

**Iowa County Homeless Prevention Coalition**  
**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**  
**Beginning at Noon**  
**Health and Human Services Building (HHS), 303 W. Chapel Street, Dodgeville, Room 2001**  
**Meeting minutes**

**Call the meeting to order** – Brandon Wilhelm, Vice-President

**Those present** – Sarah Baker-Shelter, Donna Peterson-Education, Pam LaFave-Employment, Elizabeth Platt-Youth Services, Kate Chambers-Emergency Services, Brandon Wilhelm-Law Enforcement, Jeff Lindeman-Veteran's, Sue Matye-Health Dept., Lara Pawelski-Faith Based, Mark Williamson-Faith Based, Michelle Friedrich-Non-Coalition Member, Roger Stewart-Coalition Member, Joanne Eisenzimmer-Coalition Member, Katie Batton-Elderly, *Marlene Stenner-Faith Based*.

**Approval of Agenda** –Michelle stated that the Singles Program in Richland County could be removed from the agenda, thus Katie made the motion to approve amended agenda, Joanne seconded. Motion carried.

**Review of April Financials** – Treasurer, Kate gave the report. Current balance is \$37,065.46. Kate will get clarification on “utilities” part and discuss at next meeting. Y-T-D Budget indicates that only \$300 was budgeted and already over this amount. The report will be placed on file.

**Review of April minutes** – Pam made a motion to approve the secretary minutes. Pastor Mark second. Motion carried.

**Old Business –**

- **Shelter Status** – Michelle provided a written report (attached). Fountain St. has a single male that has been working with Pam (FSET) and Jeff (VA). He is currently working. His exit day is 6/27/2017. Jamie St- Single mother with three children in Dodgeville School District. She started a new job on May 1<sup>st</sup>. She was connected with the Children's Unit (DSS) and W2. Michelle also shared that she has applied for two other grants; prevention grant of \$21,113 that will help prevent homelessness and Emergency Shelter Grant that can house people up to 6 weeks in a motel for \$12,000.
- **Tracking update** – Roger created a spreadsheet. He wants to work on how to gather information when individuals/families come in and say they are homeless on what happens and how are these clients handled. Tracking questions; How many adults, how many children, if there are seniors, number of Youth 18 to 25, Initial Assistance, contact phone #. Group made a few suggestions adding what is there county of residence and birthdate for the person's initials being used. It was also suggested that the form be a Google Doc so that all agency/organization can access the form to fill in or check on status. Roger and Michelle will work on and upload as a Google Doc in the next couple of weeks. We will try it and see how it works. They will share back how it is working.
- **Family Promise Update** – At the April meeting, Donna and Roger reported that the committee is looking at Case Worker options. Family Promise did not feel that Iowa and Lafayette Counties homeless needs assessment report warranted a Family Promise shelter program. They met with the Grant County Family Promise Executive Board. There was some discussion of sharing (in the cost of the social worker) and setting up a social worker arrangement to provide services in the two counties with physical locations of service in the two counties or Mineral Point through Family Promise of Grant County. Other discussion focused on using the shelter program of Grant County to accommodate those families that we do not have shelter space for in Iowa County. Family Promise of Grant County may consider having the neighboring border churches in other

counties like Belmont become a host church. Grant County already has host sites in Livingston (we think) and Montfort.-Grant County was wondering if we had begun fundraising. This is all up in the air, however the committee will be touching base with Grant County Family Promise again.

**New Business –**

- July 26 Point In Time (PIT) event- Michelle explained that PIT Count is connected with HUD funding. For those that get funding, this is required twice a year in January and July. In January, we had 4 volunteers in addition to the Sheriff's/Local Police Departments that went out between the hours of 11:00pm-6:00am to look for homeless individuals/families. We offered a breakfast in July after the event. There was some discussion if we should do a breakfast again there was no support for the breakfast. An idea was brought up to offer a coupon for a free meal at (McDonalds, Culvers, or Hardee's) if a homeless individual was found. Brandon suggested that due to the summer months being busier, it is better to not have any ride-alongs with law enforcement in case they get called out for emergency situations. Brandon indicated he will take care of communicating with law enforcement about the event and getting the forms for the count to them. Will discuss in more detail at the next meeting in June.

**Adjournment of meeting –** Roger made the motion. Donna second. Motion carried

Next meeting – Wednesday, June 21, 2017 beginning at noon at HHS Building

Next meeting agenda items –

Shelter Status

Tracking Update

Family Promise case worker update

PIT Count