

La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness

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

Meeting Minutes June 20, 2017

Present: Kim Jones (New Horizons), Darren Danhoff (Family and Children's Center), Alex Burg (La Crosse PD), Joel Miller (La Crosse PD), Bill Leonard, Molly Betts (Couleecap), Becky Koske (Couleecap), Derek Johnson (Salvation Army), Teresa Silcox (YWCA), Melanie Hamel (YWCA), Kael Clemmerson, Julia McDermid (Independent Living Resources), Alisha Gaunitz (Independent Living Resources), Kristina Bechtel (La Crosse County), Susan Bennett (La Crosse County Health Dept), Chandler Miller (Salvation Army), Abigail Jeffers (Salvation Army), Tristine Bauman (Catholic Charities), Mark Schimpf (Catholic Charities), Teresa Byland (La Crosse County Justice Support Services)

1. Agency Presentation: La Crosse County ISRS
 - a. Integrated Support and Recovery Services
 - b. Part of Comprehensive Community Services
 - c. Works with clients with mental illness and access to Medicaid. Must be a La Crosse County resident.
 - d. Can help to define goals and obtain progress (e.g. pay rent, get medical services, bill pay scheduling)
 - e. The big theme is getting people connected with services and helping to pay for it.
 - f. Referral to ISRS is through 211 or 784-HELP.
2. Balance of State Update
 - a. No update available.
3. 100 Day Sprint Update
 - a. The mid-point review was 2 weeks ago and was very positive. There were seven people who had been housed at the time. At present, the total is at nine. Roughly halfway to goal.
 - b. Meeting tomorrow on county residency. Changing residency requirements would help get our clients connected with the services they need and their residency status is often complicated.
 - c. Lots of open 2- and 3-bedroom units, but a lack of the needed 1-bedroom units.

- d. A consumer advisory council is being formed to help shape services and programs. Please forward any recommendations for membership to Julia McDermid.
 - e. The plan is to hire a project manager for the collaborative and have them on-board by the end of the July.
4. Homeless Connect Update:
- a. Event will take place on July 27th from 11:00am-4:00pm at the La Crosse Center.
 - b. PIT Count planning meeting will be on July 7th at 10:30am at Couleecap.
 - c. United Healthcare is donating \$1000 in general funding to the event.
5. Agency Updates:
- a. New Horizons: agency is out of housing funding and no funding is coming in the near-term. The result is 2-3 families being relocated.
 - b. Horizon Church does a cook-out open to the public every Wednesday.
 - c. La Crosse PD has been issuing a fairly low number of citations for illegal camping. Diversion program is in place, but it's too early to have any data on access. Positive responses and attitudes. Lots of questions.
6. Next Meeting: No July meeting due to Homeless Connect. August 22nd at 2:30 pm in the Third Floor Conference Room at La Crosse City Hall.

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