

Hello,

Just a friendly reminder that the next ESN meeting is Tuesday, November 9th, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom video call. Call information [here](#)

Agenda

Welcome and introductions.

- Minutes from October meeting
- Member Agency Presentation – PSN
- Grassroots presentation – Rotary Club
- Rental Assistance Update
- COAD Discussion
- 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 October 12, 2021

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Karl Erickson, <i>Co-Chair</i>	ELCA Outreach Center	Alyssa Vucenic	ADRC
Byron Wright, <i>Co-Chair</i>	General Public	Sharon Pease	Center for Veterans Issues
Nicole Thomsen	1Hope	Elizabeth Stinebaugh	Legal Action of WI
Sherri Dabbs	Goodwill Industries/DWD	Lisa Sanders	Shalom Center
Pam Halbach	Community Action Agency	Sharon Pomaville	The Sharing Center
Cheryl Hernandez	Kenosha Literacy Council	Carolina Martinez	WCH
Sean Merchant	Veterans Path to Hope	Rachel DeWildt	ADRC
Tamarra Coleman	Shalom Center	Lois Brandt	Kenosha County Child Support
Nicole Boyer	Kenosha County DWD	Amy Macemon	UW-Extension
Dan Parrish	Salvation Army	Brianna Jones	WCH
Lisa Haen	KHDS	Lori Hawkins	CUSH
Bobby Nash	EQUUS – FSET	Nicole Leipski	UW-Extension
Meredith McCoy	Wisconsin Balance of State	Krista Ramsey	EQUUS – W2
Erin Morey	Prevention Services Network	Jen Freiheit	Kenosha County Health Dept.
Cyndi Zarletti-Lee	Kenosha Housing Authority	Sandra Szabo	MHS Health Wisconsin
Karen van Heijningen	Kenosha Coalition Against Human Trafficking	Jane Rovik	EQUUS – Emergency Assistance

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting via Zoom was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Byron Wright. Byron welcomed everyone and went through roll call. Byron also informed the group that he will be stepping in as the interim director at Women's and Children's Horizons within the next week. Many congratulations were extended to Byron on this appointment.

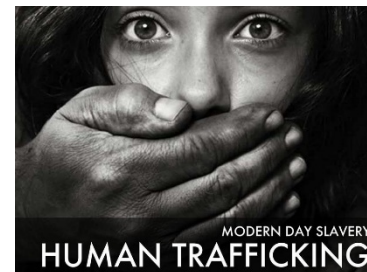
Minutes

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

Presentations:

Kenosha Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Karen van Heijningen from Kenosha Coalition Against Human Trafficking spoke regarding Human Trafficking and how most people do not realize this is happening in our own communities. She mentioned the average age of a victim in Wisconsin is 13 years old. Human trafficking is modern-day slavery, where individuals are exploiting vulnerable women, men and children. Traffickers use whatever means necessary (force, fraud, deception or coercion) and to force him/her to perform sex acts against their will. We are in an ideal area for exploitation to occur and we are seeing an uptick in those being trafficked.



EQUUS – Agency Presentation

Jane Rovik from EQUUS – Emergency Assistance program gave an update on her programming and how people can apply for funding. Jane did encourage the agencies to have their clients go online to complete the application at <https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/>



Krista Ramsey spoke about the **W-2 program** and the various types of placements, amounts of payments and services offered under the W-2 program. W-2 is a program that provides employment preparation services, case management and cash assistance to eligible families. Low-income parents and pregnant women may participate in W-2. Both you and your child's other parent may be eligible for W-2, even if your child only lives with you. W-2 can help you get a job and provide for your family. W-2 can help you find a job, provide you with work experience, connect you with education and training, and provide case management services to help you stay employed and advance in your career. W-2 provides help in finding a job, work experience, through supervised worksites, vocational education and training, case management services, assistance with searching for housing, child care, and employment, and assistance applying for SSI/SSDI.

Bobby Nash spoke about the **FSET program** and what EQUUS offers participants in the program. He share the website gamechangewi.org for those who wanted more information. "Change the Game" is an FSET awareness campaign created to help southeastern Wisconsin FoodShare participants better understand the program, change their perceptions of the program and ultimately build a sustainable, independent future. The choice is yours – chart your own course, define your own success and change your game. More information can be found at gamechangewi.org.

**Kenosha Literacy Council – Grassroots Presentation**

Cheryl Hernandez from Kenosha Literacy Council gave an overview of the Kenosha Literacy Council and those who receive services through the agency. She also shared the schedule for KLC with Karl which will be sent out to all ESN members. The Kenosha Literacy Council provides classes for learners who are learning to read, write, and speak in English and learners who are English speakers but want to improve their reading, writing, and math skills. Kenosha Literacy Council also offers drop-in tutoring and one-on-one tutoring, small group classes, civics classes and citizenship classes. More information can be found on their website at www.kenoshalit.org.

Community Organizations Active in Disaster – COAD's

Byron spoke about discussion that had occurred regarding community organizations active in disaster that he and Karl had with Tom Stringer of Journey Church. Byron reiterated that the concept of a COAD is that a group of community organizations have roles when a disaster strikes in a specific area. Byron also shared with the group that Tom has received a grant from the state for purposes of a COAD and therefore asked if this group wanted to be the lead for the COAD in Kenosha?

Questions were posed such as:

- My understanding of a COAD is they handle large amounts of donations and volunteers, how would that be facilitated with this group?
- What does the COAD field?

- What does Horace Staples already have in place?
- How would ESN fit into the model that is already in place through Horace Staples' agency?
- What would ESN COAD do differently?
- When there isn't a disaster in our area, what goes on during that time?

It was decided that the group needs to find out some answers to questions and should be a larger conversation possibly with Tom and Horace. Journey, Shalom and Sharing are already part of Horace's team. It was reiterated that this isn't just one or two agencies that are involved, rather a bunch of agencies that come together to form this. Due to the uncertainty and the questions, we will table this topic and revisit it in the near future.

Rental Assistance Update

Pam H. let the group know that both programs are still running and also acknowledged that she needs to get some numbers to this group to answer questions that were posed last meeting. She will get those and get them to Karl to send out. There is still some conversation regarding a mortgage and utility assistance program. As soon as Pam has more information she will get that to this group as well. Sharon indicated they have rental assistance funding however the amounts that individuals are asking for/need and the amount they are able to cover don't come close to one another. People need \$3-4K and most agencies do not have that amount to give or through the funding are not able to give that much to one person. Sharon then noted that they have now moved their focus to more home improvements and things of that nature with the funding they have. Dan P. from Salvation Army does not have any rental assistance funding. He has asked that agencies do not send people to him for that purpose. Center for Veterans Issues (Sharon P.) and Veterans Path to Hope (Sean M.) do have funding for veterans, so agencies have individuals who may qualify for that type of funding they can be sent to either of those agencies.

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. reported to the group that Phase 37 and Phase CARES second payment requests have been submitted and paid to the agencies. Lisa mentioned that for Phase 38, she is awaiting interim reports and payment requests from the Sharing Center, Women's & Children's Horizons and KAFASI. Further, she mentioned that they conducted monitoring during the summer and letters went out during that monitoring letting agencies know of the October 31st spending deadline. Lisa also mentioned that she has not heard anything regarding Phase 39 as of yet.

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

Committee Reports

Homeless Awareness & Prevention Partnership/Centralized and Coordinated Assessment Committee

In the absence of Veronica J. and Lisa S., Lisa H. gave the committee report. The committee met on September 21 at 9:30 a.m. via Teams. The committee had a debriefing on July's Point in Time. They discussed what went well and any changes they would like to make for the upcoming count in January. The final numbers have not yet been released. They are currently working on completing

the gaps and needs surveys with our clients which are due by Dec. 31st. Lisa Haen discussed the COC competition and they looked at the Diversity and Inclusion statement that the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee has been working on, they need to give feedback on that statement. They also discussed the Collaborative Application and the need for work groups to be meeting. National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week is coming up in November and there is a subcommittee working on activities for that week. The next meeting is October 19th at 9:30 a.m. via Teams. Karl E. made a motion to approve the report, Amy M. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Hunger Prevention

Amy M. reported the group met September 14. The focus was to share what each agency does and what is provided by that agency, updates to programming at the agencies. There was discussion regarding how to share the information and resources available with our partners. The next meeting is today following the ESN meeting. Sherri D. made a motion to approve the report, it was seconded by Nicole L. All in favor, motion carried.

Legislative Committee

Did not meet.

Energy Assistance Committee

Did not meet.

Public Relations Committee

Did not meet.

BOS/COC Update

Lisa H. gave the report and told us there is quite a bit happening at this level. She updated the group that the Youth Homeless Development Grant that our group worked on was the BOS was one of 33 who received the grant \$7.5M. We have posted a job description for the Project Coordinator position for this grant, interviews will take place through the BOS at the end of October. KHDS accepted \$12,500 of this grant to help with the collaborative community plan. We need to do some work and begin meeting to answer some questions. Members of the current group are Lisa H., Veronica J., Byron W., Sherri D., Sharon P and Lisa S. Additionally, Ericka Nass and Amy Macemon have asked to be added. If there is anyone who is interested in joining this group to work on this, please let Lisa know.

Lisa also let the group know about the COC project competition, this is where we renew current HUD grants. They were just informed of first draft rankings. There are over 40 projects. KHDS has three projects on this list and they are ranked at 7, 10 & 14. Second and third drafts are still to come. Renewal projects are due on October 16.

Agency Sharing

- Karl E. let the group know that the **Outreach Center is updating their hours**. They will now be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday's 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

- Tamarra C. shared that **Shalom Center's** 30th Anniversary Event "**Pasta for Shalom**" will be **Sunday, November 7, 2021** at St. Mary's Church. It will be a drive-thru style event. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. She also mentioned that there will be a silent auction.
- Lori H. from **CUSH** gave information regarding two upcoming events. The first is Thursday, **October 14** at 5:30 p.m. at Beth Hillel Temple. This event **Take a Faithful Stance for Racial Equity in our Schools**, will focus on supporting the efforts of our schools to teach the truth regarding inclusiveness, diversity and equity.

The second is the Common Read. The book is *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. This is a multi-part program from CUSH's Racial Equity Task Force kicks off the **multi-part program Addressing Our Bias and Embracing Our Diversity** program. Reading is divided into manageable monthly chunks as we prepare for important conversations about this book, our community, and ourselves. Through book discussions, we will address how bias plays a role in our everyday lives. Our goal is to come together in conversation and self discovery to help grow a more equitable community here in Kenosha. We are all a work in progress, and this program is an opportunity for us to progress together. Our Common Read is led by The Reverend Dr. Monica Cummings, Assistant Minister of Bradford UU Community Church in Kenosha and of the CUSH Religious Leaders Caucus. Sessions are on Mondays 10/18, 11/15, 12/13, and 1/10, from 6:30-7:45pm

A motion was made to adjourn by Lisa H., seconded by Tamarra C. all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

The next meeting will be October 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



ESN Secretary



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- ☐ Traitify

SUPPORT SERVICES

- ☐ Clothing for Interviews
- ☐ Child Support Order Modification
- ☐ Driver's License Recovery
- ☐ Criminal Record Clean-up
- ☐ Transportation Help
- ☐ Background Checks if needed for Training & Employment
- ☐ Childcare Assistance
- ☐ Commercial Driver's License
- ☐ Clothing needed for Employment (Uniforms)
- ☐ Training Materials & Books
- ☐ Course Registration Fee
- ☐ Licensing & Bonding Fees for Work or Work Experience
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- ☐ Crisis Resolution
- ☐ Continued Education & Training as related to Employment
- ☐ One-on-one with Job Developer

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Ask an agency representative today if you are eligible for these or any additional programs that your local W-2 agency may have.

Additional programs could include:

- Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP)
- Children First
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Women Infants and Children Program (WIC)



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the appropriate referral to child care resources or discussing employment goals.

- **Learnfare:** Learnfare helps ensure children of W-2 participants attend and complete school.
- **Emergency Payments:** If you are eligible for a monthly W-2 cash payment, you may also be able to get a one-time cash payment before you receive your first W-2 payment to assist with extreme financial problems.

WORK SUPPORTS:

- **Child Care:** If you need help paying for child care while you work, participate in W-2 or get to school or training, you may be eligible for the Wisconsin Shares Child Care program. Wisconsin Shares does not have a time limit. Most parents getting Wisconsin Shares must pay for part of their child care costs.
- **Job Access Loans:** If you need a loan to help pay for job-related expenses such as buying or repairing a car or buying special equipment for a job, you may be eligible for a Job Access Loan through your local W-2 agency. Job Access Loans must be repaid in cash, or a combination of cash and community service.
- **Transportation:** If you need help paying for transportation costs while you work, look for work, or participate in other W-2 activities, you may be eligible to get bus passes or gas vouchers from your local agency.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- **W-2 Education and Training:** If you need education and training to help you find a job or get a better job, you may be eligible to get

Please ask this local organization about any services listed in this brochure.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

FOODSHARE: If you and your family need help paying for food, you may be eligible for the FoodShare program. FoodShare benefits come as a swipe card that can be used in most grocery stores. FoodShare has separate eligibility rules from W-2 and does not have a time limit or a requirement that you participate in activities. FoodShare can be given on an emergency basis. You can also volunteer for the **FoodShare Employment and Training Program (FSET)** that helps people find a job by participating in work activities and getting needed education and training.

HEALTH CARE: If you and your family need health insurance, you may be eligible for the Medicaid and BadgerCare programs. These programs provide health insurance to low-income families, children, and pregnant women to help keep families healthy. These programs have separate eligibility rules from W-2 and do not have a time limit or a requirement that you participate in activities. Families with higher incomes have a small monthly premium.

CHILD SUPPORT: If you need to get child support or medical support from your child's other parent, the Child Support program can help you get a court order. The Child Support program will also help you collect that support. You do not have to be low income to get these services. If you are participating in W-2, you keep 75% of your child support payments.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: If you are homeless or you are about to lose your home because you cannot afford to pay your rent/mortgage or because you have had a fire, flood, natural disaster, or energy crisis, you may be eligible for the Emergency Assistance

program. The Emergency Assistance program gives eligible families money to pay for their rent/mortgage and other housing costs.

REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE AND

REFUGEE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: If you are an eligible refugee, you can get cash assistance and medical assistance from these programs.

WISCONSIN WORKS (W-2) SERVICES

W-2 PROGRAM: If you do not have enough money to pay your bills and you need help finding and keeping a job or help applying for SSI, you may be eligible for the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program. You may also be eligible for monthly cash payments while you work with the W-2 program to look for a job or do other activities that will help you get a job or SSI. W-2 offers:

- **Trial Employment Match Program (TEMP):** If you need extra help finding a job, you may be eligible for a TEMP job. If you are eligible for TEMP, you will get on the job training with an employer who may hire you permanently. Your employer will pay you at least minimum wage.
- **Community Service Jobs (CSJ):** If you need work experience to help you prepare for work, you may get a CSJ. CSJs receive a monthly payment of up to \$653.
- **W-2 Transitions (W-2T):** If you are not ready to look for work because you or an immediate family member is disabled, you may be eligible to participate as a W-2 T. W-2Ts receive a monthly payment of up to \$608.

- **Case Management:** Case management is available for anyone who meets W-2 eligibility. If you are ready for a job or you have a job and need help staying employed or getting the skills you need to get a job with more hours, pay, or benefits, you may be eligible for case management services. If you get a job while in the W-2 program, you may be eligible to receive a monthly payment of \$50 for working.

OTHER SERVICES:

- **Custodial Parent of an Infant (CMC):** If your child is 8 weeks old or less, you may receive a monthly cash payment of up to \$673 and not be required to participate in other work.
- **Minor Parents Services:** If you are a minor teen parent (under the age of 18) you can get information on available child care, high school and school-to-work, employment and financial planning services, FoodShare and health care information, and referrals to other community agencies.
- **Noncustodial Parents:** Even if your children don't live with you, you may be able to get skills training, job search assistance, a Job Access Loan, a stipend or TEMP job, and referrals to other community agencies.
- **Pregnant Women:** If you are a pregnant woman who is not a custodial parent of a dependent child and your doctor said your pregnancy is at-risk, you may be able to get a monthly cash payment of up to \$673 in your last trimester. If your pregnancy is not at-risk, you may be able to get case management services and job search assistance. Case management services may include making