**Northeast Local Continuum Minutes**

**March 8th, 2021 at 10:30am- 12:00pm via ZOOM**

* **Welcome & Introductions**

Conducted Roll Call. The following persons were present:

Amanda Aubry- NEWCAP

Erin Evosevich- NEWCAP

Stacey Cicero- Safe Haven

Leigh Polodna- WI BOS Staff

Jennifer Bisterfeldt- SAM25

Linda Norton- NEWCAP

Cheryl Detrick- NEWCAP

Jennifer Gilchrist- Center for Veteran’s Issues

Aria Ard- NEWCAP

Adam Groskreutz- Center for Veteran’s Issues

Diahann Graham- NEWCAP

Jessica Honish- Rainbow House

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* **Criminalization of Homelessness Northeast Policy**

*Erin Evosevich*

Criminalization of Homelessness Policy was approved. The Northeast Coalition mission is to develop, promote, and support a continuum of human services and housing opportunities that reduce and prevent homelessness in our communities. Because of the complexity involved in breaking cycles of poverty and other barriers that contribute to homelessness, as a Coalition, we honor the multivariate approach to ensuring that all persons have safe and stable places to live.

* **EHH/ESG CARES CV Update**

Prevention- 8 housed total, 9 in looking, 12 are pending eligibility.

* **COC RRH DV Grant Update**

DV- 7 housed total,1 approved and currently looking.

DV Rapid- 6 housed total, 1 approved and currently looking for a unit.

* **Coordinated Entry Update**

*Diahann Graham*

Cleaning up data and making sure contact info is updated. Prevention is keeping in touch with Amanda so that there is an idea of who is getting pulled. Follow ups who are eligible can go to WERA (Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance). As of March 29th, coordinated entry is not able to enter into HMIS. The whole system will be down as of March 31st. Referrals will still be made the same during this time. The first live training is available on the 24th although there will be more live training available. Estimated time for the training is 2 hours. Those who currently use service point, make sure data is cleaned up as it will make it easier in the end.

* **Northeast Action Plan Items from Collaborative Application Discussion**

*Erin Evosevich*

How are we going to solicit new members and opinions? We will be providing an open invitation for all new members. We also want more representation from hospitals, jails, organizations, etc. Zoom meetings will be offered still when we resume in person meetings. How do we let members know more about what we are? Have a sheet overview and what our goals are- send to different people. Possibly create a Facebook page for Northeast Coalition.

* **PIT Street Count January 27, 2021**

*Erin Evosevich*

 *January PIT #’s*

***Emergency Shelter***

*Households without children- 20*

*Households without children- 11 households with 29 people*

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*2 Households without children- 8 people*

***PSH***

*Households without children- 19*

*Households without children- 2 households with 9 people*

***RRH***

*Households without children- 4*

*Households with children- 7 Households with 26 people*

* **WERA Program**

*Erika Villacrez & Erin Evosevich*

Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance. Any referrals can go to the Newcap website at Newcap.org under the COVID-19 tab. The WERA Program can provide up to 15 months of rental assistance.

The Eligibility Requirements are

* The applicant has attained the age of 18.
* The applicant is a Wisconsin resident, and is listed on a current lease for housing in Wisconsin.
* At least one or more individuals in the household meets the following criteria:

1. Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a significant reduction in income, incurred significant costs, or experienced financial hardship during the period of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

2. Demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing stability; and

3. Has a household income at or below 80 percent of CMI.

4. An eligible household that occupies a federally subsidized residential or mixed-use property may receive WERA assistance, provided that WERA funds are not applied to costs that have been or will be reimbursed under any other federal assistance.

* **WIBOSCOC Meeting Update/Discussion**

Newcap is pulling off section 8 housing waiting list. We just pulled Oneida, Vilas, Langlade, and forest. Working on pulling Oneida and Oconto Counties

SAM25 is very busy and outreach is ongoing. The new building is going great! Capacity is at 8 households.

At Safe Haven things are going well. They are starting to see a rise with inquiries about shelter and those staying in shelter.

Rainbow House is doing good. They are hoping to reopen doors in April 1st. They have been housing off site and will continue to do this as well.

Center for Veteran’s Issues has no new updates.

**Upcoming Balance of State Meeting**

May 2021

***Please sign up for the Wisconsin Balance of State Newsletter*** [***www.wiboscoc.org***](http://www.wiboscoc.org)***,***

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