

Eau Claire Dairyland Housing Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: 07/16/2020	Scheduled Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm	Location: Zoom Meeting
Chair	Jeanne Semb	
Co-Chair	Keith Johnathan	
Minutes Recorder	Dani Claesges dairylandsecretary@gmail.com	
Attendees		
	Robin Adams MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	Western Dairyland robin.adams@wdeoc.org
	Ken Adler MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	Chippewa Valley Free Clinic adlerjk@gmail.com
	Nicole Anderson MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	Lutheran Social Services nicole.anderson@lsswis.org
	TJ Atkins MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	The Community Table director@thecommunitytable.org
	Michael Basford	Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness mike.basford@wisconsin.gov
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	Brianne Berres MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	Catholic Charities (Sojourner House/Sojo) bberres@cclse.org
	Kelly Christianson MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	United Way GCV kchristianson@uwgcv.org
	Dani Claesges MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD) dclaesges@ecasd.us
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	Angela Friend MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	CVI (Center for Veterans Issues) angela.friend@cvivet.org

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	Amy Giani MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	FPCV (Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley) agiani@familypromisecv.org
	Deb Gough MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	Community Member goughdm@uwec.edu
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	Jen Solfest MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	ADRC (Aging Disability Resource Center) Jennifer.solfest@co.eau-claire.wi.us
	Cortney Springer MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	Eau Claire City County Health Department cortney.springer@co.eau-claire.wi.us

Approval of June 2020 Minutes

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Debbie Gough approves the minutes and Jacque Hogan seconds the motion.

COVID-19 Coalition Updates

Health Department

Released the Community Resources sheets for vulnerable populations.

Lutheran Social Services

Still waiting for the EC contract to start the prevention programming, but they've started programming in Racine. Over 200 people called within 24 hours and they're beginning to call and prescreen them.

Q: Can DHC get an in-service from LSS about the Prevention Programming?

Aging

ADRC referrals are down for the disability benefits and Medicaid benefits. Appointments are now over the phone, but can accommodate if needed.

Eau Claire City Housing Authority

By appointment only now. Please call or email for services. HUD needs to clear Housing Authority's five year plan and annual plan, then emergency COVID money.

Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program (W.R.A.P.) (State Grant)

- Has provided over \$60,000 in the last month. Interested people should call and get on the list. Over 500 people have inquired to receive funding so far.

CDBG and HOME Programs

- Both have been granted to City Housing Authority.
- For those of you who applied for CDBG funds, you will receive almost the full amount you asked for
- Still need to wrap up and submit five-year plan to HUD

CARES Funding

- No word yet of when we're approved to spend the funding.

Sojourner housed at Hobbs

- City has allowed Sojourner to stay at Hobbs until December
- Looking for an shelter building option for 24 hour services
- They have a few bids, but trying to figure out if construction for a temporary shelter is worth it or to figure out something more long term and use the funding they have for that.
- Clients can check out for the day, encouraging them to not leave unless they have a specific purpose. If they check out completely, they are not allowed to come back for 10 days.
- No air conditioning at Hobbs – using fans, sprinklers and water
- **They currently need breakfast bars**
- They are handing out water and having street outreach give out water

Q: What is Eau Claire city's procedures for heat advisor days (Extreme Weather days)?

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Dairyland Criminalization of Homelessness Policy

- (attached)
- Let's look at current ordinances (attached)
- We need a committee to continue to focus on this to make sure we are doing what the policy says we're going to do.
- Robin Adams will chair, Libby, Nathan Doughty, Debbie Gough, Katie Peska and Ken Adler will be on the Criminalization of Homelessness Committee.
- Dani motions to approve, Keith seconds motion
- Membership votes, 14 approve, 1 abstained
 - Aging & Disability Resource Center - Yes
 - Catholic Charities – Yes
 - Center For Veterans Issues – Yes
 - Chippewa Valley Free Clinic – Yes
 - City of Eau Claire Housing Authority - Yes
 - Debbie Gough – Yes
 - Department of Veteran Affairs - Yes
 - Eau Claire Area School District – Yes
 - Eau Claire City County Health Department - Abstained
 - Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley - Yes
 - Lutheran Social Services – Yes
 - The Community Table – Yes
 - United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley – Yes
 - Vivent Health - Yes
 - Western Dairyland – Yes
 - Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Q: How will we ensure the procedures in the policy happen in our coalition?

S: We need to work with lawmakers to change city and county laws.

Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness (Michael Basford)

- Please feel free to contact him if you have any questions about the Interagency Council.
mike.basford@wisconsin.gov

Westside Encampment at storage units

- Brianne Berres went and Pastor Mike connected with people staying there.
- CV Street Ministries continues to go there to connect with them.
- They are aware of two people staying there, doesn't seem to be too much evidence of them being there.
- They are trying to get them into coordinated entry, but they are not interested in housing.

WIBOSCOC

- August 13th is next quarterly meeting
- Speaker will be on cultural/racial equity
- There will be a small fee to pay for the speaker
- Register at: <https://www.wiboscoc.org/quarterly-meetings.html>

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ESG COC Collaborative Application

- Next, need to identify all the resources that are in our four county continuum
- July 22nd @ 10am is next meeting – PLEASE BE A PART OF THIS!!! Invite to Zoom meeting will be sent out.
- Looking for more involvement of people from Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau counties

Coalition COVID Contact

- There's an opportunity for someone to be our coalition's COVID contact for the WIBOSCOG.
- Expectations are to receive emails from Carrie Poser, contact necessary agencies and groups to gather COVID information, and provide to Carrie in a timely manner.

EHH Funding

- We now have a contract and are distributing funds soon to involved agencies.

C.A.R.E.S. Funding

The Dairyland Coalition received \$641,400 in C.A.R.E.S. funding. Allocations were determined at the June 4th meeting with coalition participants.

- Family Promise will receive \$12,500 for shelter operations and 10,000 for shelter services (i.e. case management)
- Lutheran Social Services will receive \$250,000 for prevention housing payments and \$75,000 for prevention housing services (i.e. case management)
- Western Dairyland will receive \$44,898 for an administration costs to oversee C.A.R.E.S. funding implementation and reporting, \$10,000 for street outreach, \$25,000 for shelter operations, \$10,000 for motel vouchers, \$24,002 for shelter services (i.e. case management) and \$30,000 for rapid rehousing payments
- Catholic Charities will receive \$125,000 for shelter operations (this will allow them the funding to change locations in order to serve the number of clients currently at Hobbs) and \$25,000 for shelter services (i.e. case management)
- All agencies agree to return unused money as soon as it's obvious it won't be used, so that it may be allocated to a different area of need.

Committee Updates

- **Advisory Committee:** (Dani Claesges)
(See included minutes)
- **Point In Time Street Count (PIT):** (Robin Adams)
This year's count is more focused on getting the resources to people.
Volunteer Sign-up is now a google form
The Point In Time is scheduled for July 27th – 31st
The Powerpoint will be sent out, contact Robin if you have questions
We will be connecting with people using the showers at
- **Discharge & Criminalization of Homelessness Committee:** (Nathan Doughty)
No update at this meeting but will be meeting soon.

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- **Prevention & Diversion Committee:**
No update at this meeting but will be meeting soon.
- Suggestion of new committee: **Membership Committee**
(Please email dairylandsecretary@gmail.com if you are interested in chair or being on this committee)

Q: Do the lower counties still meet separately? No, they are invited.

Q: Could the Advisory Committee discuss restructuring meeting agenda to show more inclusion to specific counties?

Agency Sharing

- Casey has 10 vouchers available, must be VA Healthcare manageable
- Library is open by appointment only since July 1st. They are doing the best they can to accommodate walk-ups for those that have challenges to contacting them by phone
- Western Dairyland and Lutheran Social Services are in need of efficiency and 1-bedroom apartments and landlord connections in Eau Claire and Altoona, preferably on the bus line and on ground level for disabled clients. Western Dairyland is the lease holder and comes with case management. LSS is not the lease holder but can offer double security deposit, if on TBRA they do not have case management, if on Rapid Rehousing there is case management.
- ECASD – Families should contact their schools if their child needs a backpack and school supplies.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm

Next Meeting: August 19th, 2020 at 1:30pm Zoom meeting

THEME: Sports Wear or Background

(Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm unless otherwise noted)

Notes for future meeting(s):

- *LSS and City Housing to share how to refer someone to their TBRA program (HUD's HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance)*

Current Members

- Aging & Disability Resource Center
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of LaCrosse
- Center For Veterans Issues
- Chippewa Valley Free Clinic
- Christine Warloski
- Debbie Gough
- Department of Veterans Affairs

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- Eau Claire Area School District
- Eau Claire City-County Health Department
- Eau Claire County Housing Authority
- Eau Claire Department of Human Services
- Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley
- Housing Authority of the City of Eau Claire
- JONAH
- Lutheran Social Services (including Midway Crisis, Positive Avenues, VHRP)
- The Community Table
- United Way
- Vivent Health
- Western Dairyland
- WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Application for coalition membership is included. Please complete if your agency is not listed 😊