

McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness

Community Awareness Committee – June 21, 2022



To attend virtually: <https://meet.goto.com/CDDivision/community-awareness>

To attend by phone: 1-646-749-3122 Access code: 6596-903-821

Meeting called to order by Brandon Kyker at 3:05pm

Present: Brandon Kyker, Gina Zinck, Megan Bennett, Suzanne Martinez

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Minutes and Approval

2.1 Review and Approval of the May 16, 2022, Community Awareness Committee minutes

- Megan motions to approve the minutes as presented. Suzanne seconded. The May 16, 2022 Community Awareness meeting minutes are approved.

3.0 Public Comments

- No public comments.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Neighbors in Need – Forum

- Brandon suggested having the topic of the forum piece of the event should be centered on landlord engagement and housing in McHenry County. Megan recommended that also having a piece for people experiencing homelessness and how to navigate the services and programs – next steps. Possibly creating a discussion around SRO's and the benefits of SRO's for the community and clients. Tell the advantages of renting to our clients. Community Resource Days is the perfect place to assist clients with all the agencies being in one place at the same time.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Community Resource Days

- Empower Shower has officially been renamed to Community Resource Days. This service will be offered every Friday instead of every other as previous. Gina stated they are seeing a lot of new people each resource day. Gina believes that Community Resource Days is a great opportunity for interns/people wanting to join

this sector and how to properly do intakes, etc. – there’s so much to learn and a great time to do it.

5.2 Committee Meeting Times

- Brandon will reach out to Julie to confirm a time for Mondays as the new meeting time for the committee. Sometime in the morning.

6.0 Member Announcements

- No member announcements.

7.0 Adjournment

- Gina motioned to adjourn the meeting. Megan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.