



McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness

Steering Council Minutes – March 6, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Next meeting date: April 3, 2025

Members	Present?
Lillie Prince	X
Laura Franz	X
Donna Rasmussen	X
Kathrine Pfister	
Julie Davis	X
Lindsay Kellner	X
Aaron Neal	X
Brandon Kyker	X
Gina Zinck	X
Joe Davis	X
Suzanne Martinez	X
Alma Wright	X
Anneliese Thurston	X

Frequent Attendees:

Liz Heneks	X
Bill Meath	
Kristin Miller	X
Carrie Freund	
Andrew Turner	
Sarah Ponitz	

The meeting was called to order by Lillie Prince at 1:01 pm

1.0 Roll Call and Guest Introductions

Brandon did roll call as documented above.

2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1 February 6, 2025~ Steering Council meeting minutes

Gina made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Lindsay, all in favor and motion carried.

3.0 Public Comment Period - none

4.0 Action Items ~ none

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Systems Updates

Joe: HMIS update: Migration is moving along with glitches being addressed. PIT revealed 121 overall homeless compared to 160 last year when we had a lot of people in the cold weather emergency program. Continue to send issues/concerns to Joyce and Joe.

Gina: CE: system is steady with some room available in shelters and transitional living. Plenty of room at PADS. PSH remains a need.

6.0 New Business

6.1 CoC Lived Experience Council

Discussion of ways to incorporate members with lived experience via a small grant from Housing Action Illinois to encourage participation. Laura stated there are various veterans who would be good candidates to join on various levels.

7.0 Review and Approval of the March 20, 2025 Full Board meeting agenda

Brandon moved to approve the full board meeting agenda; seconded by Lillie, approved by all and motion carried. Julie brought up the topic of the website and ways to use it more effectively, to be discussed in April with a slide presentation. Gina mentioned that Finance is happening tomorrow. Gina also suggested having a presentation by Housing Authority on vouchers and how they are processed. Brandon will reach out to Kim/staff for a presentation.

8.0 Open Forum and Member Announcements

E-News about Community Resource Days sign-up was placed in the chat by Julie:

<https://mailchi.mp/willowcreek/community-resource-center>

9.0 Adjournment

Sam made a motion at 1:28 pm to adjourn, seconded by Laura, approved by all and motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Franz, 3.6.2025

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