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# Community Awareness Committee meeting

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## Summary

The Community Awareness Committee, including Julie Davis, Lindsay Kellner, Gina Zinck, Steven Home, Sam, Auri Wetzel, and Brianna Slone, reviewed the homeless website (mckenrycountyhomeless.org), discussed the upcoming Point-in-Time Count, and addressed resource distribution and support for the undocumented homeless population. Gina Zinck will draft a Point-in-Time Count proposal for the next meeting, Jaci will manage website updates with committee feedback to Julie Davis, and committee members will collaboratively distribute informational cards, with Brianna Slone compiling distribution data.

## Details

- **Meeting Opening and Minutes Approval:** Julie Davis called the Community Awareness Committee meeting to order, noting the meeting was being recorded and that Gemini was taking notes. They reviewed the agenda, noting the absence of some Warp team members. After some discussion about the

distribution method of meeting minutes, Lindsay Kellner moved to approve the previous month's minutes, seconded by Gina Zinck. Julie Davis noted they would now send documents in PDF format.

- **Website Review and Updates:** The committee discussed updates to the homeless website (mckenrycountyhomeless.org). Steven Home commented positively on the website's progress, noting that further tweaking is likely as use increases. Gina Zinck suggested adding the PIN resource and potentially the housing authority's list. Julie Davis explained the current website maintenance process, involving Brandon and Gina Zinck. They discussed assigning a volunteer, Jaci, to help with monthly updates. The group agreed that all committee members should review the website and provide feedback. Sam suggested the meeting minutes should be concise, focusing on decisions rather than verbatim transcripts. The committee briefly reviewed the website's content, identifying several outdated items, including flyers and contact information. Auri Wetzel and Brianna Slone reported that the website's mobile formatting needs improvement. They also discussed updating the green card. The committee determined that Jaci would handle most website updates, with committee members providing feedback to Julie Davis. They planned to continue addressing website issues at future meetings.
- **Summer Point-in-Time Count:** The committee discussed the summer Point-in-Time Count, agreeing that it requires approval from the steering committee before setting a date. They decided to prioritize developing a proposal for the summer count at their next meeting, aiming to present it to the steering committee afterward. Gina Zinck volunteered to draft a high-level proposal.
- **Website Awareness and Card Distribution:** The committee revisited the issue of using the website to increase community awareness and discussed distributing informational cards. They assigned different members responsibility for distributing the cards in various areas of the county, using a collaborative approach and documenting their progress. Julie Davis will create a list of assigned locations, and Brianna Slone offered to compile the information in a non-Google format for easier sharing.
- **Resources for Undocumented Homeless Individuals:** Brianna Slone raised a concern about the limited resources available to assist undocumented individuals experiencing homelessness. They emphasized the challenges of

guiding these individuals due to fear and vulnerability, highlighting the need for more comprehensive guidance and resources in this area.

- **Support for Undocumented Homeless Individuals:** Brianna Slone raised concerns about supporting undocumented homeless individuals who face barriers to accessing healthcare and other essential services due to their immigration status. They lack social security numbers, preventing them from accessing Medicaid and other programs. Steven Home suggested contacting Melissa McMahon, a Woodstock City Councilwoman involved in assisting migrants, for potential resources and connections to relevant agencies. Lindsay Kellner noted that Homeless Sparrow, while not an emergency shelter, accepts clients without requiring documentation proof and assists with employment. Julie Davis shared information about World Relief's immigration hotline and several clinics offering services on a sliding scale or without considering immigration status, including Willow Creek Care Center. They emphasized that Willow Creek offers resources beyond healthcare, such as food, clothing, dental care, and legal aid.

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