



Emergency Services Network of Kenosha County

Meeting Minutes of Zoom Meeting August 10, 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
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
Allysa Vucenic	ADRC	Nicole Thomsen	1Hope
Aijah McMillian	WCH	Brianna Jones	WCH
Marty Howard	Kenosha Police Department	Sarah Kaminski	EQUUS
Iraida Vazquez	Institute for Community Allianc	Nicole Leipski	UW-Extension
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Welcome & Introductions

The meeting via Zoom was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Karl Erickson. Karl welcomed everyone and went through roll call.

Minutes

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


Rental Assistance Update

Sharon P. reported that the Sharing Center still has rent and utility funding. Pam H. let the group know they still have funding for those affected by COVID. A question was posed that for those who do not qualify what should they be doing? Dan P. from Salvation Army said they do not have any more funding for rent assistance. Sharon mentioned they are running an ad campaign for the COVID monies that the County/City has. A note that a mortgage program may be coming as well. The moratorium has been extended through October.

Committee Reports

Homeless Awareness & Prevention Partnership/Centralized and Coordinated Assessment Committee

Lisa S. reported the committee met on July 20 virtually, they updated their work plan for the point in time that was held on July 28 from 10-3 a.m. The group also discussed their after hours plan and will be updated to include 17 year olds. Today, we will be asking for approval for the after hours plan from the group (see below). Lisa H. made the motion to approve the plan, Sharon P. seconded. Discussion with the group suggested that we add WoMen's and Children's in the second paragraph. The question posed was if WCH was considered an emergency shelter and there was thought it could be due to eligibility. Additionally, a question was asked if any police department supervisors were included in the conversation. Due to these open questions the vote was not taken. The group will discuss at their next meeting and bring the document back to this group for review and approval.



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**Kenosha's Continuum of Care
After Hour Plan**

When a family or individual present as homeless in Kenosha County after hours, Law Enforcement contacts Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc. (KHDS) Adult Crisis Unit. Law Enforcement and the Adult Crisis Counselor will initially assess for any medical or mental health needs, refer to the appropriate support services and provide information about the Coordinated Entry process. To ensure that all persons presenting as homeless in the community after hours are connected to the Coordinated Entry System, Adult Crisis will gather basic contact information of any person experiencing homelessness and provide KHDS Coordinated Entry Specialist with that information immediately for follow-up. The Coordinated Entry Specialist will work with the PATH Street Outreach Worker, RHY Street Outreach Worker and Crisis Case Manager to engage people in the Coordinated Entry System that were reported homeless in the community after hours.

A family or an individual experiencing homelessness after hours are referred to the Shalom Center Emergency Shelter or to Woman and Children Horizons Domestic Violence Shelter as appropriate. An individual that is experiencing homelessness and is in need of mental health crisis stabilization or social detox will be offered a KARE Center bed when appropriate. When there is no capacity at Emergency Shelter or the KARE Center, Adult Crisis and Law Enforcement will work with the individual or family to identify and transport to a safe place to stay for the night.

The Kenosha COC After Hours Plan is developed and reviewed annually by members of the Homeless Awareness Prevention and Partnership (HAPP) of the Emergency Services Network of Kenosha County (ESN) and KHDS Crisis Prevention Unit. The Plan will be communicated to members of the ESN and the HAPP committee annually and as the plan changes.

The next meeting will be August 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Hunger Prevention

Amy M. reported the group met July 13, continuing to work on their goals, what direction the group is heading. 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. A note was made that there is an alternate contact at Energy Assistance as Molly is out for a bit.

Public Relations Committee

Did not meet.

BOS/COC Update

Lisa S. gave the report and told the group there meeting is coming up this Thursday and Friday. Thursday is a training on financial conversations and Friday is the business meeting. There will be an open conversation on the dues assessment, then we will take a vote on that subject.

Agency Introductions

Iraida Vazquez is the Homeless Management Information Systems Administrator for Kenosha, she is from the Institute for Community Alliances. Works closely with the HAP committee. All the agencies were asked to give a brief 15 second elevator speech on their agency and what they provide to the Kenosha Community.

Agency Sharing

- Nicole Leipski reported to the group that Terri Ward accepted the Area Director position for UW-Extension.
- Tamarra C. mentioned to the group the Shalom Center will be holding a back to school community event on August 26 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Food, immunizations and back packs will be given away. Resource tables are available, just let her know if you would like to participate.
- UW-Parkside is having a non-profit conference on November 17.
- Sherri shared with the group Holiday House will be doing registration similar to last year, offering online and over the phone registration. The expected date to begin registering will be August 23. More information will be sent out as it becomes available.
- Sharon P. shared the Sharing Center will be doing "back to school" the entire month of August. They will be distributing new shoes, school supplies, hygiene items, etc. Immunizations are also available Monday's and Wednesday's through August.
- Karl from the Outreach Center mentioned they will be doing another movie night. They will be showing *Frozen II*, movie will begin at sundown. They will have food, the book mobile will be there, UMOS will be there to answer questions on Energy Assistance, etc. A flyer will be sent out.

A motion was made to adjourn by Sharon P., seconded by Tamarra C. all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

The next meeting will be September 14, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



ESN Secretary