

West Central Homeless Coalition
January 17, 2023 Minutes – Approved February 21, 2023
1:00 – 3:00 PM – TEAMS Meeting

Members in Attendance:

	A	Representative Name	Organization
1	X	Erica Schoch	West CAP
2	X	Amy Berg	Turningpoint
3	X	Angela Friend	Center for Veterans Issues
4	X	Jamie Gibson	The Bridge to Hope
5	X	Stephanie Melton	Benjamin’s House
6	X	Heidi Hooten	Stepping Stones of Dunn County
7	X	Jennifer Barrett	L.E. Phillips CDC Outreach Office
8	X	Duana Bremer	The Salvation Army, Grace Place, The Family House
9	*	Kelly Christianson	United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley
10		Virginia Ormsby	Northwoods Homeless Shelters
11		Cheri Moats	Community Referral Agency
12		Alyssa Wichmann	Individual
13		Brianne Berres	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse, Inc.
14	X	Karla Peterson	Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
15	X	Jeni Haddad	Family Support Center
16		Casey Levrich	Department of Veterans Affairs
17	X	Nancy Kraft	Workforce Resource, Inc.
18	X	Jessica Oleson-Bue	Chippewa County Housing Authority
19	X	Carla Lundeen	Great Rivers 2-1-1
20		Deanna Kloster	UnitedHealthcare
21	X	Deanna Arntson	Inclusa
22	X	Missy Jerome	Embrace Services

* arrived late

Guests in Attendance:

Brittany Olson
Amanda Miller
Ashley Lien
Allie Musolf
Leigh Polondna

- Welcome and meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by President Erica Schoch
- Approval of December 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion by Heidi Hooten, Second by Jessica Olsen-Bue– motion passed

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- Coordinated Entry Update
 - Preparing for PIT count. Room for more volunteers. Contact Erica if you want to help. Leigh added that we should expect more surveys back this year.

- Youth Homelessness Intervention Grant Update
 - Kelly C. updated presented by Erica S. The YHDP update is that Western Dairyland has taken on the System Navigator position and are in the process of advertising. They have hired 2 case managers, have several participants enrolled in the program and have successfully housed at least 1. They have begun to have office hours at the CDC Outreach Office. IF anyone is interested in making a referral or has someone for the Youth Action Board please contact Karlee Reid Karlee.Reid@wdeoc.org or Riley See Riley.See@wdeoc.org.
 - Duana 14 people enrolled, most wanted to roll into RRH (at the same location). Looking for one more navigator (interviewing). Presently have one navigator in TH and one in RH. Ready to take more referrals. Looking for a 3-bedroom in Barron County for TH. Still looking for youth to serve on the board. Erica will send referral form to network.

- Agency presentation by Heidi Hooten. Robust food pantry operated largely by volunteers. Two shelters, apartment style. They had received \$220k CDBG for hotel vouchers. Currently 16 families participating in two different motels through March. Some case management at the hotels, or their facilities. They received \$1.2 MM grant to build a new shelter at their main office campus. The new 24/7 co-ed twenty single bed/bathroom. Shared space and dining area. Should be open November 2023, which should displace the need for motel stays. They will keep their two other homes for families. Roughly 2/3 of their clients are Dunn County. They teach “101” type courses at Dunn County Jail. They host local fundraisers such as Empty Bowls, however they will no longer host the Garden Tour. They have a hard time finding volunteers for these events, so they had to suspend the tour. Stephanie from Benjamin’s House will present next month.

- New/Old Business – None

- Announcements –
 - Nancy Kraft shared Workforce Resource is seeking input from Cap Agencies for housing needs and homelessness prevention. They are also focusing on human trafficking of homeless youth.
 - Leigh reports Action Plans are being revised for longer timelines. Expect an email from Carrie. There will be some trainings on this. She will be looking at successful action plans across the state to share best practices. They are working on racial equity reports for which she would like to present this data in February or March.

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- Adjourn
 - Motion by Kelly, Second by Duana. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:39 PM

Respectfully submitted by Tim Mather