

Hello,

Just a friendly reminder that the next ESN meeting is Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom video call. Call information here

### Agenda

Welcome and introductions.

- Minutes from September meeting
- Kenosha Coalition against Human Trafficking with Karyn Vanheijningen
- Grass Roots Agency Presentation and Partner Agency Presentation
- Community Organizations Active In Disaster (COAD)-what is the role of ESN
- Rental Assistance Update
- EFSP Meeting (Quarterly Jan, April, July, Oct)
  - Second Payment requests and Interim Reports for phase 37, CARES and phase 38
  - Other Business
- Adjourn
- 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 September 14, 2021

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Karl Erickson, <i>Co-Chair</i>	ELCA Outreach Center	Cyndi Zarletti-Lee	Kenosha Housing Authority
Byron Wright, <i>Co-Chair</i>	General Public	Cameron Swallow	Braver Angels?
Teri Gamble	United Way	Susan Roknic	KHDS
Sherri Dabbs	Goodwill Industries/DWD	Elizabeth Stinebaugh	Legal Action of WI
Pam Halbach	Community Action Agency	Dustin Feeney	Kenosha County Child Support
Karen Kempinen	CUSH	Lisa Sanders	Shalom Center
Sean Merchant	Veterans Path to Hope	Sharon Pomaville	The Sharing Center
Tamarra Coleman	Shalom Center	Carolina Martinez	WCH
Nicole Boyer	Kenosha County DWD	Rachel DeWildt	ADRC
Dan Parrish	Salvation Army	Lois Brandt	Kenosha County Child Support
Lisa Haen	KHDS	Amy Macemon	UW-Extension
Veronica Judon	KHDS	Brianna Jones	WCH
Marty Howard	Kenosha Police Department	Lori Hawkins	CUSH
Iraida Vazquez	Institute for Community Allianc HMIS	Nicole Leipski	UW-Extension
Erin Morey	Prevention Services Network	Krista Ramsey	EQUUS – W2
Abby Markuson	Shalom Center	Jen Freiheit	Kenosha County Health Dept.
Melissa Riddell	Lions Club – Western Kenosha	Sandra Szabo	MHS Health Wisconsin

### Welcome & Introductions

The meeting via Zoom was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Karl Erickson. Karl welcomed everyone and went through roll call.

### State of COVID in Kenosha County

Jen Freiheit from the Kenosha County Health Department gave an overview of the various aspects of COVID in Kenosha County, including vaccinations, testing, percentages of individuals who have been vaccinated vs. non-vaccinated. Additionally, she updated the group on the hospital situation and resources available for those who are testing positive. Jen also mentioned that the Health Department is having issues hiring individuals to assist with calling individuals about test results and other tasks associated with COVID. A question regarding booster shots was posed and Jen felt that those were coming, and more than likely would be ramping up. Jen indicated that there are other things are spreading and they have similar symptoms as COVID. Hence, if you have any symptoms you should stay home and work from home and follow precautions.

### Lions Club of Western Kenosha County

Melissa Riddell, President of the Paddock Lake Lions Club gave an overview of Lion's Club International and what all clubs do as a general premise. The Lion's overall have a focus on vision, youth, diabetes, disaster relief, hunger, childhood cancer, environmental projects and humanitarian efforts. As a local club, she mentioned they do a great amount of humanitarian efforts as well as community service. The clubs provide glasses, hearing aids, funding for surgeries and other items (such as building a ramp for an individual at her home so she can access with a wheelchair) that individuals may need to function fully in

society. She let the group know of upcoming fundraisers for the club. If anyone has any questions or would like further information, please contact her at paddocklakelions@gmail.com.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Teri G. and seconded by Amy M. to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Rental Assistance Update**

Pam H. let the group know they just signed the contract with the city again so they will be doing both programs again, WERA and Kenosha Rental Assistance for those affected by COVID. Over the past month or so, CAA has seen a bit of an uptick. A question was posed regarding information regarding a mortgage and utility assistance program and if anyone knew anything about that. No one on the call had further information. Sharon P. indicated they are not getting any requests for this type of assistance.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Homeless Awareness & Prevention Partnership/Centralized and Coordinated Assessment Committee**

Veronica J. informed the group that the committee did not meet, however, wanted to give an update on the point in time outreach event. While she didn't have final numbers, she informed the group that they had 18 agency volunteers, they were divided into six groups and they had an after hour implementation team. They encountered nine people who were offered hotel vouchers for the night during their count. The next meeting will be September 21 at 9:30 a.m. via Teams.

#### **Hunger Prevention**

Amy M. reported the group met August 10, still trying to figure out their structure. They want to take an educational stance and include as many aspects of hunger prevention as possible. They are continuing to work on setting goals. The group will meet after this meeting today and all are welcome to join them.

#### **Legislative Committee**

Did not meet.

#### **Energy Assistance Committee**

Did not meet.

#### **Public Relations Committee**

Sherri D. reported the two presentations today were a result of their last meeting. It was indicated they would like to continue to have a "grassroots" presentation as well as a presentation from a larger agency. The committee continues to work on the website where they are currently focusing on the Partner Agency Page. Agencies have been asked to go take a look at their information and be sure it is up-to-date. The committee also plans to reach out to those who have been members in past years to see if they would like to rejoin the group. Facebook page now active, things are being posted there regularly and ideally we will be posting daily in the near future. If you have any items that need to be posted please get them to us to put on the site.

A suggestion was made to have a multi-lingual website and brochure. The Public Relations committee will be talking about this at the next meeting.

### **BOS/COC Update**

Lisa H. gave the report and told the group that the HUD competition is underway. This is the time where we can renew our current projects or come up with new projects. She gave a brief overview of the projects currently held in Kenosha County by member agencies. If anyone would like to apply for a new project, Lisa is willing to assist and let everyone know that it was quite a project but could be well worth it. Information was sent out to everyone via Karl regarding the BOS/COC and upcoming funding and changes. In November, there will be a vote on the three questions in documents that were disseminated. Tamarra Coleman is our voting delegate for the BOS.

### Agency Sharing

- Sharon gave an update on the Afghan guests at Ft. McCoy. Journey is working on drop off points for items for the individuals. The items all need to be brand new and there is a very select list of items that are being requested.
- Sherri D. mentioned that Holiday House registration is underway and again this year we are going to continue to online registration as well as registration via phone.
- UW-Parkside is having a non-profit conference on November 17.
- Outreach Center is doing a night of worship at the band shell. Food trucks will be there, etc. This is a fundraiser for the Outreach Center.
- Krista from EQUUS-W2 mentioned that there is someone onsite taking applications for W2 and to answer questions for individuals.
- Nicole L. mentioned they are doing their "eating smart, being active" series. They are currently looking for referrals or sponsors. She will get a flyer to Karl when she has more information.
- Dustin F. reminded the group they are having an overview of Child Support on October 5 & October 12. In addition to the overview, they will provide information on services, trainings and other information.

A motion was made to adjourn by Sherri D., seconded by Tamarra C. all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



ESN Secretary