



Housing and Homelessness Coalition Meeting | Wed. Mar. 22, 2017 | 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Location: United Way of Marathon County - 705 S. 24th Ave., Suite 400 B, Wausau, WI 54401

MINUTES

In Attendance: BECK MELISSA (CW Solutions/FSET); DROW ANNE (Open Door); GAINES KATE (NAOMI); HAZUKA MICHELLE (North Central Health Care); KOWALSKI VICKI (Marathon County Health Department); MAYOR MIELKE ROBERT (CITY OF WAUSAU); MULLEN MARTY (St. Vincent de Paul); PREY JOHN (Habitat for Humanity); RYAN DEB (Community); SENNHOLZ DIANE (NCCAP); SMITH SARA (Marathon County Health Department); SNYDER PAT (WI State Government); TRIPP JACOB (Salvation Army); WILSON ED (Salvation Army); ZOERN KATHI (NAOMI-Transit); ALFONSO ORLANDO (St. Vincent de Paul)

Coalition Co-chairs: Pam Anderson; Beth Ann Richlen

United Way Staff: MaiGer Moua

Welcome & Introductions

Leadership Committee Update – Pam Anderson/Beth Ann Richlen

- Tiny homes: proposed idea shared with Coalition leadership and they are gathering more information; will share what they learn with the Coalition.
- Youth homelessness: Mary Jo Freeman invited Coalition leadership to be part of a brainstorming meeting; as of now, the Coalition has not been asked to do anything but offered to support if needed. If there's interest in looking at other models there's Stand Up for Kids in San Diego, CA
- Outreach activities: presentations given to UMR employees during their Lunch and Learn series; upcoming events and presentations include UWMC homeless event; Bethany Church Local Care Team; Everest Noon Optimist; article on homelessness in the City Pages-Pam and Diane were interviewed

Homeless Outreach Program – Ed Wilson, The Salvation Army

47 individuals helped so far (146 services provided; 24 singles and 8 families); the program is for families and individuals. Program services can be accessed 24/7, call the shelter after hours and business hours are 9-4. Contact Ed Wilson for copies of the Homeless Outreach Program brochure for distribution to clients. Suggestions from members: have brochures at the Marathon County Jail and library.

2016 Year End Report and Accomplishments – Pam/Beth

Thanked members for their contribution to a successful year. See attached Year End Report for more information.

Subcommittee updates

Advocacy & Awareness – Pam

Work plan activities and goals: create a continual play of powerpoint with voiceover; have a display at a business; outreach activities; continue to highlight the importance of transportation; participate in the Job Center fair on April 11.



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Housing Solutions – Beth

Committee discussed and will be updating housing inventory; establishment of a day center; distributed homeless surveys to local shelters and will have results available by April.

Mental Health/AODA – Michelle Hazuka/Christine Seidler

Discussions have been focused on community partnership, education, and community awareness. Still a new subcommittee and invite members to join.

Comments related to subcommittee work:

- there is a county-wide mental health training called CIT being offered to providers
- Wausau PD is doing more and have staff available to provide crisis and mental health services.
- AOD Partnership – sober action team is looking at establishing a sober living house.
- public hearing on Annabelle, April 11 – city council vote (WSAW has it incorrect March 28; recommendation goes to city council April 11), 40 units

Announcements

- March 24 – 2:00-6pm, Urban Revitalization committee (Pat Snyder is on the committee), will be held in 6 cities, open to the public – 3-5 minutes to address to the committee, location: The Salvation Army, 103 gym location
- April 4 – 11:30-12:30, The Salvation Army, lunch – pig roast, clients and guests invited to attend, community is invited, 103 location – gym
- April 6 – NAOMI will be conducting a poverty simulation for teachers, looking for volunteers to role play, location: GD Jones
- April 27 – Basic Needs Interagency meeting, 8:30-12, St. Paul's Church sanctuary
- April 30 – Open Door pancake fundraiser, 9-1, at ST. Paul's Church
- 2-1-1 2017 Give and Get Help Guide is available. Stop by the United Way office to pick up copies, no limit on quantity

Upcoming Full Coalition and Subcommittee Meetings:

7:30 – 9:00am

- April 26 – subcommittees
- May 24 – full coalition

Submitted by MaiGer Moua