

Emergency Services Network Meeting  
 Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> 2016



| <b>ATTENDEES:</b>     | <b>AGENCY:</b>                               |
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| Arnold, Sherri        | Goodwill/Holiday House                       |
| Bach, Christ          | Red Cross                                    |
| Brown, Guida          | Hope Council on AODA                         |
| Carrera, Madeline     | Gateway Technical College                    |
| Coleman, Tamarra      | Shalom Center                                |
| DeWildt, Rachel       | ADRC   |
| Dressel, Sandi        | Twin Lakes Area Food Pantry                  |
| Erickson, Karl        | ELCA Outreach Center                         |
| Greene, Adelene       | Kenosha County Div. of Workforce Development |
| Haen, Lisa            | Kenosha Human Development Services           |
| Halbach, Pam          | Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency       |
| Harris, Sara          | Women and Children's Horizons                |
| Howard, Marty         | KPD  |
| Lawrence, Cynthia     | KCHC   |
| Lee, Vang             | ResCare                                      |
| Leipski, Nicole       | Racine Kenosha FoodWise                      |
| Lussmyer, Michelle    | ResCare – FSET                               |
| Moreland, Diana       | Kenosha County DWD                           |
| Morey, Erin           | Prevention Services Network                  |
| Muniz, Elizabeth      | Familia Dental                               |
| Noyola, Jesse         | Kenosha County DWD                           |
| Parrish, Dan          | Salvation Army                               |
| Pruitt, Curt          | RCHSD  |
| Scheuermann, Andrea   | Shalom Center                                |
| Semon, Janel          | KUSD   |
| Simonds, Mindy        | Shalom Center                                |
| Stinebaugh, Elizabeth | Legal Action of WI                           |
| Taylor, Nina          | DWD  |
| Wagner, Monica        | Kenosha County Division of Health            |
| Waldron, Bob          | First Step                                   |
| Ward, Terri           | Kenosha County UW Extension                  |
| Winkle, Anne          | CUSH   |
| Wright, Byron         | KHDS   |
| Yasrebdoust, Amir     | ResCare – W2                                 |
| Young, Shawn          | ResCare                                      |
| Zarletti-Lee, Cyndi   | City of Kenosha Housing                      |

- Meeting called to order by Byron Wright at 9:03 a.m.
- Welcome and Introductions were made
- Approval of minutes from the October meeting was moved by Adelene Greene and seconded by Jesse Noyola; motion carried unanimously.

### **Housing Issues for people who are homeless or low income:**

Byron mentioned that there seems to be high demand for people with low income and poor credit in need of rental properties. With recent redevelopment downtown, there is a loss of low-income apartments/rooming houses (Garden Court, etc.). Byron will be working with Robert Greskoviak about relocating folks he's renting to because Robert's SRO is closing by the end of March. We may see an uptick in the numbers of homeless. Dan Parrish said the Salvation Army has a CDBG grant only to prevent homelessness; there are many restrictions on the money, including that it cannot be used for escrow. KHDS had ESG funding for prevention and rapid rehousing, but the prevention money is already gone since funding started July 1.

The positive is that there are a fair number of places to find work.

### **Emergency Food & Shelter Program (ESFP) Update:**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Homeless Awareness and Prevention Partnership:**

Met on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 12-20<sup>th</sup> is National Homeless Awareness Week. There is an event Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. that starts at KHDS and then participants will walk to Immanuel United Methodist Church for the 6 p.m. closing ceremony. The Point In Time counts occur in January and July 2017. January planning starts at their next meeting next week. Also considering hosting a landlord appreciation event in the spring as well as Homeless Awareness event in the fall.

Karl Erickson moved to accept the report; Michelle Lussmyer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **Hunger Prevention Council:**

Pam Halbach reported: Plan to visit the Hunger Task Force in Milwaukee later this year. Pantries have been requested to complete a survey for more accurate tracking of those served. Terri Ward moved to approve the report; Lisa Haen seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

##### **Legislative Committee:**

Did not meet.

##### **Energy Assistance Committee:**

Jesse Noyola reported that the next meeting is on Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m. at Kenosha County Job Center, room South 9.

##### **BOS/COC update:**

Byron Wright indicated that funding is close to being approved for 10 beds for those who are chronically homeless; two people are already lined up.

The November meeting is Nov. 9 and 10, this Wednesday and Thursday in the Dells. It will include training on Motivational Interviewing and cultural diversity, and the new officers will be voted in.

### **AGENCY SHARING:**

#### **First Step:**

Wet shelter began services November 1; they are averaging in the mid-20s, which is a significant

increase from last year. They are unsure as to why the numbers are up over last year since the weather has been good so far this year.

On Sunday, November 20 from 2 – 5 p.m., DJ262 will bring food and music for a Thanksgiving celebration that all are invited to. For more information, see First Step's Facebook page.

**Shalom Center:**

New Case Manager on staff, Andrea Scheuermann

In advance of the move, they are extending the INNS program until 1p.m. and running a shuttle service to KCJC, ELCA Outreach Center, and Downtown (Bridges, Courthouse, etc.). There is breakfast, lunch, extended shower hours, and storage available. Extended services are being cross promoted with programming at ELCA Outreach Center, PSN, etc.

**Kenosha Community Health Center:**

Now has mobile unit stationed in Racine and deployed for November outreach and enrollments on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. As of January they will have full provider service capability.

**Gateway:**

They are looking for learning opportunities for their students.

Working to plan MLK Day – an email will come out. Plans to do events in all 3 counties. There will be drives during Kindness Week and a final event on the Saturday.

**Kenosha County UW-Extension:**

- Racine Kenosha Nutrition Education Program has a new name – FoodWise. This name change/brand identity is statewide for all UWEX Nutrition Education Programs.
- Youth As Resources is accepting grant proposals for youth-led community service projects. Go to [www.kenoshacountyar.org](http://www.kenoshacountyar.org) for more information
- 4-H enrollment is now underway – any youth interested in joining a 4-H club can sign up now. Contact Bethany Sorce in the Kenosha County UW-Extension Office (262) 857-1945

**Kenosha Unity Coalition:**

Looks at violence as a public health problem in the community will be hosting a lunch on Friday, Nov. 18. Info will be sent via ESN.

**Legal Action Council:**

Has a housing attorney on staff. Also has volunteer lawyer project to work out security deposit discrepancies. Racine office covers Racine, Walworth, and Kenosha Counties.

Byron requested presenters for the December meeting.

At 9:30a.m., Tamarra Coleman moved to adjourn; Karl Erickson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Nicole Leipski, Pro Tempore, and Guida Brown, Secretary*