

Ozaukee County Local Coalition Meeting

In-person and on Zoom

January 17, 2023, 9:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Gina Bartoszewicz, Barbara Bates-Nelson, Dan Benning, Paul Bissett, Amanda Bramstedt, Mark Gierach, Cori Guerin, Joana Hemschemeyer, Adam Hurst, Connie Kincaide, Wayne Lambrecht, Brett Larson, Hailey Nenonen, Cassandra Robinson, Jeane Sager, Luci Scheff, Holly Sieren, Tracey Van Ryzin, Linda Vargo, Sarah Wong, Robert Nash, Tuy Tran, Darsell Johns, Erika Olson, Melissa Weir

1. Review and Approval November 15, 2022 Minutes – Barbara Bates-Nelson made a motion to approve, Paul Bissett seconded, and the motion passed.
2. Presentation by Erika Olson, Impact 211 - Family Homelessness in Ozaukee County
3. Wisconsin Balance of State CoC
 - a. Balance of State Updates – Joana Hemschemeyer
 - i. WI BOS Board Member Update – Joana reported the vote to consider adding Cori Guerin to the Board will be held via email.
 - ii. General Information
 1. Quarterly Meeting - Friday, February 10 – this will be online using Zoom.
 2. Gaps and Needs Survey – Joana sent out this annual survey. One part is for providers that may have contact with persons experiencing homelessness, and the other part is for clients. These need to be completed by February 1st.
 3. Volunteer Time/Match – Joana gave a reminder for all members to go online and report their time spent on this coalition as it will be used to help with match:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKQaQ21fhWADSXIAh6lsx7DmNw7R_qRF2P4UKKqkP7MG5U8Q/viewform?usp=sf_link
4. Portlight Shelter Project Update – Paul reported the project is nearing completion. All of the appliances will be delivered today.
5. Point in Time Count – Joana gave an overview of the PIT count and asked those in attendance to volunteer.
 - a. Street County
 - i. Wednesday, January 25 at 11:00 pm - Thursday, January 26 at 6:00 am
 - ii. Post PIT Count – Joana informed the group that we will also count those who are homeless on 1/25 that we learn about from Thursday, January 26 at 6:00 am to Wednesday, February 1 at 5:00 pm. Unsheltered Point-in-Time County Survey 2023
6. Coordinated Entry – Joana had no report at this time.
7. Ozaukee County Data Collection – Paul asked members to volunteer to meet regarding the sharing of data from all organizations that help those who are experiencing homelessness, or imminently homeless. All our organizations collect data, but we do not currently, and we must be clear in the purpose and benefit in doing so. Connie Kincaide spoke about obtaining data for those identified by area schools. Amanda Bramsted expressed interest in this as did Linda Vargo. Lucy Scheff from SVDP is also interested. Brett Larson spoke about his role as Community Navigator and having to determine gaps and needs. Jeane Sager and Tracey VanRyzin also volunteered. Grant writing, location of services, identifying gaps were all mentioned as benefits of this type of data collection.

8. Landlord Outreach – Joana reported this group had a meeting in November and will be meeting again later this month. A listening session with landlords in one thing being discussed. Tracey offered to participate. Dan Benning offered to investigate how to get a list of landlords in the county.
9. Homeless Funding
 - a. EHH 22/23 – Joana – FPOZ continues to spend funds allocated by this DEHCR program
 - b. EHH 23/24 - Joana
 - i. EHH Lead - Linda Vargo made a motion for FPOZ to remain the EHH Lead agency, and Barbara Bates-Nelson seconded. Motion passed.
 - c. Wisconsin Emergency Rent Assistance (WERA) Program – Joana reported there are still funds available. Assistance is limited to 18 months.
 - d. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) – Barbara reported everyone has submitted their applications.
 - e. Safe and Stable Homes (UWGMW) - Joana stated this continues to go well but the funding will run out in the next month or two. Assistance provides up to \$1000 of rent assistance to families with children in Ozaukee and Washington Counties.
 - f. Family Promise National Homeless Prevention Program – Joana reported these funds have been exhausted. Amanda spoke about Advocates of Ozaukee having approximately \$12,000 of funding remaining and they are able to serve singles and families.
 - g. Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) - Adam Hurst gave an update on this program. They have accepted four youth into the RRH program and three have been housed. These have all been in Waukesha County. They have just secured their first unit, a 3-bedroom unit in Washington county, and they continue to look for units in Ozaukee County. Ozaukee County has identified four youths that have been sleeping in their cars. Youth Action Group, composed of all youth, are leading and developing marketing materials for those 18-24. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.
10. Homeless Programs Update
 - a. Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program – Joana reported we continue to refer people to this program.
 - b. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program – Melissa Weir gave an update on this program. The program provides rental assistance for up to two years for those that are category 1 and 4 homeless, and there are income guidelines. Referrals have been temporarily put on hold, maybe opening again in two weeks.
11. Agency Updates
 - a. Bobby Nash spoke about his organization Equus and the FSET program. Anyone interested should visit gamechangewi.org.
 - b. Tracey from SVDP stated most calls have been regarding rent assistance and the rent amounts have been higher than in the past. They've been collaborating with other agencies to combine resources for these people. Multiple group members reported they've been hearing of apartment complexes raising rents \$300 - \$500 per month, and Mark Gierach reported no decrease in those using the Saukville Food Pantry going back to the start of COVID-19.
12. Next Meeting.... March 21, 2023, at 9:00 AM