

McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness

Community Awareness Committee Minutes – February 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM



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Next meeting date: Monday, March 18th

Meeting called to order by Brandon Kyker at 11:01 AM.

Members Present: Brandon Kyker, Auri Wetzel, Gina Zinck, Lindsay Kellner, Nada Lunsford, Suzanne Martinez

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1 November 11, 2023 – Community Awareness meeting minutes

- G Zinck motioned to approve the minutes as presented. S Martinez seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

3.0 Public Comment

4.0 Old Business

4.1 World Homeless Day

- G Zinck suggested handing out wristbands. B Kyker said he would provide a mockup of what the wristband would look like. The committee expanded on the idea of having a screening of “The Public” and providing wristbands and food for people attending. S Martinez said that she could ask the Rotary club if we could use their space for the screening. G Zinck bought the movie on blue ray. N Lunsford said she’d assist with supplying food for the event. The committee started brainstorming food ideas for the event. S Martinez reported that she sent the email to the Rotary club requesting use of their space for the movie screening.

4.2 Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program (LEAP)

- L Kellner said Home of the Sparrow updated their job posting to provide more clarity to what they are looking for; someone who has more case management experience as the people who were applying did not have the qualifications for this position. N Lunsford asked if the Home of the Sparrow funding would be available to

shared housing. L Kellner said she would speak to Kristin Miller and Liz Heneks and report back to the committee with their answer.

5.0 New Business

6.0 Member Announcements

- B Kyker said that the Emergency Solutions Grant NOFO will be coming out very soon after the approval of the rubric from Full Board. Invites to strategic planning meetings regarding the State programs, Emergency Solutions Grant and Homeless Prevention Program, will be coming as well.

7.0 Adjournment

- G Zinck motioned for adjournment. S Martinez seconded. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.