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## WISCONSIN BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE QUARTERLY MEETING

May 16-17, 2019

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green Bay, WI

To register, please visit: <http://www.wiboscoc.org/quarterly-meetings.html>

### Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Registration & Breakfast

8:30 Welcome and Introductions

8:45 Who is a Veteran? A panel of presenters from Wisconsin Dept. of Veteran Affairs (WDVA) and County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO)

- Screening for military service
- Role of County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs)
- Myths regarding Veterans such as they all qualify for VA benefits and healthcare
- Military Culture
- Q&A

9:45 Best Practices In Working With Landlords - TBD

10:45 am **BREAK**

11:00 WI DOJ – Safe at Home Program

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 Coalition Showcase – Fox Cities: Panel Presentation & Discussion

- **Project RUSH** (Research to Understand and Solve Homelessness) – Betsy Borns

*A presentation highlighting a study completed in the Fox Cities to better understand the needs of people struggling with housing instability and homelessness.*

- **Pillars** (A Comprehensive Program Merger) – Joe Mauthe

*Pillars is a recent merger of three Fox Cities nonprofit agencies focused on providing shelter, support and solutions to those in our community struggling with homelessness or housing instability issues. Pillars provides over 45,000 nights of shelter to those without homes, as well as 150 safe, affordable homes. From homelessness to coming home, Pillars provides shelter, support and solutions to address the housing needs in the Fox Cities community.*

- **Ascend** (Pillars Initiative) – Jennifer Pelley

*A presentation on the program's mission is to assist the young adults with their mental health recovery*

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*and develop the necessary skills to obtain employment that has a “living” wage income.*

➤ **Diversion** – Luanne Witthuhn

*A presentation on a Diversion program, funded through the local United way, that helps folks who are presenting for shelter avoid entry altogether. Through resource connection, landlord advocating and brokering, and client-based goal planning to ensure ongoing stability, the Diversion/Prevention Case Manager works on the front end to prevent episodes of homelessness and promote ongoing housing stability.*

➤ **Pillars Day Resource Center** – Tricia Raimondi

*A presentation on the recently opened Day Resource Center; how we made it come together and the impact it's made on the community.*

➤ **Almost Home** – Nicole Kordus

*A presentation on the collaboration between the Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity and Goodwill Industries.*

➤ **LEAVEN Community Resource Center (LCRC)** – Mary Parsons

*A presentation on the impetus for this new service delivery model, the research that supports it, and the benefits it provides to low-income people, to LEAVEN, and to the 14 organizations that comprise the LEAVEN Community Resource Center.*

➤ **Legal Action of Wisconsin** – Kaitlyn Esula

*A presentation on collaborating with the Fox Cities community to represent tenants in eviction defense.*

2:30 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45	Continue with Fox Cities panel
4:00	Balance of State CoC Committee Meetings
5:00	Adjourn *BOS Board members will remain 30 minutes for any questions or discussion.



## Speaker Bios

**Ken Corry** is a United States Air Force Combat Veteran who served his country for 10 plus years with 3 of them deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. He has his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice and Bachelor's degree in Business and Communications. He currently works for the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs as a Veterans Outreach and Recovery Regional Coordinator helping veterans connect to community services and providing case management and support with a special focus on treatment and recovery. Ken works closely with community partners to include local law enforcement and mental health facilities along with many others.

**Jesse Cuff** is a veteran with ten years of service in the U.S. Army Reserve. He served from 2002 – 2012 as a Combat Engineer. In 2010 he deployed to Afghanistan and conducted route clearance operations in the vicinity of Zhari District, Kandahar Province. He came to the Waupaca County Veterans Service Office in 2014 after ten years of service with the Waupaca County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division, where he served as a Corrections Officer, and later as a Corrections Sergeant. While employed, Jesse held Wisconsin Certifications in both County Corrections and Law Enforcement.

**DOJ –**

**Betsy Borns** have been the project RUSH Manager for the Fox Cities Housing Coalition since July 2016. Betsy's role is to push forward the 8 strategic initiatives that came out of the Project RUSH study. Prior to joining the Housing Coalition, Betsy managed the rehabilitation program at Valley Packaging for 5 years, and the Vocational Director at Innovative Services for 8 years, where she created many new programs to support individuals with disabilities throughout the State of Wisconsin. Betsy has a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee. Betsy is a native of Appleton. She has been married to her husband, Chad, for 21 years, and live in Greenville with their two children- Mack and Zack- and their black lab, Demi.

**Joe Mauthe -**

**Jennifer Kelley** joined Pillars Inc (formerly the Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities) at the inception of the Young Adult Housing Program. A sociology graduate of the University of San Francisco and then St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami, Jen spent the past 25 years in the nonprofit and criminal justice arenas advocating for people with mental health needs. She began her career in social work by providing case management and socialization skills to adults with chronic and persistent mental illness. As a forensic social worker for the Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office, Jen spent many years presenting criminal courts with mitigation and diversion plans for those facing the death penalty in the Florida court system.

**Luanne Witthuhn -**

**Tricia Raimondi -**

**Nicole Kordus** is a Program Coordinator for the Almost Home program, a program that helps current Habitat for Humanity homeowners remain successful in their ownership, and helps Habitat pre-applicants improve their status for eligibility for homeownership. Prior to working with this program, Nicole was a Program Coordinator for Apricity, Inc, helping people in recovery from alcohol and drug addictions.

**Mary Parsons** is the Executive Director of LEAVEN, a Fox Valley-based nonprofit organization that helps stabilize and empower people in financial crisis by providing financial assistance, case management, and referrals to address their near-term and long-term basic needs. Mary has been with the agency for 16 years, beginning as the Director of Client Services. In this role, she gained a real understanding of the struggles facing individuals and families in the community. She used this knowledge to implement strategic improvements, most notably the opening of the LEAVEN Community resource Center in September 2018.

**Kaitlyn Esula** is a staff attorney at Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. She primarily assists tenants in eviction defense and victims of domestic violence in family law matters. Kaitlyn attended undergraduate at Lawrence University  
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(Appleton, WI) and law school at New England Law (Boston, MA). She clerked at the Illinois Appellate Court prior to joining Legal Action. In her free time, Kaitlyn enjoys going to the gym, walking her dog, and spending time with friends and family.

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- 8:00 am Registration & Breakfast  
8:45 Special Opening – Bob Brown, Oneida Nation’s Cultural Advisor  
Welcome and Introductions  
New Attendees
- 9:00 TBD: Green Bay police department
- 10:15 Special Guest – TBD
- 10:30 **BREAK**

Upon conclusion of TBD, the Business meeting will be called to order.

1. Roll Call of Delegates
  - Confirmation of Coalition Governing Documents
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Delegate Vote – Approval of Coalition Director Nominations  
Delegate Vote – Approval of Nominating Committee Director Nominations
4. Drawing for Director Terms
5. Review and approval of minutes
6. Financial Report
7. Board Chair’s Report
8. CoC Director’s Report
9. Institute for Community Alliances (ICA) Update – David Eberbach
10. Committee Presentations and Discussion
  - System Performance Committee– David Eberbach & Susan Tucker
  - Coordinated Entry – Debbie Bushman
  - Discharge Planning - Duana Bremer
  - Emergency Shelter & Diversion – Alexia Wood
  - Finance and Audit Committee –Millie Rounsville
  - Public Awareness & Advocacy – Kathleen Fisher & Renee Greenland
  - Gaps & Needs – Adrienne Roach
  - Veteran Advisory – Don Roach
  - Youth Advisory – Meika Burnikel & Lisa Haen
11. Coordinated Entry & the Balance of State CoC

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12. FY2019 CoC Competition Update
13. Other Business

*\*\*We will break for lunch from 12:00 until 1:00pm.*