


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

Agenda

Welcome and introductions.

- Minutes from February meeting
- COVID Update with Jen Freiheit
- The HAPP – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Workgroup - Anti-Discrimination Policy
- Rental Assistance Update
- Further discussion about COAD
- 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.

Topic: ESN Meeting

Time: Mar 8, 2022 08:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Emergency Services Network of Kenosha County

Meeting Minutes of Zoom Meeting February 8, 2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Karl Erickson, <i>Co-Chair</i>	ELCA Outreach Center	Elizabeth Stinebaugh	Legal Action of WI
Byron Wright, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Interim Director WCH; Public	Erica O'Neill	Lovell Health Center
Rachel DeWildt	ADRC	Garreck Goldberg	Love Inc. - Kenosha
Alyssa Vucenic	ADRC	Scott Hall	MHS Health Wisconsin
Pam Halbach	Community Action Agency	Erin Morey	PSN
Lori Hawkins	CUSH	Tamarra Coleman	Shalom Center
Lisa Kucharski	Department of Corrections	Lisa Sanders	Shalom Center
Krista Ramsey	EQUUS	Abby Markuson	Shalom Center
Sherri Dabbs	Goodwill Industries/DWD	Sharon Pomaville	The Sharing Center
Erica Moreno	Kenosha Community Health Center	Stephanie Wilkiewicz	The Sharing Center
Dustin Feeny	Kenosha County Child Support	Christy Villalobos	The Sharing Center
Jennifer Blasi	Kenosha County Veterans	Molly Calderon	UMOS
Cyndi Zarletti	Kenosha Housing Authority	Jevon Claussen	United Way
Marty Howard	Kenosha Police Department	Amy Macemon	UW-Extension
Lisa Haen	KHDS	Nicole Leipski	UW-Extension
Holland Dvorak	KHDS	Sean Merchant	Veterans Path to Hope
Veronica Judon	KHDS	Brianna Jones	WCH
Laurie McDonald	KUSD	Carolina Martinez	WCH
		Senta Holmes	Elkhorn School District

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

The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Tammara C. and seconded by Pam H. to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

PRESENTATION – VITA Tax Program

Jevon Claussen gave an overview of the VITA tax program and the options available to those in the community. In Kenosha individuals can go to Kenosha Job Center on Tuesday evening and Saturday mornings, Northside Library on Wednesday mornings, Southside Library on Monday mornings and the Kenosha County Center on Thursday evenings. Flyers will be sent to Karl to send out to the membership for more information.

Rental Assistance Update

Pam H. reported that there is still money in both programs, however, the city one will be winding down by the end of the month. The mortgage assistance program will be launching soon, however, not open yet. Pam indicated there is a link to get on the waiting list for the mortgage, property taxes, utility and water assistance. Karl will send the link out to everyone. Sharon P. mentioned that her agency still has funding, however, not utilized much with the WHERA program still going.

Membership Applications & MOU's

Sherri D. reported that only 17 applications/MOU's have been received. If you haven't turned your MOU and membership application in yet, please do. It was asked that an email get sent out listing those who haven't turned in their information yet. Sherri will get that done before the next meeting.

EHH Grant

A motion was made by Sharon P. and seconded by Tamarra C. to keep Kenosha Human Development Services as the lead agency for the grant. All were in favor, motion carried.

Kenosha EFSP Awards

Byron reported that Phase 39 has been awarded \$57,757 for Kenosha and the \$178,515 from stimulus money. These will run concurrently. Lisa H. added the direct award has not been received yet, however, we will put a press release into the newspaper when we receive the official award letter.

COAD

Byron reported that after meeting with a number of community members and Horace Staples, it seems he is pleased with who is on the team right now. The question was then posed if ESN wanted to be part of this in some capacity. It was added that whatever we decide, it needs to be coordinated and very streamlined in order for this to work. After some discussion, we will revisit this as needed in the future. However, at this point individual agencies can offer to be part of the response by contacting Horace.

Committee Reports

Homeless Awareness & Prevention Partnership/Centralized and Coordinated Assessment Committee

Veronica J. reported the committee met on January 18 at 9:30 via Teams. The committee prepared for the Point In Time Street Outreach Event that took place January 26th. Veronica indicated that she is in the process breaking down the data collect to ensure that information collected is unduplicated. The group reviewed and updated the After-Hours Plan that will be presented at the next ESN meeting for approval. The Action Plan groups gave reports on their respective committees. The next meeting is February 15 at 9:30 am via Teams. A motion to approve was made by Lisa H. and seconded by Sharon P. All in favor, motion carried.

Hunger Prevention

Group will be meeting after today's ESN meeting.

Legislative Committee

Did not meet.

Energy Assistance Committee

Did not meet.

Public Relations Committee

Sherri D. reported that the group met and they discussed the MOU/Membership application. A reminder to the group was made to take a look at their respective information on the "partner agency" page and if anything needs to be changed please let Lisa or Sherri know. The committee is also working on getting the website translated into Spanish. The group plans to do outreach to some agencies that join for meetings but are not members to see if they want to become a member agency. Other goals of the committee for 2022 are to update the history document, brochure and reinstate the binders for new members. A motion to approve the report was made by Sharon P. and seconded by Pam H. All in favor, motion carried.

BOS/COC Update

Lisa H. reported they will be meeting for the February quarterly business meeting on February 11 at 9:00 a.m. The Youth Demonstration program has been meeting since November. Veronica has been working diligently to get the Youth Advisory Board up and running and they do already have a mission statement. They also have been gathering data. Funding proposals will be coming out in the next couple months, there is \$7.5M to distribute. The coordinated community plan is now due in May.

Agency Sharing

- Molly from UMOS reported they have moved their office. A flyer will be sent to Karl to send out to the membership regarding their new location.
- Amy M. reported that FoodWise is organizing an array of events for March which is National Nutrition Month. If you want to collaborate contact Amy M. or Nicole L.
- Byron mentioned that WCH will be having a virtual Mardi Gras event again this year. Information will be coming out soon. Also, please come visit Nifty Thrifty.
- Lori H. from CUSH mentioned that February 27 they will be having their Chili Event. On February 28, they will be having Community Conversations at Bradford.
- Tamarra mentioned that Restaurant week is February 19-27. The Sharing Center and Shalom Center are the non-profit partners. There are activities that entire week.
- On February 24-25, there is a Building Unity in the Community DEI training. Targeted toward non-profits and small businesses. They are limiting capacity at 50 attendees.
- Shalom Center turns 40 years old this year. Tamarra indicated they will be having a birthday party on April 7 at 5-8 p.m. at UW-Parkside.
- Lisa H. mentioned they are doing COVID testing Monday – Friday, no appointment needed. Results are given within 24 hours.
- Molly C. mentioned they are planning their next resource fair on April 2. It will be at St. Marks. More information will be coming soon.

A motion was made to adjourn by Lisa H., all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



ESN Secretary