La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness

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

Meeting Minutes
November 21st, 2017

Present: Mark Schimpf, Carrie Jick, Bethany Gohres, Mark Solyst, Kael Clemmerson, Melanie Hamel, Becky Koske, Patrick Dienger, Kevin Burch, Kristina Bechtel, Abbi Jeffers, Tristine, Bauman, Chandra Cox, Chandler Miller, Julie McDermid, Caroline Gregerson

1. Introductions

2. Wisconsin Balance of State update
   -Lots of discussion on CoC competition at BOS quarterly meeting
   -Coulee CoC fell short on that application, so improvement is the priority moving forward. HUD changed several questions into narrative questions that used to be yes/no, and that may have affected the outcome.

3. 100-Day Sprint and Initiative updates
   - Started in October, focused on families with children, 3 sub goals, working on creating a volunteer model (emails already sent to around 65 people), finding units, planning a big breakfast with 18 landlords w/ Mayor and Jill Billings, creating upstream diversion plan,
   -$500k from amendment to 2018 County Budget, towards collab, looking to match with other funds, no plan yet, will go to board with a specific plan, direct financial assistance is part of the package
   -House 10 families, have housed 5 families already, ending on 1-31-18
   -Erin Heely advocating for us to join Build for Zero, would join as a 4 county area, we've been invited to join, leadership team has pretty much approved
   -Funding in place to have outreach/navigators be full time, reposted the job, several applicants,

4. Collaborative Governance and Membership
   - Draft agreement, more structure to collaborative, how do we get everybody's voice at the table?
   -How do we nominate the at-large steering committee memberships? Send out nomination surveys ASAP. Send out nominations to groups that sign LCEH agreement.

5. Agency Updates

6. Upcoming agency presentations
   a. December – ALICE?

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