



Northern Wisconsin Initiative to Stop Homelessness (N*WISH)

Via Zoom
February 3, 2021 at 10:30 AM

Minutes prepared by Debbie Bushman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Debbie Bushman - Newcap
Erin Evosevich – Newcap
Shannon Metoxen – Newcap
Amanda Aubry - Newcap
Makenna Kalata – CE Newcap
Megan Cahill – Newcap
Erika Villacrez – Newcap
Tracy Pillsbury - Newcap
Ashley Durand – Forward Service Corporation
Michelle Arrowood – AVAIL
Debbie Meye - VORP
Angela Shields – Tri-County Council
Ginger Chrobak – NATH
Amanda Jahn – Salvation Army
Tammy Modic – NATH/Frederick Place
Katherine Stuckemeyer – Northland Pines School District
Beth Brunelli – OGJVAMC
Richard Holmstrom – OGJVAMC
Doreen Beckman – SSVF
Micah Dewing – New Hope Shelter

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Leigh Polodna - WIBOSCO

- 1. Review and Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Erin Evosevich to approve the minutes as printed and second by Tammy Modic. Motion passed.
- 2. November & December Monthly PIT:** Monthly PIT was reviewed. Tammy Modic stated that the length of stay is longer than usual – one resident has been there 6 months.
- 3. Criminalization of Homelessness NWISH Policy** – Discussion took place about sharing the document with their boards to get them to sign on. All agencies should sign this document. Deadline for this is May. Motion made by Erin Evosevich to approve the document as printed.

Micah Dewing second. Motion passed. Agencies should get it signed and send it to Debbie Bushman.

4. **NWISH Action Plan items from Collaborative Application Discussion:** These action items need to be reported on in May. Membership – Who else do we want to invite? How do we handle new members? Discussion took place about a membership team being formed to work on recruiting new members. A standardized email will be created and Erin Evosevich will create a google doc. Debbie Bushman will put a document and email together and send out for review.
5. **EHH/ESG CARES CV Update:** Amanda Aubry gave update for Prevention: 1 housed, 1 searching and 5 waiting for approval. Rapid Re-housing: 2 housed, 2 pending eligibility. DV RRH: 6 housed currently. Makenna has reached out to all shelters regarding Coordinated Entry.
6. **Balance of State Updates:** Michelle Arrowood gave an update on the Balance of State. HMIS is in focus for the change in systems. APR reports need to be in and PIT due 2nd of March at the latest.
7. **Agency Updates & Future Presentations & Agenda Items:**
 - WIBOSCOC** – Vaccination survey from DCF and Motivational Training. FEMA is doing research on aging in shelters.
 - NATH**-Online dessert auction. They have been open for 10 years.
 - Rhineland Area Food Pantry** – Gave out 1 million pounds of food in 2020.
 - FSC W2** – Job Center will be opening soon by appointment only. Dates will be sent out.
 - VA** – 2 vouchers available. Rich stated that they can vaccinate Veterans at the Iron Mountain VA and they have smart phone available for Veterans.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

If anyone has any suggestions for future presentation, agenda items, or anything that they would like to discuss for up coming meetings please email Debbie Bushman at debbiebushman@newcap.org.

NO MARCH MEETING
NEXT MEETING – April 7, 2021 at 10:30am
Via Zoom

To keep up to date with everything homeless in Wisconsin, please sign-up for the Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care newsletter at www.wiboscoc.org.