



McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DESCRIPTION: CoC Board Meeting

DATE/TIME/LOCATION: June 22, 2022, 9:01 am; via Videoconference **ATTENDANCE:**

Agency	Voting Member	Present?	Alternate Voting Member	Present?
4-C:Community Coordinated Child Care	Nicole Davis	X		
Advocate Good Shepherd	Suzanne Martinez	X		
AID	Alejandra Gutierrez	X	Gabrielle Kitchell	
Catholic Charities	Amber Emmert		Catherine Weightman-Moore	
CCCS	Donna Jackowiak	X	Donna Rasmussen	
FHPC	Suzanne Hoban		Jaret Ross	
HOS	Debbie DeGraw	X	Liz Heneks	X
Hope Takes Action	Bill Meath		n/a	
Housing Authority	Sue Rose		Kim Ulbrich	X
Independence Health	Shannon Guzick		Marie Barnhart	
Lake McHenry ROE	James "Jim" Menzer		Matt Tabar	
Lovell FHCC	Lillie Prince	X	Kya Hays	
Makrograde	Andrew Stuckey			
MC Comm Devt Div	Brandon Kyker	X	Hans Mach	
McHenry Savings Bank	Kathrine Violett	X		
McHenry Township	Deborah Macrito	X	Gary Barla	
Mental Health Board	Terry Braune		Karin Frisk	
New Directions	Bobby Gattone			
New Life Transitions	Charles Sprague		David Johnson	
Options and Advocacy	Noelle Dodge		Elyse Sereyka	
Pioneer Center	Carrie Freund		Gina Zinck	X
Prairie State Legal	Arlo Harmon	X	Ryan Sugas	
Refuge for Women	Meredith Hodge		Sandi Moore	
Restoration America	Anna Hill		Chris Samuels	
Ridgefield-CL Pres Church	Michael Rugh		Sarah Kelewae	
Salvation Army, MC	Mercent Smith	X	Nancy Rivera	
Senior Care Vol Ntwork	Sarah Schrempf		Erica Snooks	
Supportive Housing Providers Association (SHPA)	David Esposito		Merredith Montgomery	
Thresholds	Kim McCoy	X	Aaron Neal	X
Turning Point	Mike Neumann		Nancy Erickson	
VAC MC	Jane Dorfner		Mike Iwanicki	
Veterans Path to Hope	Laura Franz	X	Angela Wood-Zuzevich	
Warp Corps	Andrew Turner	X	Clay Mutert	
Willow CL	Julie Davis		Tim Seyler	
Woodstock Food Pantry	Virginia Peschke		Jan Parker	
Workforce Netwrk	Jake Rohn	X	Elizabeth Del Rio	
Community Member:	Rich Ring	X		
Community Member:	Nancy Portincaso			

Non-Voting Members Present: Joseph Davis, M CCD; Joseph Winford, SHPA; Megan Bennett, MCHA; Charlie Sullivan, Live4Lali

Non-Members Present:

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION: July 21, 2022 9:00 am **Videoconference**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER ~ K Violett 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

No public comments

4.0 PRESENTATION

4.1 Association for Individual Development ~ Alejandra Gutierrez

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 5.1 Approval of 4/21/2022 CoC Full Board meeting minutes
- 5.2 Approval of the 5/19/2022 Full Board meeting minutes
- 5.3 Community Awareness Minutes ~ 4/18/2022

Motion by G Zinck to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by D Macrito, all in favor so motion carried.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA-FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Not applicable

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 HMIS/Coordinated Entry/Built-for-Zero

G Zinck reported Built for Zero is going well; G Zinck feels the By-Name List is more accurate and reflects all the veterans in the system. J Davis is helping with HMIS reporting and it's still being worked on; Tyler from Service Point is helping. CE is going well; some individuals are moving into Scattered Sites PSH. Snapshot report was included in the packet in terms of inventory for housing. K Violett asked about HMIS changing ownership; J Davis reported that the vendor switch will not happen this year but will be considered next year. He is expecting to hold a training in July virtually.

7.2 Shelter Inventory Status

G Zinck reported this info is in the snapshot report and she welcomes any edits needed. We have about 45 spots open which often changes. Pioneer Group Home numbers are static due to intake hold; Thresholds is

7.3 Community Awareness Committee

B Kyker reported that the Committee has focused on World Homeless Day, Oct 21. The Committee will partner with Empower Shower to hold 2 food trucks, bands, at Willow Church with some activities inside. There will be a mini-PIN also focused on the rental concerns right now, specifically the increase in rental rates. The increase in rental rates is using grant funding more quickly and setting up the renters for failure post-assistance. **B Kyker stated the Committee is expanding the World Homeless Day to the full month and is asking each agency to share a success story that will be highlighted on the CoC website.** He will send out a guideline to use for creating this story.

7.4 CoC – Steering Council and Board Meetings

Due to challenges with space as well as gas prices, the discussion has been to remain virtual for these meetings. From this point on, the meetings will be virtual unless otherwise specified. K Violett commented that we tried a Steering in person and it wasn't attended well, so we will stay virtual for the remainder of the year. Attendance has been positive.



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8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Upcoming CoC Competition and Review

B Kyker reviewed the last 2 years of scores for CoC competition. 2021 we improved overall in points and percentage. Strengths included ranking workgroup and COVID response. We did well on system performance, but the weight was decreased this year for that category. We are overall trending in the right direction. **Make sure MOUs are in place to detail the collaborations we have in place with other agencies, especially hospitals and medical.** No one applied for the DV bonus so we lost funding ~ it's better to apply and not receive than to make it look like there's no need. B Kyker stated it's the MOUs that are important and should be shared as opposed to simply presence on the Board.

8.2 Homeless Equity Data

B Kyker shared the Racial Inequities Report through 2019 (we're still waiting for the updated and current data from the census), We can see from the data that people of color are disproportionately represented. We did see more people of color being entered into the system, but a greater number are exiting to permanent housing. J Davis added that the report should be released from the Census by early July.

8.3 Current Rental Inventory Trend

K Violet commented on her recent personal experience with being forced to find a rental on short notice. Homes are being sold to corporations who buy for rentals, diminishing the stock for new homeowners. L Franz talked about VPH experience which Prairie State verified. Rents are increasing \$500-\$600. Comments about regular-salary folks are not able to afford housing. **Please think about these issues and come next week to talk about actions we might be able to take, Housing and Services Committee.** G Zinck said there are an increase of people in the shelter who are working but cannot afford an apartment. G Zinck stated SROs are a high need in our community; the current SROs are sketchy.

G Zinck talked about how CA is handling this ~ they have shared apartments where people rent a room and share the general areas as one idea. They have experienced this struggle for years and may have solutions for us. J Davis will be releasing the Plan to End Homelessness with its data, first draft presenting to CoC in August.

9.0 OPEN FORUM— Agency Conversations, Success Stories

None for this meeting

10.0 Member Announcements

11.0 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made by S Martinez and seconded by B Kyker, approved by all, and meeting was adjourned by K Violet at 10:11 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Franz, Secretary