



Housing and Homelessness Coalition Meeting | Oct. 26, 2016 | 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Location: United Way of Marathon County - 705 S. 24th Ave., Suite 400 B, Wausau, WI 54401

Attendees: BIRKENMEIER JULI (Wausau Community Development Authority); CROOKS JEAN (Forward Services Corp); GROSKREUTZ ADAM (Center for Veterans Issues); HAHN RANDY (Wisconsin Dept of Veterans Affairs); HAZUKA MICHELLE (North Central Health Care); HUBERT SHIRLEY (Catholic Charities of Diocese La Crosse); MIELKE ROBERT (City of Wausau Mayor); MILLS DAN (Catholic Charities of Diocese La Crosse); MORRIS JERRY (First United Methodist Church); PARTARRIEU ROBERTO (Catholic Charities of Diocese La Crosse); PREY JOHN (Habitat for Humanity); SEIDLER CHRISTINE (North Central Health Care);

Coalition Chairs: ANDERSON PAM (US Bank/Get Smart Wausau Coalition); SARGENT JEFF (North Central Community Action Program)

United Way Staff: MaiGer Moua

MINUTES

Reviewed September meeting minutes. Noted correction to the Community Warming Center rules. Updated Pam Anderson's email address.

United Way Community Closet & Boots to Work, Guest Presenter: Tara Glodowski

Tara is the Associate Director of Affinity Groups, Women in Action and Rebecca's Closet, United Way Rebecca's Closet – request form for baby and children items are available on the United Way of Marathon County website, www.unitedwaymc.org. By agency referral only, not open to the general public. There's about a 1 week turn around, but agencies can come and check out a key and find items if need them more quickly. Items are available seasonally – now closet has fall and winter clothes.

Career Closet – has clothes for job interviews, for those who receive employment they can come back and get up to 5 outfits. Open to the general public.

Boots to Work – steel-toed boots for those who just received a job offer or just started and boots are required for job. Need a voucher to access boots. Men's and women's shoes are available. Voucher can be found on the United Way of Marathon County website, www.unitedwaymc.org.

Donations needed: women's plus size, scrubs, men's shoes and belts for Career Closet. Drop them off at the United Way or at the Closet during business hours.

Questions about these programs and hours, contact Tara at tglodowski@unitedwaymc.org.

Subcommittee breakouts & report-outs

Advocacy & Awareness – led by committee chair Pam Anderson. 2 events scheduled in November – film showing Tuesday Nov. 15 at NTC Health Sciences auditorium and available to regional campuses. Bus tour Friday, Nov. 18, 11am – 1:15pm. For more information and to register for the events, see fliers attached.

Coordinated Entry – did not meet.

Housing Solutions – led by Jeff Sargent (committee co-chairs are Beth Ann Richlen and Ken Tokarz) Discussed existing homeless services and how to increase coordination and permanent housing. Example shared by Roberto Partarrieu is La Crosse is using the Housing First model to eradicate homelessness; they brought in a consultant to help Catholic Charities and local leaders identify and implement solutions. Catholic Charities is planning to bring the consultant to the Wausau location – HHC could possibly help coordinate.



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Mental Health/AODA – led by committee co-chairs Michelle Hazuka & Christine Seidler
Reviewed existing program services; discussed current state of issues.

2015 Coalition Annual Report & 2016 Survey – did not get to this because ran out of time. Send out the survey and 2015 coalition year end report to members.

Announcements

Wausau Community Development Authority will be opening up the Section 8 rental assistance program waiting list as of 8 am October 31, 2016. Attached is the flyer that explains the program qualifications, dates we will be accepting applications, and contact information. People will be notified by letter or email. Section 8 waiting list has been exhausted.

Upcoming Full Coalition Meetings:

- Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30-9:00am, United Way
- No December Meeting

Submitted by MaiGer Moua