



McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DESCRIPTION: CoC Board Meeting

DATE/TIME/LOCATION: March 16, 2023 9:00 am; via Videoconference **ATTENDANCE:**

Agency	Voting Member	Present?	Alternate Voting Member	Present?
22 nd Judicial Circuit	Josie Shattuck		Michaylla Meadows	
Advocate Good Shepherd	Suzanne Martinez	P		
AID	Alejandra Gutierrez	P	Gabrielle Kitchell	
Catholic Charities	Amber Emmert	P	Catherine Weightman-Moore	
CCCS	Donna Rasmussen	P	Maria Vazquez	
FHPC	Suzanne Hoban		Erin Kemp	
HOS	Liz Heneks		Kristin Miller	P
Housing Authority	Sue Rose	P	Kim Ulbrich	
Independence Health	John Buckley		Shannon Guzick	
Lovell FHCC	Kya Hays	P	Lillie Prince	
Makrograde	Andrew Stuckey	P		
MC	Brandon Kyker	P	Hans Mach	P
MC ROE	James Menzer		Matt Tabar	
McHenry Savings Bank	Kathrine Violett			
McHenry Township	Deborah Macrito		Gary Barla	
Mental Health Board	Leonetta Rizzi	P	Karen Frisk	
New Directions	Bobby Gattone	P	Michelle Kavouras	
Options and Advocacy	Elyse Sereyka	P	Charlee Morris	
Pioneer Center	Carrie Freund	P	Gina Zinck	P
Prairie State Legal	Jourdan Gardner	P	Ryan Sugas	P
Refuge for Women	Meredith Hodge		Joan Ruzevich	
Restoration America	Anna Hill	P	Irene Tapia	
Salvation Army, MC	Mercent Smith	P	Nancy Rivera	
Senior Care Vol Ntwork	Sarah Schrempf		Erica Snooks	
Society St Vincent dePaul	Bill Meath	P		
Supportive Housing Providers Association (SHPA)	Joseph Winford		David Esposito	
The Break	Noelle Dodge			
Thresholds	Kim McCoy	P	Aaron Neal	P
Turning Point	Mike Neumann	P	Nancy Erickson	P
VAC MC	Victor Somoza	P	Mike Iwanicki	
Veterans Path to Hope	Laura Franz	P	Angela Wood-Zuzevich	
Warp Corps	Andrew Turner		Clay Mutert	
Willow CL	Julie Davis		Tim Seyler	
Woodstock Food Pantry	Virginia Peschke	P	Jan Parker	
Workforce Netwrk	Jeffrey Poynter		Elijah Wedwick	
Community Member:	Rich Ring	P		
Community Member	Sam Tenuto			
Community Member	Mary Mahady	P		

Non-Voting Members Present: Tom Riley, PC; Deb DeGraw, HOS; Erica Oneil, Lovell; Joe Davis, MCCD; Julie Kovacs, PC; Crystal from Refuge for Women

Non-Members Present: Charles Sullivan, Live4Lali

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION: April 20, 2023 9:00 am **Videoconference**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER ~ B Kyker called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

2.0 ROLL CALL AND GUEST INTRODUCTIONS



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3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

B Meath said hello to M Mahady who recently joined the CoC.

E Nelson with the Lovell VA has returned in a new role in Veteran Caregiver Support program

4.0 PRESENTATION

No presentation scheduled; B Kyker invited agencies to schedule to present.

5.0 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

5.1 Approval of 2/16/2023 CoC Full Board meeting minutes

5.2 Review: 2/2/2023 Steering Council Committee meeting minutes

Motion by S Martinez to approve the Full Board meeting minutes, seconded by S Rose, all in favor so motion carried.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Committee Chair Updates

- Community Awareness

B Kyker reported that a Landlord Engagement Program is next for planning. Committee is inviting the landlords to a meeting in the near future to build rapport. Neighbors in Need event will occur again and will be a stand-alone event with the main focus being on affordable housing and increasing awareness/advocacy.

- Finance

B Meath reported the Committee is putting together quarterly reports on ESG and CoC spend-down to see if money needs to be moved around. A new lead and new members are needed. Data quality in HMIS is an issue that is being addressed currently. NOFA for ESG has not dropped yet due to being behind on payments. B Kyker said there is a meeting later today and hopefully clarity will come from that. B Meath stressed that we need new members for this committee.

- Housing and Services

B Kyker said we are still seeking a drop-in site for people experiencing homelessness. We are still trying to inventory and increase affordable housing as well. There is a Strategic Planning meeting next Tuesday at 2:30 pm. There will be a PSH NOFO coming later this year. B Meath asked about education for clients related to this area and supportive services available to them.

6.2 Coordinated Entry/Built-for-Zero

J Davis has been working with agencies on HMIS.

G Zinck reported movements in CE for people moving into PSH. She commented on the difficulty of finding units which is experienced overall. Special NOFO coming out for PSH specifically. G Zinck reported that we will have one on one coaching in the future with Built for Zero and review our scorecard since there have been some modifications, including widening the Singles to include the general population and not just Veterans. In February we provided 110 nights of hotel shelter, due in part to the ice storm. G Zinck stated she has a meeting with Janet at Turning Point to create a plan for CE for DV clients. G Zinck said attendance has been well attended.



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6.3 Gaps and Systems Update

6.4 CoC Strategic Plan to End Homelessness ~ Goals/System Performance Measures

S Tenuto said the committee met to start discussing strategic goals. Review of data elements. The meeting packet included discussed elements and members are being asked to email or call S Tenuto/ K Violet regarding thoughts within the next month.

B Kyker reminded us that with the funding decreasing, the homeless numbers may increase over the next year temporarily but should correct the following year.

S Tenuto commented on the power of the CoC networking and collaboration.

6.5 Point in Time Count

J Davis reported that HUD opened the reporting portal for the PIT count. 104 shelter clients in McHenry County on the night of the PIT and 35 encountered at Community Resource Day. 16 chronic individuals came through that day.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 IDHA Report

B Kyker pointed us to the packet of information that includes increased budget for Illinois for our focus. He pointed out that there is IDHS funding that comes out around April; approximately \$69,000. D Rasmussen from CCCS said they have just started using the funding they earned previously and won't be applying for new funding that may come out. H Mach stated these funds do not have any income limitations, and he encourages any agency that serves the general population to apply. Note: the IDHS payments come in a delayed manner.

8.0 OPEN FORUM AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

S Rose shared that the MCHA is having a funding challenge and has already spent its rental assistance line item. They had to change eligibility criteria as a result, to spread the dollars out further. Can help up to 2 months of rent, average level of \$3000.

D Rasmussen shared criteria for the rental assistance they have available. No income restriction. B Meath asked if there is mortgage assistance; IDHA does have a Mortgage Assistance Fund; the application can be completed online and provides up to \$60,000. CCCS has appointments booked out for the next month.

A stated Restoration America also does counseling for the housing funding and has availability.

H Mach stated this afternoon the IDHS office is having a meeting regarding ESG fund distribution; this is open to all providers. The CDBG and HOME funding recommendations are completed and will be recommended to the County Board. For Senior Services, there will be a required meeting prior to the late April meeting with the Commission. There has been discussion related to increasing funding since it has not been increased in many years. The criteria for grants will be examined. H Mach said there will be a project for the senior population related to roof replacements through the Housing Authority; this will be rolled out in a few weeks.

B Kyker said we will be looking to meet with agencies to review spend-down ratios in the next few weeks, in conjunction with Finance Committee.

L Franz announced therapist availability for veterans and families.



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9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by H Mach and seconded by D DeGraw, approved by all, and meeting was adjourned by B Kyker at 10:03 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Franz, filling in for K Violet.