | Sean Merchant | Veterans Path to Hope |
| Nicole Boyer | Kenosha County DWD | Lois Brandt | Kenosha County Child Support |
| Terri Ward | UW Extension | Jennifer Blasi | Kenosha County Veterans |
| Lisa Haen | KHDS | Amy Macemon | UW Extension |
| Sandra Szabo | MHS Health Wisconsin | Liza Schultz | PSN |
| Dan Parrish | Salvation Army | Brianna Jones | WCH |
| Lyn Elvetici | Kenosha Housing Authority | Carolina Martinez | WCH |
| Sandy Langel | The Sharing Center | Rachel DeWildt | ADRC |
| Katie Oatsvall | KAFASI | Angie Volm | WCH |
| Mario Zuniga | Familia Dental | Laurie McDonald | United Way |
| Marty Howard | Kenosha Police Department | Molly Calderon | UMOS |
| Sharon Pease | Center for Veterans Issues | Krista Ramsey | EQUUS |

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting via Zoom was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Byron Wright. Byron welcomed everyone and went through roll call.

Minutes

Corrections were made as follows: In the BOS report WHEDA (instead of WETA) and report given by Lisa H. (instead of Lisa S.) and in the bylaw change the spelling of ensure (instead of insure). This change will also need to be made to the actual wording in the bylaws. A motion was made by Sharon P. and seconded by Lisa H. to approve the minutes as corrected. All in favor, motion carried.

Point In Time Update

Veronica J. updated the group on the point in time outreach event conducted on January 27, 2021. Five groups of agency volunteers and the Kenosha Police department were assigned to various areas around Kenosha. Motel vouchers were authorized for anyone found during this count. Five people were encountered during the street count and were given a hotel voucher, there weren't any families encountered during this count. Others that were surveyed resolved their own homelessness issues by staying with family, using coordinated entry program or other avenues. There were 32 individuals in emergency shelter, 31 rapid rehousing and 27 found permanent housing. The summer point-in-time is July 28-29, 2021.

Marketing Opportunity

Tamarra C. reported that Backyard Dream Studios contacted her after an article she wrote for the Kenosha News was published. The basis of the article was "no one can do it alone". They spoke with her about doing a media campaign where a group of the individuals sitting around the ESN table would have

a 30-40 second clip. The concept is to learn more about the agencies. Tamarra will be sending out a survey to see who is interested in potentially taking part. The first step would be to learn more about it, figure out how you can participate and then put it into action. The thought also would be that this would be a great kick-off to the social media platform for the ESN Network. Byron suggested that Tamarra and the Public Relations committee work together to get this organized and discuss what we want put out there. The suggestion was also made at this time that the Secretary update the Facebook page and other social media platforms as new items become available to share to the group.

Bylaw Change (Hunger Prevention)

Byron mentioned that we needed to have a second reading for the bylaw change therefore, he reviewed the change needed in the bylaw's for the HPC for the second time, stating that the committee will not prevent duplication of services as bullet number five states. Instead, they would like the wording changed to: ***Work to ensure that services are cooperative and collaborative to limit duplication of services and to ensure that limited resources are mostly effectively deployed.*** This was the second reading of this bylaw change. A motion to approve the bylaw change was made by Sharon P. and seconded by Terri W. All in favor, motion carried.

The ESN Meeting was temporarily adjourned to adjourn the quarterly meeting of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

Byron called the meeting of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program to order. Lisa H. told the group that Phase 37 and Phase CARES second payment requests and interim reports have been completed by all agencies. We have not received any second payment requests for Phase 38. Before approving payment requests for Phase 38 is to have all agencies submit their source documentation for the first payment of Phase 38. This is part of the monitoring plan.

There being no further business of the EFSP, Tamarra C. made a motion to adjourn, Marty H. seconded, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Rental Assistance Update

Pam H. reported that the city is going to get additional funding and we are still doing our program as well. The money is similar to the funds before and will have the same parameters the other funds have had around COVID. Dan P. indicated Salvation Army doesn't have any funding at this time. Sharon P. mentioned that her agency still has funding, however, the individuals have balances of \$3K-5K. Jennifer B. indicated that Kenosha County Veterans office also has funding for veterans. With the moratorium still in place agencies may not see people for another month or so. A question was posed as to what happens to these families that are unable to pay these large amounts. This information has not been tracked thus far, most just lose contact with the agencies. Most agencies do not have the staff to continue to track this. Pam will ask her staff how many individuals are being denied.

Committee Reports

Homeless Awareness & Prevention Partnership/Centralized and Coordinated Assessment Committee

Veronica J. reported the committee met on June 15, they are preparing for the July point in time survey that will take place on July 28, 2021. They worked on their work plan and decided to use only agency volunteers for this event. BOS plan as well as emergency vouchers that were discussed and how they will be used. The next meeting will be July 20 at 9:30 a.m. A motion to approve the report was made by Lisa H. and seconded by Sherri D. All in favor, motion carried.

Hunger Prevention

Amy M. presented the report, stating the group met on June 8, at 9:30 a.m. via Teams. A meeting will be held after this meeting today at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. She reminded the group that everyone that has anything to do with food (nutrition programs, pantries, soup kitchen, free/reduced lunch, etc.) are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. The committee is getting their feet back on the ground and into the community. They will be creating shared documents for resources, new programs, opportunities for agencies and families, and resources for families to access programs and guide them. Hoping to put together a plan to apply for grants and other new programs and activities. A motion to approve the report was made by Sherri D., Lisa H. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Legislative Committee

Did not meet.

Energy Assistance Committee

Did not meet.

Public Relations Committee

The public relations committee met and discussed the Youth grant that was recently submitted. The committee also discussed the website, we are asking all agencies to go and check out the website and take a look at the information for their agency. If anything needs to be updated or changed, please let Lisa H. or Sherri D. know. The committee also wanted to let everyone know that we are available for marketing needs, if you need something for your committee or such, please contact one of us. Lisa H. added that we do have a Facebook page and the link is now on the website. If you need anything on the Facebook page it can be sent to Sherri. We most definitely need to make this an active page again. A motion to approve the report was made by Sharon P., Amy M. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

BOS/COC Update

Lisa H. gave an update for the Youth Homelessness Grant. The committee had several assignments and everyone provided input for this. We are currently gathering letters of support from the youth in the community. These letters are due July 23. The BOS is proposing an increase in dues and some other changes. These options and changes will be sent out as soon as Lisa receives the documents. On August 13, the proposal for increase will be presented at the BOS. Tamarra who is our delegate will be voting on our behalf for this proposal. This will be voted on in November.

Agency Sharing

- Angie from WCH let everyone know that the Salem location is now open on Tuesday and Thursday. If individuals need services, please reach out to us.
- Mario from Familia Dental mentioned the resource/job fair that they will be hosting on August 5 from 10-2 p.m. He will send a flyer to Karl to send out to everyone.
- Molly mentioned that the UMOS office is now open for clients to come in and funding is still available. Also, she is coordinating a resource fair at KCJC on October 2, please let her know if you are interested in a table.
- Karl informed the group that the Outreach Center is hosting another movie night, showing Raya and the Last Dragon. The bookmobile will be there and we will be giving out burgers and popcorn, etc. Come out and join us!
- Terri W. let the group know that she is collecting community stories about food. A survey will be put in chat regarding everyone's view on food. This will be used in a larger project. Additionally, Amy M. will be hosting a workshop Discover Wisconsin Farmers Market at the Kenosha Public Market this weekend. This is open to individuals who are receiving SNAP, they will learn how to maximize their SNAP dollars.

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- Krista from W-2 let the group know that their staff are back in the office from 8-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. We will be utilizing video chats or plexiglass to meet with clients.
- Sharon Pease reported their case managers are now back in the office meeting with veterans and traveling to see them as well. Give a call if you have any veterans in need of assistance.

A motion was made to adjourn by Lisa H., all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

The next meeting will be August 10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherri B. Labbs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ESN Secretary