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| **Brown County Homeless & Housing Coalition** |
| **Unaccompanied Youth Task Force** |

Meeting Minutes

November 20th, 2019

Meet at 1540 Capitol Drive, Green Bay, WI

Main Level Conference Room

1. **Welcome**
   1. Sign in sheet passed around and roster distributed
   2. Present:
   3. Not Present:
2. **House of Hope Update**

* Close to submitting license for sheltercare facility; had to work on policy changes for House of Hope and develop new policies
* Have to request variances
  + Requesting variance that not a court placement but verified homelessness through MKV
* Hope to submit license request this month
* Sheltercare vs group home
  + Most group homes are switching to sheltercare licensing
  + 7 rooms for sheltercare
* 15-16 year old pregnant and parenting females for sheltercare
* 17 year olds for regular shelter

1. **Alex Tran and Cheryl Update**

* Newcap will take drop in center under their agency umbrella
* Need overnight shelter as well because where would they go when it closes
* Spoke with Eric Pritzl
  + Will connect us with a legal person
  + Will watch for properties
  + Jamie will reach out to banks
    - Bank foreclosure list

1. **Shelter/drop in center updates (Sue)**

* No update on models
* No additional tours – feel that we’ve gotten to the bottom of that well
* Reached out to Hope House in Colorado for more info

1. **Host homes (Debbie)**

* Debbie watched a webinar through Point Source on host homes
* What is a host home:
  + Very little system involvement
  + No licensing
  + Parent has to sign off
  + First 72 hours they are looking for the parent to get signature
  + FBI background check and finger print
* Challenge and barriers
  + Host home recruitment
    - Churches, schools
    - Marketing, education
* Some youth found own host home
  + Ex: daughter’s friend’s house
* $400.00 per month
  + RHY, WHTP, Youth Demonstration Grant, etc
* Point is to stay through graduation
* What would this mean for Brown County?
  + No system involvement would mean no child welfare involvement
* Parents sign over educational, medical, mental health authorization and permission to be in program
* Alaska started in March, have 37 youth but do not have an adequate number of host homes right now
* One agency has a 25 year old age limit, but another agency said that they have a 23 year old married couple and it is going well
* Have not had problems finding parents and parents were more than willing to sign
* Idea would be to go from the drop in center to a host home setting
* ODYS has host homes
  + Issues are unaccompanied youth
  + Short term
  + No buy in from youth

1. **Youth Demonstration Grant**

* HUD funded program through Balance of State COC
* BOS writes for it and then there are sub grantees
* YAB committee is an important part of it (Meika Burnikel chairs that committee)
* Check on whether or not this can help fund drop in center
* Need a coordinated community plan
* If funded, HUD sends technical assistance out
* Minimum 1 million, maximum 15 million is given out to communities

1. **Political Barriers**

* City of GB jurisdiction would be better than county jurisdiction
* City council is divided, and likely will be the same for any additional funding and things requested
* Community buy in: discussed GGBCF initiative and discussing housing with community members regarding housing issues and needs
* Community education will be a need

1. **AB52**

* Governor signed AB52 for sheltering 17 year olds
* Can do everything an 18 year old can do except sign contract and votes

1. **Youth Action Board**

* We need to create a Youth Action Board in our community
* Approximately 10 youth would be on the board (5 of which would be on an executive committee)

1. **Next meeting is 12/18/19 at 2:00PM**