

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday  
**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
3:00 - 4:00pm  
Fond du Lac City/County Building ---Rooms D/E

- 1) Call the meeting to order*
- 2) Introductions*
- 3) Minutes from last meeting*
- 4) Program Presentation: **BOOK discussion/EVICTED***
- 5) Agency Sharing and Announcements*
- 6) Adjourn*

***Next Housing Coalition meeting date:***

***March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017***  
***speaker will be***  
***Shelley Tideman-UWEXT***

***Mission:*** *To advocate, coordinate and optimize services for homeless persons or those at imminent risk.*

***Purpose:*** *Through education, advocacy, mutual support and a sharing of resources, the Continuum strives to prevent homelessness as well as create the ability of the communities to respond to individual needs.*

***Vision:*** *To increase the quality of life for those who strive to become self sufficient.*

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**Fond du Lac Continuum of Care Meeting  
January 12, 2017**

**Meeting called to order at 3:05 by Julie Faust**

Attending:

Betsy Rollin-United Way  
Linda Tack-Fond du Lac School District  
Sue Ellen Miller-ADRC  
Marcy Blodgett-HFH of Fdl  
Kristina Ebbott-Legal Action of WI  
Elizabeth Groeschel-Legal Action of WI  
Julie Faust-Advocap  
Kathy Thunes-ECWRPC  
Katrina Thom-FSC-W2  
Brenda Hull-FSC-W2 FSET  
Shannon Johnson-FSC-FSET  
Kori Peragine-Metro Milwaukee Fair Housing  
Dyann Benson-City of FDL  
Laura Berndt-FDL Health Dept  
Sue Schierstedt-Care Inc  
Tammy Westphal-Advocap

Minutes: Moved to approve by Thom  
Second-Schierstedt

Discussion about "Eviction" Decision to meet in Feb. from 2:30-3:30 to discuss book. 3:30-4 will be agency sharing. Liz will bring discussion questions. Do not to have read book to discuss but would be good. 2:30 start time is for those who can come early. Kathy Thunes will change her presentation to June so we can have the entire hour to talk about the book.

Program: Liz Groeschl and Kristina Ebbott form "Legal Action"

Serves low income. BIGGEST issue: people don't contact LA soon enough to get help they really need. All clients are screened-income must be 200% of the poverty level. There is an asset limit. Lawyers always check first for "conflict"-If an individual has been there before their partner, etc. would not be served. Those folks would be referred to the State of WI referral service.

Legal Action Programs:

1. Can handle-housing-private/public eviction, rental termination, denied access, lockouts and writs of restitution.
  - a. Under "severe conditions" will help break leases.
2. Foreclosures-can explain/advise. Can help tenants if landlord is in foreclosure.
3. Family Law-physical domestic violence, divorce, custody changes, and placements. May also send to volunteer attorneys.
4. Public Benefits-help with termination of benefits, denial, overpayments, food share, social security, Medical Assistance, unemployment compensation.
5. Consumer Law-Bankruptcy cases are usually going to volunteer attorney program. Lots of advice is available.
6. Debt Collection-check to see if garnishment/collection procedures follow the law.
7. Utility Disconnect-help when service threatened to be cut off or inability to pay.

8. Credit/ID theft/loan/car titles issues
9. Driver Licensing Recovery program-help get license back, payment schedules for tickets so license can be retrieved etc.
10. Does not do education law or criminal law.

Things to remember: LA does not take all cases. Depends on current case load and severity of specific cases. They do refer to volunteer attorneys and individuals can also be referred to private attorneys. Often there is no fee. Additionally, there is a "Modest Means" program through the State of WI Bar. No referral from necessary.

Legal Action always gets back to prospective clients in 5 days, but most often it is sooner.

Kristina Ebbott-New Program-Elder Rights Project. New to our area. People can self-report, must be 60 or older, be a WI resident and have a civil legal need related to victimization.

There is a hotline, no asset limit or income restriction.

Both Liz and Kristina emphasized the importance of calling LA with the issue. You will never know if they can help unless they hear what the case is about. Some areas are busier than others but LA always tries to at the very least give advice or referrals

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., in Oshkosh, is now offering two new programs in all of the counties we serve: the Driver's License Recovery Program and the Elder Right's Project. Please find attached two flyers, one about the Driver's License Recovery Program, and another about the Elder Right's Project.

Also, two side notes from the meeting the other day: regarding car titles, our office is accepting cases for advice and possible representation regarding many problems with car title problems, including questions about repossession or loans. Regarding driver's license recovery, we are accepting cases for advice and possible representation involving safety responsibility fines resulting in driver's license suspension. When in doubt, refer the person to our office, or give us a call at (920) 233-6521.

Presented on the new Elder Rights Project at Legal Action of Wisconsin. We are taking referrals for potential clients who are: (1) Wisconsin residents; (2) Age 60+; (3) Victims of crime or abuse; and (4) Have civil legal needs related to the alleged abuse. There are no income or asset requirements for eligibility, and the crime or abuse does not have to be reported to police or referred to an investigative entity. Any referrals can be directed to the Oshkosh LAW Office at (ph) 920-233-6521, (fax) 920-233-0307, or the Elder Rights Project hotline at 844-614-5468. The hotline is open M-F 8:30am – 4:00pm.

Agency Sharing:

Kori Peragine: Working with Dyann Benson, City of FDL to assess housing barriers in FDL. There will be a public event to comment on report when it is complete.

Brenda Hull-W2 Work hard on job training skills, schooling possibilities for clients, child care for newborns-8 wks. Maternity leave availability. Emergency financial assistance helps in time of crisis.

I apologize that I could not attend the Housing Coalition meeting yesterday, but I am so happy to hear how wonderful it was from Brenda Hull, Katrina Thom, and Shannon Johnson! My role as an Outreach Specialist at Forward Service Corporation (FSC) is brand new, and my primary responsibilities include acting as a liaison between FSC and our wonderful partner agencies in the community, and to help recruit potential participants for both our Wisconsin Works (W2) and FoodShare Employment & Training (FSET) Programs.

Kathy Thunes-There will be a public hearing on 2/20. Please come out and comment about the future of our city.

Shelly Tidemann asked to announce there is room in the rent class 1/17-19 at Library.

Tammy Westphal-Point in time will be the last Wed. in January. Always looking for volunteers 12am to 6am. Would like to cover as much of the county as possible. Sheriff, police, Solution Center, Advocap etc all participate.

4:07 Blodgett moved to close the meeting.  
Second by Katrina Thom.

**2017 Fond du Lac COC presentations are:**  
(Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month)

**Jan 11th : Liz Groeschel-Legal Action of WI**

**February 8<sup>th</sup> : EVICTED (book) discussion**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>: Shelley Tideman-UWExtension**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>: Marcy Blodgett-HFJ of FdL Co.**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>: Linda Tack-FdL School District**

***June 14<sup>th</sup>: Kathy Thunes- ECWRPC***

***JULY NO MEETING***

**August 9<sup>th</sup>: Holly Lehman Barnes-Forward Services**

**September 13th: Amber Rose-Salvation Army**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>: Sue Schierstedt-Care INC.**

**November 8<sup>th</sup>: Julie Hilbert-Senior Services**

***DECEMBER NO MEETING***

#### Notice of Language Access Rights

It is the policy of Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. to provide language access services to populations of persons with limited English proficiency who are eligible to be served or likely to be directly affected by our programs. Such services will be focused on providing meaningful access to our programs, services and/or benefits.

You have the right to a qualified interpreter service at no cost to you. You have the right not to be required to rely on minor children, other relatives or friends as interpreters.

You have the right to file a grievance about the language access services provided.

#### Notice of Grievance Procedure

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. has a grievance procedure to help clients and prospective clients concerning: (a) the quality of legal assistance they have been provided by attorneys employed by Legal Action of Wisconsin; and (b) the denial of legal assistance by attorneys employed by Legal Action of Wisconsin. Persons wishing to complain should contact the Managing Attorney of the office serving the county in which they reside.

#### Equal Opportunity Statement

It is the policy of Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. to make no distinction in the provision of legal assistance to eligible persons because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, political belief or affiliation, or any other consideration prohibited by law.

#### Requests for Reasonable Accommodation

If you need printed material interpreted in an alternate format to accommodate a visual impairment, or if you have a disability and need assistance in using our services, please inform us.

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## LEGALAction OF WISCONSIN

#### Oshkosh Area Office



Free civil legal services for  
low-income residents of:

Adams, Fond du Lac, Green Lake,  
Marquette, Ozaukee, Sheboygan,  
Washington, Waushara and  
Winnebago Counties



#### What is Legal Action of Wisconsin?

Legal Action of Wisconsin (Legal Action) is a non-profit law firm. We help solve civil legal problems for low-income people. We are Wisconsin's largest provider of free civil legal services.

Our case priorities are based on the most critical civil legal needs of low-income people – safe and affordable housing; adequate income and nutrition; access to health care; family preservation; getting and keeping a job; and protection from domestic violence.

You can find more information on our website: [www.legalaction.org](http://www.legalaction.org).

If you have a civil legal problem, please read this document before calling or coming to Legal Action. We may handle certain types of legal problems for people who meet income standards, but we cannot help everyone. Our services are free.

#### Client Income Eligibility Guidelines

All of Legal Action's services are free to low-income people. Generally, a person is considered low-income if they make less than indicated in the chart below.

Even if you think you make too much money, please contact us anyway. We will consider many factors when we are determining your eligibility for our services.

Please note that income eligibility guidelines may change annually.

# in Family	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$14,850	\$1,238	\$286
2	\$20,025	\$1,669	\$385
3	\$25,200	\$2,100	\$485
4	\$30,375	\$2,531	\$584
5	\$35,550	\$2,963	\$684
6	\$40,725	\$3,394	\$783
7	\$45,913	\$3,826	\$883
8	\$51,113	\$4,259	\$983
+1	\$5,200	\$433	\$100

#### Types of cases we may handle

- Landlord/Tenant
- Family Law
- Welfare/Public Benefits
- Medical Assistance/Title 19
- Food Shares (Food Stamps)
- Social Security and Disability Income (SSI and SSDI)
- Unemployment Compensation
- Consumer Law
- Certain Homeownership Problems or Foreclosure
- Education (K-12 school problems)
- Migrant Worker Employment
- Licenses (Work and Driver)
- Inaccurate Criminal Background Records

#### Types of cases we do not handle

- Criminal/Prison
- Worker's Compensation
- Employment Discrimination
- Immigration (except for some domestic violence victims)
- School Desegregation
- Abortion
- Selective Services
- Certain Fee-Generating Cases

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#### Walk-in and Phone Intake

Because we serve rural counties and the travel times can be very long, we encourage you to call us at 920-233-6521 or toll free at 800-236-1128 before traveling to the Oshkosh office. People may call or walk in any day between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

#### Family Law

If you have a problem with a family law matter (divorce, paternity, custody, placement, child support, maintenance, domestic abuse or child abuse injunctions, and family law appeals).

#### Housing Law

If you have a problem with a housing law matter (eviction and other landlord/tenant problems in public housing, Section 8, and private housing).

#### Public Benefits, Welfare, Health Insurance Law, SSI/SSDI

If you have a problem with a public benefits/welfare/health insurance/SSI/SSDI matter (W-2, Child Care assistance, BadgerCare, Food Shares, Title 19 or Medicaid, Kinship Care, education, and other government benefit programs).

#### Consumer Law

If you have a problem with a consumer law matter (foreclosures, utility shut-offs and restoration of utility services, predatory lending such as payday and car title loans, debt collection defense, and some bankruptcies).

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**Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., in Oshkosh  
is now offering assistance with**

## **Driver's License Recovery**



Driver's license suspensions and revocations are a barrier to employment to many people in our community. Many jobs require a driver's license, and often, many workers commute long distances to their jobs. Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., aims to provide legal assistance to individuals who have active suspensions and/or revocations against their Wisconsin driver's licenses or against their ability to obtain a Wisconsin driver's license.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Meet Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.'s eligibility criteria
- Have a suspended or revoked Wisconsin Class D driver's license, or suspended or revoked privilege to obtain a Wisconsin Class D driver's license
- Be within the Office's service area and at least 18 years old
- Be under 200% of the federal poverty level
- Have no pending charge for Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) and no current revocation for OWI
- Have completed DMV written/knowledge test within past 12 months if the person hasn't had a valid driver's license in the past 8 years

Some examples of suspensions and revocations that Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., in Oshkosh, may assist with include but are not limited to the following:

- Failure to Pay a Forfeiture
- Demerit Points
- Operating While Suspended/Revoked

**To contact Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., in Oshkosh regarding this program, please call (920) 233-6521 or visit the office at 404 North Main Street, Suite 702, Oshkosh, WI 54901.**

NOTE: In addition to the eligibility criteria listed above, many factors are considered to determine whether a case will be accepted for representation. These factors include but may not be limited to whether or not there is a legal conflict, staff availability and resources, and legal merit.