

La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness

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

Meeting Minutes

February 27th, 2018

Present: Alexandria Wells, Sue Bennett, Abbi Jeffers, Kim Cable, Tristine Bauman, Doreen Averbeck, Joel Miller, Chandra Cox, Kevin Burch, Teresa Byland, Molly Betts, Becky Koske, Anneliese Skoda, Kristina Bechtel, Caroline Gregerson, Mark Schimpf

1. Introductions
2. Agency Presentation – CARING
 - a. Rescheduled
3. Wisconsin Balance of State Updates
 - a. Data Committee Update - Rescheduled
 - b. Balance of State Governance By-Laws Discussion – The BOS had set a vote on the revised by-laws for August, but the vote was tabled due to a lack of consensus about the composition of the BOS board. The BOS had a town hall discussion at the last quarterly meeting. Kim Cable provided copies of the quarterly meeting minutes from the town hall, a list of pros and cons for each of the three options for board composition that was prepared by the BOS, and a timeline for voting on the by-laws. A discussion followed on the options for board composition. Below are the main points of the discussion:
 - One point of confusion is that it's not easy to discern, with the board as it currently stands, who the board members are representing. For instance, if a three CoC region has two board members and each of the CoCs has a different opinion, how do the board members vote on an issue?
 - Significant differences at a CoC level within a region also create issues with representation. In the Western Region, the Coulee CoC is facing significantly different issues and growth than in the other CoCs in the region.
 - One possible issue is over-representation of an agency that has offices in multiple CoCs or regions. It is intended that an amendment will be introduced before the by-laws are voted on that will allow only one board member per agency.
 - Option 3 allows for CoC-level representation that will give a voice to local issues. However, it makes the board significantly larger, which would make governance less efficient. It is noted that other governing bodies of this size (e.g. 29 people on the La Crosse County Board) work effectively by having a sense of clarity in terms of rules and procedures.
 - Further discussion will take place on the three options at the March 20th meeting of this membership committee. Materials for this discussion will be distributed again through email to the membership group. A vote will take place at the April 17th meeting. The membership committee vote will also be

discussed at the March meeting and whether each agency will get a vote or each active member will get a vote.

-Input and vote will be submitted in time for BOS vote in May.

4. Point-in-Time Count

- a. 4 counted that night, all in cars. Winter count last year was 28.
- b. Significant increase in volunteers interested for the count, had to subdivide routes to accommodate them.
- c. Total people accessing shelter in 2017 was under 1000.

5. 100-Day Sprint and Initiative Updates

- a. Rescheduled

6. Homeless Connect Planning

- a. A sign up sheet was passed around to sign up for helping with this event. Tristine will coordinate a meeting time via a doodle poll.
- b. Event space will be the ballroom at the La Crosse Center.
- c. Greater emphasis on direct services

7. Agency Updates

Submitted by: Mark Schimpf – Catholic Charities