



# McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** CoC Board Meeting

**DATE/TIME/LOCATION:** July 21, 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		Catherine Weightman-Moore	
CCCS	Donna Jackowiak	X	Donna Rasmussen	
FHPC	Suzanne Hoban	X	Jaret Ross	
HOS	Debbie DeGraw		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	X	Matt Tabar	
Lovell FHCC	Lillie Prince		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	X		
New Life Transitions	Charles Sprague	X	David Johnson	
Options and Advocacy	Noelle Dodge	X	Elyse Sereyka	
Pioneer Center	Carrie Freund		Gina Zinck	X
Prairie State Legal	Arlo Harmon		Ryan Sugas	
Refuge for Women	Meredith Hodge	X	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	X
VAC MC			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	X	Elizabeth Del Rio	
Community Member:	Rich Ring			
Community Member:	Nancy Portincaso			

Non-Voting Members Present: Joseph Davis, MCCD; Megan Bennett, MCHA; Charlie Sullivan, Live4Lali; Tom Riley, PC; Susan Keller, PC; Kristin Miller

Non-Members Present:

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**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:** August 18, 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

Kim Roush introduced Elisha Bushman who is the new Aftercare/Outreach case manager at Pioneer/PADS.

Angela Felton is new from O&A, replacing Noelle Dodge.

## 4.0 PRESENTATION

4.1 Prairie State Legal Services ~ Maya Ziv-El. She will work in the Fair Housing arena. Note that there is a new law effective in January related to vouchers for Section 8/other funding which should open possibilities (ie landlords cannot discriminate based on income source). K Violett raised the question of documentation to support a discrimination claim and M Ziv-El stated everything should be documented in writing ~ take screen shots of texts, emails, etc. There is a statute of limitations so people should get to PSLS as soon as possible. PSLS does have testers. S Rose stated we have many landlords not wanting to take Section 8 due to the burden of inspections, etc. N Davis asked about the no-kids piece for seniors over 55 who find themselves with their grandchildren due to parents' death, imprisonment, etc. M Ziv-El said she has seen this happen but will investigate this further.

## 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

### 5.1 Approval of 6/22/2022 CoC Full Board meeting minutes

Motion by V Peschke to approve the consent agenda item, 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 that CE is busy; there are increased number of vets who are reservists and don't have as many resources available through VA-funded programs. She also stated that Lovell has been sharing their data in HMIS, which will help us reach Functional Zero. The number of vets on the By-Name List are decreasing. PSH ~ no new intakes for Pioneer due to staffing crisis. Thresholds made a referral, and an assessment is being completed for this individual to get into housing. G Zinck invited all to CE meetings to observe the process.

Built for Zero is starting a new season as our contract ended. We are seeking a few key roles to be filled: Outreach Lead Position and VA Lead Position are open. We are given a coach and that helps guide us. G Zinck will send out more information. B Kyker stated the contract costs \$10,000 per year for 5 years and we need more participation to boost the effectiveness of this initiative.

J Davis reported that HMIS training is continuing, and he is open for questions/needs. Well Sky just released their new training, and he can send links to it until the in-person.

## 8.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1 Special NOFO Announcement

B Kyker reported the recording and slides from the Special NOFO are posted. We need to



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make a decision as to our desire as a CoC to apply for this. B Kyker stated if this is more intended for urban areas, we may not have enough points to qualify, and Chicago may sweep the funds based on their high need. Most communities are not applying but are focused on improving their regular CoC competition scores. This topic will be placed on Steering Council agenda for discussion in August.

## 8.2 Medical Community Outreach/Collaborations

B Kyker stated he has received a few MOUs between agencies and medical providers.

## 8.3 Gaps and Systems Updates

S Rose stated the lack of affordable housing continues to be an issue. She shared that the Dental Program is an example of a gap in service that has been addressed.

L Heneks shared the PSH lack of available spots and that we need more. We also need more SROs. Many benefits to these. K Violett asked if, at the County Board level, is there any committee/group that looks at overall housing inventory; B Kyker stated there isn't a specific committee/group at this time. S Rose brought up a model done in other states, a combination between an SRO and a motel that is operated week-to-week. The first floor is social services, which helps residents access services.

K Violett brought up a conversation she had with K Ulbrich about publicly recognizing landlords that work well with our needs. S Rose brought up the double-edged sword of this and it can be discussed further. L Heneks said K Ulbrich has already started working on this, collecting success stories around landlord engagement. Other communities are increasing inventories based on these partnerships.

## 9.0 OPEN FORUM and MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

VPH housing program manager Angela Wood-Zuzevich will be attending the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Washington, DC. One conference is about ending use of VISPDAT and L Franz will share the information she brings back. Other members reinforced that it is not perceived as fair, so HUD is saying other communities should come up with their own questions, which is a vulnerability. G Zinck said CE is looking at the assessment tool used by VPH – SSVF program.

V Pecshke reminded us that the Woodstock food pantry has plenty of food available.

S Rose reminded us that there is mortgage assistance available for 4 months' worth of past-due payments. Dental program has funds. S Rose will send information to B Kyker to send to CoC.

## 11.0 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made by B Kyker and seconded by D Macrito, approved by all, and meeting was adjourned by K Violett at 10:24 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Franz, Secretary