



Emergency Services Network of Kenosha County

Meeting Minutes of Zoom Meeting June 8, 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>	Public	Susan Roknic	KHDS
Sherri Dabbs	Goodwill Industries/DWD	Veronica Judon	KHDS
Pam Halbach	Community Action Agency	Elizabeth Stinebaugh	Legal Action of WI
Karen Kempinen	CUSH	Dustin Feeney	Kenosha County Child Support
Abby Fuller	Familia Dental	Meredith McCoy	BOS
Tamarra Coleman	Shalom Center	Lisa Sanders	Shalom Center
Nicole Boyer	Kenosha County DWD	Sharon Pomaville	The Sharing Center
Kimm Peters	Kenosha County DWD	Cameron Swallow	Better Angels
Lisa Haen	KHDS	Lois Brandt	Kenosha County Child Support
Erin Morey	PSN	Sara Helminger	KUSD
Terri Ward	UW Extension	Janel Simone	KUSD
Sandra Szabo	MHS Health Wisconsin	Amy Macemon	UW Extension
Dan Parrish	Salvation Army	Tom Strenger	Journey Disaster Response
Amy Greil	UW-Extension	Brianna Jones	WCH
Allysa Vucenic	ADRC	Carolina Martinez	WCH
Sandy Langel	The Sharing Center	Rachel DeWildt	ADRC
Jane Rovik	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

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

Presentation – Journey Disaster Response Team

Tom introduced himself and how he became a part of the Journey Disaster Response Team. He explained that he has been writing grants and money has been given through “Serve Wisconsin” to increase the number of VOAD/COAD’s in Wisconsin. Our service area included eight counties (Ozaukee, Washington, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Jefferson, Walworth, Racine and Kenosha).

A question was posed as how is this different from Emergency Management? This COAD would support the Emergency Management team, not meant to replace. We would do things that they shouldn’t be worried about doing (i.e. collecting donations, distribution, etc.). Thanks for what you do in the community.

Rental Assistance Update

Pam H. reported that there isn't anything new in this area. The two funding sources are still available. Sharon P. mentioned that her agency still has funding, however, there are not many individuals applying for the funding. Dan P. from Salvation Army indicated that he would be returning money to the CDBG.

Committee Reports

Homeless Awareness & Prevention Partnership/Centralized and Coordinated Assessment Committee

Veronica J. reported the committee met on May 18, they reviewed and approved the Kenosha after hours plan and action plan progress report they submitted to the BOS on May 14, describing the coalition process and progress on the goals they set. We also discussed the BOS action plan and they selected their priorities to work on (Point in Time, Coordinated Entry & Affordable Housing). The next meeting will be June 15 at 9:30 a.m. A motion to approve the report was made by Sharon P. and seconded by Pam H. All in favor, motion carried.

Hunger Prevention

Tamarra reported they've had two brief planning meetings to get things started again. The first official meeting is today at 9:30 a.m. It was noted that this committee is not just for food pantries, it is for everything that connects to food pantries and beyond, including advocacy, meals on wheels and education, etc. Tamarra also mentioned that in reviewing materials to get this committee back up and running, they discovered a bylaw change needed to be made. Byron reviewed the change needed in the bylaw's for the HPC, 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 insure that services are cooperative and collaborative to limit duplication of services and to insure that limited resources are mostly effectively deployed.*** This is the first reading of this, we will have the second reading and the vote in July. 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

We met and reviewed a few things that were on our parking lot list. We are still missing four MOU's for 2021. We tabled the landlord list that we originally took on, thinking that may be a task for the Housing Committee. The facebook page link is now on the website. If you need anything on the facebook page it can be sent to Sherri. A suggestion was made to have those organizations or agencies that aren't members come talk to us about what they do, suggestions included Lion's Clubs, Bridges, Disability Rights WI, NAMI, etc. There are resources out there for individuals that we aren't tapping into. A motion to approve the report was made by Sharon P., Tamarra C. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

BOS/COC Update

Lisa S. gave the report and indicated that they are very busy right now. WETA/Housing Authority issued many vouchers for housing. We are working with our partners to create a MOU to issue the housing vouchers, there is also a training to attend so we are aware how to prioritize who receives them. The period of distribution is July – October. We are also working on the Youth Homeless Grant, the ESN is

going to apply as a whole for this grant. HUD selects the agencies who would have the opportunity to apply for the funding which is stage two. We will move forward a few members volunteered to help with the grant.

Agency Sharing

- Karl mentioned that as of the first of the month, the Outreach Center went back to their normal hours of 9-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Youth camp is also taking place however it is only for those kids going to summer school at Brass.
- Sharon Pomaville mentioned that there is student meals for western Kenosha County residents ages 0-18. Similar to Hello Fresh box delivered to their homes. If you would like more information contact Sharon. There is an online registration process and it is FREE to families.
- Dan P. reported their current captain is moving on. They are moving to Michigan. We are getting a new couple on July 1.

A motion was made to adjourn by Tamarra C., all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



ESN Secretary