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Homeless Coalition		
9.27.2016	8-9:00 AM	Family Enrichment Center
Meeting called	Barb Fisher	
Type of meeting	Regularly Scheduled Homeless Prevention Meeting	
Facilitator		
Note taker	Barbara Bates-Nelson	
Timekeeper	Barb Fisher	
ATTENDEES	Barb Fisher, Charlotte Coenen- Advocates; Barbara Bates-Nelson- UWNO; Cecile Duhnke- COPE ,Kathleen Christenson Fisher, Family Promise of Ozaukee County; Jill Klitz Scott Karchar- Starting Point, Jeanne Mantsch, Linda Vargo, Tracey Van Ryzin- St. Vincent de Paul	
ABSENT:	Liza Drake- OZ Health & Human Services, Kevin Johnson- Ozaukee County Veteran's Affairs;, Lisa Holtebeck- OFS; Amy Kozicki- Oz Co Public Health; Tom Meaux, Andrew Struck- OZ County; Kirsten Johnson- Ozaukee Health Department; Habitat for Humanity, Brenda Peterson- VOC; Mark Gierach- Saukville Food Pantry ,Kay Hanna- Horizon Housing, Lisa Maylen, Rachel Pantaleo, Joy Rautmann, Shannon Reed, Tom Thuecks- Salvation Army, Paul Bissett -, Family Promise, Chuck Schmidt, Dean Johnson	
Meeting Called to Order:	8;00 AM	
Homeless Coalition		
45 Minutes		
WI Balance of State Continuum of Care Election for Board of Directors	We voted Erika Trawitki to the boscoc board for the southern region. The vote was unanimous	
HUD Equal Access Rule	This final rule requires that HUD's housing programs including emergency shelters be made available to individuals and families without regard to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. The rule defines "gender identity" to mean "actual or perceived gender-related characteristics. One of the requirements is that on a yearly basis you will give assurances that you won't discriminate	

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Committee Reports;

Building Capacity: Ozaukee County should continue its efforts to develop a strong homeless prevention network that includes the coordinated use of public and private resources to address the needs of individuals and families at imminent risk of becoming homeless. This committee is tasked with identifying funding sources. Philanthropic donations will be critical to the initiative if we want to have an impact on preventing homelessness Leader: Barb Fisher

- 1. Update: Barb stated that we need to develop an additional funder for the program. The rent assistance funding provided by UWNO is running low and is not keeping up with demand. The awareness campaign has resulted in a higher volume of calls. Barb will share updated foundation list with group to see if they have any connections Barbara BN states that she had just authorized third quarter allocation installment and a check will be in the mail next week. A portion of CI funding issued in August went to reimbursing claims paid out in July.***
- 2. Expanding stakeholders and messaging-. Leader: Barbara Bates-Nelson***
Update: 2-1- 1 was updated with latest materials
Short list of churches who have not received the collateral materials. The list was circulated at the meeting to see if anyone had contacts at the churches. Additional materials are available at Advocates
- 3. Update: Lisa Drake agreed to coordinate and be the liaison contact. She agreed to contact Carol Keene from Cardinal Capital and see if they can provide some assistance. Cardinal Capital is a national housing developer based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with units of housing across the Midwest. They specialize in the management of section 8 housing.***
Need to get status from Liza

Goal: Increase section 8 vouchers in Ozaukee County, increase low income housing in Ozaukee County and working with strategic partners to increase capacity.

Review the Homeless calls for August and September

In August there were 19 calls to the central intake system for assistance and 29 individuals received assistance. (See call sheet for more detail) In two cases, eviction was avoided

St. Vincent de Paul received an additional 2 calls and all five individuals received assistance.

We did not have the call list from Salvation Army or Family Promise therefore it is not calculated into the totals. Need to get the additional data so we can update the data to reflect the total volume of calls received per month.

In September, the Central Intake system received 21 calls and 29 individuals were helped with rent assistance. (see call sheet for details)

St. Vincent de Paul- no calls were reported at by Salvation Army & Family Promise

Overall there seems to be an increase in calls from the Vets which seemed confusing since federal dollars are being specifically earmarked for Vets. Barb will set up a meeting with Kevin Johnson to get a better understanding of the roadblocks or challenges. Many of the rent assistance calls being reported have challenging circumstances associated with them; Large families and complicated case management concerns.

The central intake system is experiencing some frustration with the responsiveness from the Salvation Army. Referral cases to the Salvation Army are taking up to a week to get a volunteer to call back. Need to explore expanding voucher program to more volunteers. We have volunteers that may be able to assist with writing vouchers. Need to talk to Salvation Army to review the challenges of the current voucher system.

Discussed adding a column to the call sheet that listed the financial assistance amount approved.

2-1-1 Calls are being rerouted to the Central Intake system

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Miscellaneous-Coordinated entry system appears to be working fairly smoothly. Barbara BN informed the group about the WI Association of United Ways first statewide ALICE Report, a data-driven, comprehensive research project upending the conventional view of Wisconsin

By comparing real incomes with real expenses, the United Way *ALICE Project* reveals the stark reality that income falls short of **basic needs** for nearly one third of the households in Ozaukee County. Barbara BN will forward the link to the group to see the full report.

Explored more case management for the clients. One suggestion was to call Concordia University to see if any accountants may be willing to work with clients for credit counseling. Barbara BN suggested getting a hold of some of the materials that PWSB had at the resource fair on financial wellbeing.

Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 10 churches that have not received collateral materials. B. Fisher has materials in house 	ALL	11/26/2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cold Call 2-1-1- to see what kind of information they disburse. 	K. C Fisher	11/22/2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore affordable housing options Contact Oz County to see what their plans are for affordable housing Create list of OZ County private landlords who are willing to rent to at risk population Investigate Increasing affordable housing 	A. Strunk Liza Drake	3/9/2016 TBD
Improve data Collection Case Mangers from Advocates, St. Vinny's and Family Promise determine standard client data Provide monthly call logs to Advocates Add Financial Assistance Column to Call List	K. Fisher, B. Fisher, Linda Vargo Salvation Army, Family Promise B. Coenen	Ongoing 7/2016 10/15/2016
Look for revenue sources for homeless prevention Barb will forward the foundation list to see who we all know	All B.Fisher	Ongoing 10/15/2016

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Create a process flow to determine the current revenue streams for homeless dollars.	Charlotte Coenen	7/15/2016
Contact Concordia regarding Credit Counseling	C. Coenen	10/15/2016
Set up Meeting with Kevin Johnson – County Veteran Affairs	B. Fisher	10/30/2016
Invite Kay Hanna to participate via SKYPE	B. Fisher	10/31/2016
Standardize client release of information amongst the groups	K. Fisher, B. Fisher, Linda Vargo	12/16

Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 15th from 8-9:00 AM