

La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness

Collaborative, diverse, and compassionate individuals working to eliminate homelessness in La Crosse County.

Meeting Minutes
August 15th, 2017

Present: Abigail Jeffers (TSA), Chandra Cox (Couleecap), Joel Miller (LCPD), Jaralee Richter (UWL), Darren Danhoff (FCC), Kim Cable (Couleecap), Alex Burg (LCPD), Tristine Baumann (CCLSE), Melanie Hamel (YWCA), Chandler Miller (TSA), Becky Koske (TSA), Molly Betts (Couleecap), Julie McDermid (LCEH), Carrie Jick (TSA), Kelli Larson (TSA), Anneliese Skoda (La Crosse County), Alisha Gaunitz (ILR), Jim Bagniewski (Shelter Development), Mark Schimpf (CCLSE), Kael Clemmerson

1. Agency Presentation: St. Lawrence Community Services (Catholic Charities)
 - a. Kevin Burch – Program Director
 - b. SLCS can assist with foreclosure counseling, homebuyer education, financial/budget/debt counseling, energy assistance (partnered with County), applications for employment, housing, and other programs
 - c. Focused on goal-setting
 - d. Rapid Re-Housing (housing first)
 - e. Located at Catholic Charities' downtown office (413 Third Street S), walk-ins are 9am-3pm Mondays and 2pm-5pm on Thursday at the Place of Grace (919 Hood Street)

2. Facing Homelessness Project
 - a. Jaralee Richter, Kari Reyburn, Kirsten Gabriel
 - b. Working with Kim Cable, WTC, UWL, and Viterbo
 - c. This is a national program and looking to stream into existing momentum on homelessness awareness and advocacy
 - d. Trying to tell stories from perspective of homelessness and community
 - e. Elevate the voices of people who have been silenced, and encourage mutual respect and trust, connection oriented
 - f. 3 part service learning project for students at each institution
 - g. Planning to start right away in fall
 - h. Need 15-20 stories, 8 stories minimum for it work
 - i. Meetings will be August 17th and November 1st at Couleecap

3. Balance of State Update
 - a. BOS meeting in Oshkosh last week

- b. Lots of business to take care, but first day was training on outreach and safety related to it, specifically targeted to PATH outreach workers
 - c. Possibility of bringing that presenter here to present locally
 - d. COC competition is in progress, deadline for applications is August 28th
 - e. BOS is hoping to put together a planning grant to hire a coordinated entry coordinator for the state
4. PIT Count Report
- a. Tally is not yet completed, still reviewing data
 - b. Unsheltered count is at 36
 - c. Different list of people from last year, and no unsheltered in other counties
5. 100 Day Sprint Update
- a. Goal was met with 20 chronically homeless individuals housed
 - b. Housed 30 veterans since last September
 - c. 40-50 people housed in total through the sprints
 - d. Next sprint with kick off in September
 - e. Either continuing chronic homelessness or focusing on family homelessness
 - f. Running data to figure out next steps and highest need
6. Homeless Connect Update:
- a. Event went very well, although attendance was down was last year (part of year-to-year decrease overall)
 - b. Possibility of changing the focus to have the event meets the needs of the community, more service oriented
 - c. First meeting will be in January
7. Agency Updates:
- a. None
8. Next Meeting: No July meeting due to Homeless Connect. September 19th at 2:30 pm in the Third Floor Conference Room at La Crosse City Hall.

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