

La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness – Membership Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

October 16th, 2018

Present: Mark Schimpf, Molly Betts, Dillon Mader, Carrie Jick, Bethany Gohres, Chandler Miller, Alexia Krause, Kristina Bechtel, Anneliese Skoda, Mary Jacobson, Patrick Dienger, Isaac Hoffman, Teresa Byland, Kevin Fox, T.J. Atkins, Kael Clemmerson, Irene TenEyck, Lindsey Purl, Becky Koske, Doreen Averbeck, Alex Burg, Amanda Kubista-Owen, Caroline Gregerson, Erin Melton, Alicia Place, Leticia Silva, Melanie Hamel, Silke Sambataro, Maggie Xiong, Michael Carlson, Chandra Cox, Joel Miller, Julie McDermid

1. Introductions
2. September Meeting Minutes
 - No comments or edits
3. Presentation – Impact 7 Kane Street Development (Michael Carlson)
4. Agency Presentation – Great Rivers Hub (Lindsey Purl)
5. Wisconsin Balance of State Updates
 - a. Vote on Coulee CoC representative for BOS Board of Directors
 - To help make voting as inclusive as possible, it was announced that emails votes to Tristine would be accepted until the end of the day Thursday to accommodate agencies who weren't able to be present at this meeting.
 - Ballots were passed out to vote on the three candidates that turned in nomination paperwork: Mary Jacobson, Mark Schimpf, and Kael Clemmerson
 - Ballots were turned into Tristine for counting. Vote results would be announced via email on Friday by Tristine, once all votes had been counted.
 - Update: October 19th – Mark Schimpf was voted as the representative for the Coulee CoC on the BOS Board of Directors.*
 - Update: October 31st – The Balance of State Board of Directors has decided that the board will stay as-is until May 2019 to allow full implementation of by-laws and to ensure continuity for the board. Mary Jacobson will remain a board representative for the Coulee CoC/Western Region until at least May 2019.*
 - b. Vote on governance structure for BOS Board of Directors
 - Ballots were passed out and the options for governance structure were briefly explained before voting.

-It was clarified to the group which option the membership committee previously voted for (Option 2).

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-Update: October 19th – The vote resulted in a tie between Option 2 and Option 3. The chair and vice-chair decided that there would be a re-vote, with votes due through email by the end of the day on Thursday, October 25th.

-Update: October 26th – Option 2 received the most votes in the re-vote.

6. LCEH/Build For Zero/Outreach Updates (Julie McDermid)

-Kristi Bechtel has accepted a position on the La Crosse Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.

-The Steering Committee for the LCEH has expanded from 10 people to 11 people, to accommodate Julie as a non-voting member. Three position on the steering committee will remain at-large positions.

-The Steering Committee has proposed that a nomination committee be created to receive applications for those at-large positions and make decisions as to who fills those positions. This will enable the Steering Committee to select people that have a specific skill or background that is needed.

-Membership Committee still retains a seat and vote on the Steering Committee.

-It was proposed by several Membership Committee members that this nomination process sets up barriers to people coming forward for leadership and makes the process undemocratic.

-Members of the Steering Committee in attendance stated that this would be brought up for discussion within the Steering Committee and reported back to this committee.

7. Agency Updates

8. Upcoming agency presentations

a. November – SOAR

b. December – No meeting

c. January – Open