

BOS Central Quarterly Meeting June 21, 2023

10:00 am Via Zoom

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome / Attendance- 22 in attendance
 - a. Roxane Grossbier (Renewal Unlimited, Inc.), Wendy Schneider, Amanda Lavigne, Jacob Johnson, Kati Fry, Rachel Cross, Stephanie Van Hulst, Angie Braddock, Andrew Collura, Rachel Trainor, Ashley Daane, Wendy Losacker, Corrina Jimenez, Jane Gaffney, Tracey Denny, Ashley Torres, Letty Castillo, Ryan Graham, Brian Downey, Jose Flores, Larissa Tomczak – DHS, and Seth Reynolds WDVA VORP
2. Approval of Meeting Notes from March 22, 2023- Jacob J. made a motion to accept the minutes as written / Letty C. 2nd-Motion PASSED
3. Ryan Graham, WI Balance of State presented; Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in Homeless Services – Holly Sieren is our representative for the Wisconsin Balance of State, however she was unable to attend. As this is a focus of HUD and significant for the CoC Competition, this information is being provided for each coalition to review and utilize for Action Plans. Ryan presented the highlights of our Coalition and Holly will send a more detailed report as well as Ryan's report to our Coalition for further review. This report is based on HMIS and local Census, but does not include our NonHMIS data.
4. Community Partners: Ryan explained Renewal Unlimited and CWCAC place the majority of clients on the HMIS priority list and PAVE and Hope House place many on the non-HMIS list. Many other Systems of Care see our clients first and it would benefit all if they entered clients into Coordinated Entry in full or part. If they provided prescreen, rights and responsibilities and assessment, it would save time for key agencies and open more access points for clients to obtain housing sooner. Ryan also talked about the Discharge Committee's assessment. What are we seeing, are people being discharged from jail, prison, hospitals into homelessness? How can we prevent this? It's all about communication.
5. Coordinated Entry – Ryan told of updates. A new assessment tool is in the works and should make the process easier. If we have questions, please let Ryan know.
6. Message from Coordinated Entry Specialist: Jane Gaffney introduced herself as the new Coordinated Entry SSO and Housing Specialist. She will be focusing on HMIS entries and errors and working with partners to fix. Jane will also be setting up Case Conferencing meetings to help work with more challenging clients to get them housed. This is required in the SSO contract and will help fill project openings in a timelier manner. Community partners will work together to provide help to clients.
7. Angie Braddock the new Executive Director of River Haven introduced herself.

8. Wendy shared the upcoming A Home for Everyone Conference, July 19-20 in Oshkosh. They are offering a Fair Housing track, Homelessness Track, Development Track and Advocacy Track. This would tie in with our Affordable Housing Action Plan. The February Balance of State Quarterly meeting will be in person. If anyone has ideas for speakers, please let Wendy or Roxane know. And the Book Poverty By America by Matthew Desmond is a thought provoking read.
9. Affordable Housing – Increasing affordable housing supply – reforming zoning and land use policies; reducing regulatory barriers to development- how often should we meet. We are required to have a progress report completed by Sept 15, 2023. If anyone is interested or participating on a County activity for this topic, please let Wendy know at wendys@cwcac.org. She is aware of Sauk and Juneau Counties working on this topic. And, funding resources are coming from the State.
10. Wendy Schneider- PIT count will take place July 26 from 11 pm to July 27 at 6:00 am. Please contact Wendy if you'd like to volunteer
11. Agency updates- Renewal has no more funds for motel vouchers and no more funding for rent in arrears.
12. Other Business: Do we want to have future meetings in person, via zoom or a hybrid model that would do both? Please e-mail Roxane on your choice.
Thank you Ryan for presenting.
13. Motion to adjourn made by Angie, 2nd by Rachel Trainor- Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.

Next meeting September 13, 2023