



McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DESCRIPTION: CoC Board Meeting ~ Hybrid Meeting

DATE/TIME/LOCATION: April 21, 2022, 9:01 am; via Hybrid **ATTENDANCE:**

Agency	Voting Member	Present?	Alternate Voting Member	Present?
4-C:Community Coordinated Child Care	Nicole Davis	X		
Advocate Good Shepherd AID	Suzanne Martinez Alejandra Gutierrez	X X	Gabrielle Kitchell	
Catholic Charities	Amber Emmert		Catherine Weightman-Moore	
CCCS	Donna Jackowiak		Donna Rasmussen	
FHPC	Suzanne Hoban		Jaret Ross	
HOS	Debbie DeGraw	X	Liz Heneks	X
Hope Takes Action	Bill Meath	X	n/a	
Housing Authority	Sue Rose		Kim Ulbrich	X
Independence Health	Shannon Guzick		Marie Barnhart	
Lake McHenry ROE	James "Jim" Menzer	X	Matt Tabar	
Lovell FHCC	Lillie Prince		Kya Hays	
Makrograde	Andrew Stuckey			
MC Comm Devt Div	Brandon Kyker	X	Hans Mach	X
McHenry Savings Bank	Kathrine Violett	X		
McHenry Township	Deborah Macrito		Gary Barla	
Mental Health Board	Terry Braune		Karin Frisk	X
New Directions	Bobby Gattone	X		
New Life Transitions	Charles Sprague		David Johnson	
Options and Advocacy	Noelle Dodge		Elyse Sereyka	
Pioneer Center	Carrie Freund	X	Gina Zinck	X
Prairie State Legal	Ario Harmon	X	Ryan Sugas	X
Refuge for Women	Meredith Hodge	X	Sandi Moore	
Restoration America	Anna Hill		Chris Samuels	X
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	X	Nancy Erickson	X
VAC MC	Jane Dorfner	X	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	X	Jan Parker	
Workforce Netwrk	Jake Rohn	X	Elizabeth Del Rio	X
Community Member:	Rich Ring	X		
Community Member:	Nancy Portincaso			

Non-Voting Members Present: Aileen Zei, CD; Kristin Miller, HOS; Kim Roush, PC; Thomas Riley, PC; Sam Tenuto, PC; Stephanie Schlappi, CC; Megan Bennett, MCHA

Non-Members Present:

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION: May 19, 2022 9:00 am **hybrid** at **Conference Room A in the County Administration Building**

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER ~ 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

McHenry County Workforce Network, Jake Rohn.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Approval of 3/24/2022 CoC Full Board meeting minutes

5.2 CoC Awareness 3/17/2022 Steering Council Minutes

J Menzer moved to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by L Heneks, no discussion, all in favor and motion carried.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA-FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Not applicable

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 HMIS/BFZ Updates

G Zinck reported that the By-Name is growing, currently at 78 names with 15 being veterans.

Veteran numbers might be off so BFZ is assisting to correct this in HMIS. Live training for BFZ on May 11/12.

H Mach pointed out that HMIS responsibility is now with Joe Davis; annual training will be announced today.

7.2 ESG Post Funding

B Kyker stated the State will send out the announcements of funding and the packets to complete.

7.3 DHS Grant

Prairie State Legal Services and Consumer Credit are splitting the DHS grant.

7.4 Winter Overnight Homeless Shelter

B Kyker stated we're looking at being more proactive next year for being prepared for cold weather crises. There will be a conversation about how it has been handled as a way to improve preparation for next year. Pioneer hotel program will continue, as there are dedicated funds for emergency motel stays during extreme weather events like polar vortex. Interested CoC members can attend Housing and Services Committee to discuss this.

7.5 PIT Count

S Tenuto stated Pioneer is grateful for the collaboration and will meet in the fall to discuss further. Empower Shower was a good opportunity for PIT. Reminder to let G Zinck know what beds are available currently. H Mach stated the housing inventory count number is very important for the CoC reporting. H Mach also stated that 11 is a high number of unsheltered for the county (we normally identify 1-2), and we assume the Empower Shower is the reason we were able to identify them. G Zinck pointed out that the lack of housing inventory is also contributing. 29 names at this time with no PSH beds available.



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8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Continuum of Care Strategic Plan

K Violett pointed out our **goals** in the **CoC's Strategic Plan on page 19** and that all committees should be using this page to guide us. We will discuss this more frequently to keep this in mind; it goes through 2023. It is good to look at the County's Strategic Plan also. The County Board is more in tune with the CoC at this time, which is a positive.

8.2 Chair of Community Awareness Committee

K Violett acknowledged that B Kyker has stepped into the Chair role following J Davis needing to step down. L Franz made a motion to formally appoint B Kyker to the Chair role seconded by J Menzer, and a voice vote was held as follows, resulting in the motion carrying:

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8.3 Rental Assistance Program

H Mach stated the data is being massaged and entered without negatively impacting the



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CoC. Congress may approve a similar program at a lower level. The program is now closed to new applicants due to the money being exhausted. Various agencies worked together to administer the program. K Ulbrich stated the 100 per month recertifications are challenging to complete. 780 families/households have been served through this program.

8.4 New Affordable Housing ~ HOME/APR funds

B Kyker stated the Taylor Place Apartments are being added to our inventory (54); they should be prepared for move-in in 2 years, 30% AMI. Pearl Street Commons II is also being planned, for 2025 ~ 28 additional units. Watch for email updates from Community Development. K Violett commented on the current gap between what people can afford vs what places are renting for.

8.5 CoC June Meeting Dates

2 dates needing to be moved due to lack of meeting spaces: June 8 for Steering Council and full CoC Board June 22. Motion made by L Heneks and seconded by J Dorfner to move the dates accordingly; all were in favor and motion carried.

9.0 **OPEN FORUM**– Agency Conversations, Success Stories

J Menzer stated there is a local motel that closed so there are hygiene items available. Senior living places might find these to be useful.

H Mach stated tomorrow the Senior Services Grant Commission will meet and the application process will begin; A zei will keep us informed. All grant agreements will generally start 7.1 but will move to 10.1.

10.0 **Member Announcements**

11.0 **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion made by J Menzer and seconded by G Zinck, approved by all, to adjourn at 10:22 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Franz, Secretary