

La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness

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

Meeting Minutes
September 19th, 2017

Present: Mark Schimpf (CCLSE), Darren Danhoff (F&CC), Teresa Byland (JSS), Kevin Burch (Catholic Charities), Liz Evans (GR United Way), Heather Fisher Wallin (La Crosse County HS), Julie McDermid (Collaborative), Molly Betts (Couleecap), Becky Koske (Couleecap), Susan Bennett (LCHD), Chandler Miller (TSA), Matthew Schmidt (New Beginnings), Kathie Knoble-Iverson (ILR), Alisha Gaunitz (ILR), Chelsey Myhre-Foster (ILR), Kari Reyburn (WTC), Jaralee Richter (UWL), Kirsten Gabriel (Viterbo), Leigh Polodna (ICA), Kristina Bechtel (CCS), Chandra Cox (Couleecap), Alex Burg (LCPD), Joel Miller (LCPD), Kim Cable (Couleecap), Ruthann Schultz (YWCA)

1. Agency Presentation: Family and Children's Center
 - a. Homelessness and Displace Youth services for La Crosse County
 - b. Lots of kids in crisis with serious trust issues where time is needed for healing
 - c. Safety, stability, diversion, healing, wellbeing, community connections, academic achievement, independence
 - d. Funded for three years through La Crosse Community Foundation
 - e. After third year, funding is up to FCC
 - f. Year-to-year growth, lots of progress, it just takes time
 - g. Foster homes are voluntary and unpaid, voluntary for youth
 - h. 5 total host homes, 8 total kids

2. Balance of State Update
 - a. By-laws are to be voted on in November meeting, available for comment on BOS website
 - b. Possibility of having each COC have a representative to help make representation more equal
 - c. Also working on more clearly defining a conflict of interest as it relates to the BOS and how to deal with it within the context of the BOS

3. 100 Day Sprint Update
 - a. Upcoming sprint will be family homelessness
 - b. Action lab scheduled for October 16th and 17th

- c. 12 families on priority list and at least 100 families that are doubled up/unstably housed
 - d. Interfaith volunteer team to help with wrap-around services, which will increase staff availability for heavier tasks
 - e. Job posting for part time outreach staff has been posted, hopefully in place by November 1st
4. After Hours Plan:
- a. As a COC, we have to have a plan for what happens when people present for shelter after normal intake hours (community wide)
 - b. BOS is requiring each COC to submit an after-hours plan by September 30th
5. Agency Updates:
- a. Training on October 5th – Coordinated Assessment in morning, QPR training in afternoon, RSVP to Jann Kunz (jann.kunz@couleecap.org)
 - b. Julia and Kim are presenting at English Lutheran Church tomorrow (20th) at noon, lunch is provided
 - c. Community Conversation on mental health on October 18th with Better Together, at English Lutheran Church
6. Next Meeting: October 17th at 2:30pm in the 3rd Floor Conference in La Crosse City Hall

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