



# McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** CoC Board Meeting

**DATE/TIME/LOCATION:** November 17, 2022 9:00 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	X	Catherine Weichtman-Moore	
CCCS	Donna Jackowiak	X	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	X	Kim Ulbrich	
Independence Health	Shannon Guzick	X	Marie Barnhart	
Lake McHenry ROE	James "Jim" Menzer		Matt Tabar	
Lovell FHCC	Lillie Prince	X	Kya Hays	X
Makrograde	Andrew Stuckey			
MC Comm Devt Div	Brandon Kyker		Hans Mach	X
McHenry Savings Bank	Kathrine Violett	X		
McHenry Township	Deborah Macrito		Gary Barla	
Mental Health Board	Terry Braune		Kann Frisk	
New Directions	Bobby Gattone	X		
New Life Transitions	Charles Sprague		David Johnson	
Options and Advocacy	Elyse Seręka	X	Angela Fenton	
Pioneer Center	Carrie Freund	X	Gina Zinck	X
Prairie State Legal	Arlo Harmon		Ryan Sugas	X
Refuge for Women	Meredith Hodge		Sandi Moore	
Restoration America	Anna Hill		Chris Samuels	
Ridgetfield-CL Pres Church	Michael Rugh		Sarah Kelewae	
Salvation Army, MC	Mercent Smith		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	
Turning Point	Mike Neumann	X	Nancy Erickson	X
VAC MC	Victor Somoza	X	Mike Iwanicki	
Veterans Path to Hope	Laura Franz	X	Angela Wood-Zuzevich	
Warp Corps	Andrew Turner		Clay Mutert	
Willow CL	Julie Davis		Tim Seyler	
Woodstock Food Pantry	Virginia Peschke	X	Jan Parker	
Workforce Netwrk	Jake Rohn		Elizabeth Del Rio	
	Sam Tenuto	X		
Community Member:	Rich Ring			
Community Member:	Nancy Portincaso			
Community Member:	Noelle Dodge	X		

Non-Voting Members Present: Joseph Davis, M CCD; Megan Bennett, MCHA; Charlie Sullivan, Live4Lali; Tom Riley, PC; Susan Keller, PC; Kristin Miller, HOS; Phoebe Wang, Thresholds; Rob Mutert, Warps Corps

Non-Members Present: Aimee Knop, McHenry County Sheriff's Office

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:** December 15, 2022 9:00 am **Videoconference**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER ~ S Tenuto** called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.



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## 2.0 ROLL CALL AND GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

## 3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments.

## 4.0 PRESENTATION

### 4.1 Veterans Path to Hope

## 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

### 5.1 Approval of 10/20/2022 CoC Full Board meeting minutes

Motion by V Peschke to approve the consent agenda item, seconded by S Martinez. All in favor- motion carried.

## 6.0 CONSENT AGENDA-FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

## 7.0 OLD BUSINESS

### 7.1 HMIS/Coordinated Entry/Built-for-Zero

**7.1.1** Joseph D – HMIS- The initial upload for the 2022 LSA was submitted yesterday. He is going through data quality flags with the TAs. He may reach out to agencies to make sure data is lining up for the CoC. He is meeting with WellSky if you have questions, please send them to him. S Tenuto asked about trainings for staff. Please contact Joseph directly for training and there are videos. In person all training is generally held in May. Joseph can send the link to those who would like more training.

**7.1.2** G Zinck – Coordinated Entry has openings: 4 with Thresholds and there may need a transfer from scattered space to group home at Pioneer Center. New intake for Jackson group home – starting to fill in the vacancies. Additional referrals to the by name list, but some folks are coming off. The By Name List looks good and vacancies are better than they have been for some time. We don't have a family PSH is a gap. She is working with Brandon on a potential drop-in center for the winter. K Violet shared that McHenry Township has assisted in the past. S Rose asked to reach out to the 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church in McHenry – Pastor Kirk Hamlin. Gina will call him today.

**7.1.3** G Zinck – Built for Zero is working on assessments, prioritization and racial equity. Additionally, other Built for Zero communities are looking at the work done by the McHenry County group.

### 7.2 Gaps and Systems Updates

**7.2.1** G Zinck said there is a new system update – court based rental assistance is available again to prevent evictions. D Jackowiak said they are even in the court room to assist clients. It is a quick program with rent payments go out quickly to the landlord. D Jackowiak will send out information on this



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program. H Mach said that they are also making sure that there is no “double-dipping” from the Treasury program implemented before. This is to make sure there is no duplication of financial assistance to clients. S Rose said she thought this was part of the overall Cares funding and they too have to make sure there is no “double-dipping” from the same pot of money. These funds are 80% or area median income & with only 18 months assistance total.

- 7.2.2 K Violet is still looking into the community for the idea of the Private/Public partnerships to see other programs/communities. Just gathering information and seeing who the major players are at this time. S Tenuto and B Kyker will be invited to any initial meetings should any be scheduled with potential partners.
- 7.2.3 H Mach provided an update on the impact of the ERA and Cares Act funds. They met with the local newspaper who were interested in doing an article. In 2020 – 396 individuals homeless (street outreach/emergency). In 2021 the figure dropped significantly 245, but slightly bounced up again in 2022. The funds that were provided did showcase how the funds and agencies worked together to provide shelter to these individuals. Hans will send a report with more specifics.

### 7.3 Committee Chair Updates

- 7.3.1 Please make sure chairs submit minutes from meetings to Brandon for inclusion in the full board meetings. S Tenuto shared that he wants to check in chairs and provide additional time for chairs to share committee work at the full Board meetings. The Housing and Service committee is working on the drop in center and hotel program for the extreme cold weather program. H Mach said that the county board members are also assisting with trying to get donations for the cold weather program. S Tenuto encouraged the committee to reach out to area funders to see if they have any “emergency funds” that could help. The Community Awareness Committee is looking to assist the Housing and Services committee with messaging and they best way to get information out to the community – including what is affordable housing. This will be a new standing item on the agenda.

### 7.4 Strategic Plan to End Homelessness

- 7.4.1 No update. Looking to have this roll out and be completed in the first quarter in 2023. K Violet said she received information from Joseph and wants to review it to get ready for the strategic process. She will be meeting with S Tenuto, B Kyker and Joseph D. Hans shared the history of the current plan and he would like to see more measurable elements into this next plan – objective measures are key.

### 7.5 Point in Time Count

- 7.5.1 William Snow – HUD – approved the PIT to take place on January 20<sup>th</sup>. S Tenuto plans to have a couple committee meetings prior and then the week of the count.

## 8.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 People in Need Forum



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- 8.1.1 H Mach said we need assistance in helping to staff the table on January 28<sup>th</sup> and there will be a community development table. Please sign up with Brandon to assist in covering the table. D Jackowiak is on the planning committee. She encouraged organizations to be a part of this event.

### 9.0 OPEN FORUM and MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

S Rose – the McHenry County Housing Authority moved today to their new location from Woodstock to 1125 Mitchell Court in Crystal Lake.

D Jackowiak – reminded everyone that the portal is now open for the Mortgage assistance program again. If anyone is behind in their mortgage, taxes or HOA. They increased the limit from \$30,000 to \$60,000. IDHA sponsored event on 12/7 from 2pm to 6pm at McHenry Savings Bank to assist with the application process.

H Mach – HOME and CDBG applications are open until January 4<sup>th</sup> that starts October 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023. He expects that the CDBG program could be reauthorized as the program has been in place for some time (1994 for McHenry County) because new organizations have applied which lessens the pie to divvy out to organizations. Congress is looking at 3.5x increase into this program. Public comments can be made directly to HUD on the potential changes.

V Peschke – Woodstock Food Pantry has plenty of food. They have opened it up so clients can come in 2 times a month. Clients who need assistance with food should reside in the district 200 area.

C Freund – 19 people left PADS in October and 15 of those transferred to a more positive outcome (79%). All of the children and families went to a better outcome as well. They are in the middle of phase III construction – the plan will be changed because of being in the space for the past 2 ½ years they know what they need. Plan to be completed by end of December 2022.

A Knop – people going through the eviction process. She is looking for a flier to hand out to direct people to resources that the Sheriff's office. She is looking for a one-source flier. D Jackowiak will send some information to her. S Rose inquired whether this was day of eviction – Aimee said yes that is the issue. Aimee is looking for information for resources they can give out when the initial eviction notice is given, rather than less minute which is what is happening. S Rose asked if there is anyone in the court that could assist with giving information such as a Police social worker. Perhaps a packet of information can be put together – they will talk about this to see what can be developed to hand out.

### 10.0 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made by H Mach and seconded by S Martinez, approved by all, and meeting was adjourned by L Heneks at 10:20 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathrine Pfister Violet, Secretary