

Winnebago Housing Coalition

June 7, 2017

Hooper Community Center Basement

36 Broad St

Oshkosh, WI 54901

Attendance: Kay Hinton, Jordan Dvorak, Neil Romenesko, Donn Lord, Allison Knautz, Susan Tucker, Teri Horner, Vanessa Kuettel, Al Rolph, Lorraine Yarbrough, Kathy Thunes, Michael Rust, Rozlyn Fox, Angela Kalsbeek and Amy Lang.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and carried to approve the May 2017 minutes.

Discussion

Review of Membership- who do we want to invite to the table?

We discussed agencies that we would like to see around the table like: law enforcement, school district, formerly homeless, city council, and NAMI. Amy will call Matthew from the School District to see if another school representative could come. Kay will call Joe Nichols, OPD. Lorraine will call members of the common council and a homeless person she knows. Angela will contact NAMI. Allison will invite the FSC Emergency Assistance Coordinator. Since Pastor Tom has a master list of Church representatives, Amy will contact Pastor Tom and see if any can come to the Housing Coalition. pastor@oshkoshpresbyterians.org. Other people we talked about coming to the Housing Coalition would be Fran from the School district, Lori Fields BGC, or FVTC.

Look over past brochure- do we need updates?

After looking at the Housing Coalition brochure, it was recommended that we update the brochure with member agencies and more current information. Lorraine and Teri will reach out to the Business Success Center (Mindie) and the FISC counselor at FVTC (Nikki) to see if they could update the brochure.

Reports:

Shelter count numbers- For the Last Wednesday in May:

Father Carr's: 16 men, 15 Women and children, 15 single women.

Advocap Transitional: full.

Day by Day: Not open.

Christine Ann Center: 33 and capacity over 100%.

Case Managers Network- Last month, the Winnebago County Child Support agency presented. Next meeting is 6/14 Location: Salvation Army at 9am. Please call Amy if you are interested in attending.

Balance of State Update- BOS meeting August 10 and 11th at the Oshkosh Best Western. On August 10th, BOS will have safety training for the street count.

PIT- The Point in Time street count will be the last Wednesday of July on July 26th. Amy is looking for volunteers early morning on July 27th (12- 6 am) to help with the street count. Please send Amy an email if you are interested in working a shift. A community resource fair will have free breakfast and haircuts along with community resources.

Discussion: Problem: Appleton Warming Shelter is turning people away every night. Forward Service Corp and Advocap Bridges program are seeing a high volume of evictions coming in. **Some Solutions:** It is a goal to open the Day by Day warming shelter year round by 2018. Evictions stay on CCAP for 20 years so this is a barrier to families finding a good place to live. Father Carr's is working on 2 transitional housing units for families to stay since there is a need for men, women and their children to stay together while at the shelter. Uw Extension has a

train the trainer for Rent Smart Class on June 23. Cost is \$75. Education is another key to people understanding how to acquire, avoid legal issues and keep decent housing.

The Housing Coalition will not meet for the month of July. Next meeting is August 2nd at 9am.

Agency Announcements:

Housing Authority- The Housing Authority has a Cumberland Court Open House on June 22 from 5 to 8pm. Cumberland Court will be done with rehab around Mid-October. HA is looking for people interested in starting a daycare site at Waite Rug property. Cassie Sklenar started 6/5/2017 as the property manager of Raulf, Fox view and River side properties. A FSS participant graduated with \$2500. She obtained a new job which gave her enough income to not need housing assistance or disability payments. Habitat and Housing Authority are collaborating together to build a twin dominium for 2 handicap accessible units.

FSC: No update.

Christine Ann: The Christine Ann playground will be completed in Mid-June. Grow Oshkosh will be working at the shelter.

Day By Day: Day by Day is in the process of planning for a new location in 2018. They had a very successful first fundraiser called Mile of Style. 500 people attended and raised \$22,000. Day by day is open for showers and laundry from 10am - 2pm 2 days per week in the summer. Schedule is posted on the door.

Legal Action: Please refer people to legal action. Evictions do not have to be filed in order to see a Legal Action attorney. The Elder Abuse program has openings for people over 60 years old and are dealing with any type of abuse.

Father Carr's: No update.

FISC: An Oshkosh family won \$3000 in the Financial Makeover Contest for paying off debt and saving money. The whole family of 6 was involved by limiting showers and utilizing pantries.

Advocap(Bridges): From January to April 2017, Bridges served 181 households and 340 people.

ADVOCAP (homeless): No report

Winnebago County Landlord Association: The Landlord Assoc meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm at Primo's. Please join their Facebook page.

Adjourn: A motion made and carried to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Wednesday August 2nd at 9 am at Hooper Community Center Basement.

Please contact Amy Lang at amyl@advocap.org if you are unable to attend. Please also submit future agenda items or ideas to Amy.

Mission – The Winnebagoland Housing Coalition will maximize resources to identify and address affordable housing needs in our community.

Kay Hinton

Winnebagoland Housing Coalition Secretary