



Housing and Homelessness Coalition Meeting | Nov. 16, 2016 | 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Location: United Way of Marathon County - 705 S. 24th Ave., Suite 400 B, Wausau, WI 54401

In attendance: ANDERSON KEN (Tomah VA Health Care System); BECK MELISSA (FSET/CW Solutions); BIRKENMEIER JULI (Wausau Community Development Authority); CIHLAR NATE (Wausau City Police Department); CROOKS JEAN (Forward Services Corp.); GAINES KATE (NAOMI); GREBE ROGER (Grebe's Inc.); GROSKREUTZ ADAM (Center for Veterans Issues); HUBERT SHIRLEY (Catholic Charities of Diocese La Crosse); LEPINSKI TRAVIS (Wausau Community & Economic Development); MCGOVERN CHERYL ANN (Tomah VA Health Care System); MAYOR MIELKE ROBERT (City of Wausau); MILLS DAN (Catholic Charities of Diocese La Crosse); MULLEN MARTY (St Vincent DePaul); MORRIS JERRY (First United Methodist Church); NILLES SARAH (Franklin Elementary School); PARTARRIEU ROBERTO (Catholic Charities of Diocese La Crosse); PREY JOHN (Habitat for Humanity); QUISLER ETHEL (Community Member); RADTKE JON (Wausau Apartments Assoc.); SNYDER PAT (Office of Congressman Sean P. Duffy); TOKARZ KEN (St Vincent DePaul); WILSON ED (The Salvation Army); ZOERN KATHI (NAOMI Transit)

Coalition Co-chairs: ANDERSON PAM, SARGENT JEFF

United Way Staff: MaiGer Moua

MINUTES

Reviewed October meeting minutes.

Leadership Committee Update – reported by Jeff. Received coalition member survey responses and included in feedback was more opportunities for action. Leadership will be working on filling co-chair vacancy. Jeff's last coalition meeting and will begin his new role as United Way executive director on Nov. 28. Pam presented Jeff with an award for his leadership.

Presentation: Project StepUp. Connie Umstead, Catholic Charities. Project StepUp is a program that helps Marathon County families become financially independent. Help those who are income limited with budgeting. Seeing housing as a huge need among this clientele. Questions, contact Connie at cumstead@cclse.org, or 715-849-3311.

2017 Work Plan - Subcommittee breakouts.

- Advocacy & Awareness – Pam Anderson
- Housing Solutions – Beth Ann Richlen & Ken Tokarz
- Mental Health/AODA – led by MaiGer. (Michelle Hazuka & Christine Seidler were unable to attend.)

2017 Work Plan - Subcommittee report-outs.

- Advocacy & Awareness – reported by Pam
 - Improve and increase marketing
 - Update PowerPoint
 - Public transit. Meet with elected officials – Sen. Petrowski
- Housing Solutions – reported by Ken
 - Continue and expand preventative solutions
 - Affordable housing – how do we create adequate supply? Develop landlord relationships? How do we define affordable housing? Relationship with the City?
 - Shelter system – support the current system; housing first program; bring in a consultant and involve the City Mayor. Expand current shelter system.



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- Mental Health/AODA – reported by Nate Cihlar and MaiGer
 - Wausau PD – immediate and emergent need support is available; need to improve and expand long term support and after care. Wausau PD will have a mental health care worker who will provide follow up care – restructure how dept provides services.
 - Other discussion points included education on available services and expand and increase access to services.

Announcements. Congressman Sean Duffy's Hunger and Homeless Summit, Monday, Dec. 12. Register online at www.duffy.house.gov Keynote speaker is Robert L. Woodson – see attachment for more information.

Upcoming Full Coalition Meetings:

- No December Meeting
- 2017 – Jan. 25

Submitted by MaiGer Moua